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Monday, 17 August 2026

Meeting Opened: 6:01pm

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Present: Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, Kahlia Simmons, Nick Bicanic, Jan Hughes, Mervyn Chilcott, Vincent Teichmann, Anthony Richards

Acting General Manager / Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: General Manager: John Marik

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Scottsdale is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 148/2026 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with Section 48 of the *Local Government Act 1993,* Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and the Tasmanian Local Government Code of Conduct, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have, or are likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

Nil

Item 149/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, 20 July 2026

Ref: DOC/26/9882

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 July 2026 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 July 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 150/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 17 August 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 151/2026 Public Question Time

[1]Members of the Public can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Public Question Time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Any person asking a question is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement and have minimal pre-amble. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Members of the public must provide any question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

[1] In accordance with Regulations 33, 36 & 37 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

The following question was taken on notice at 20 July Council Meeting:

Stuart Rainbow, Derby

Why increase rates by 6.5% when some valuations increased by 1333% e.g. from $30,000 land value to $700,000? Why not tax bike riding instead of pensioners?

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Council's 6.5% rates increase and changes in individual property valuations are two different matters.

The 6.5% was adopted as part of the 2026/27 Budget and the increase reflects the level of revenue Council determined was needed to continue funding services, maintaining infrastructure and improving long term financial sustainability.

Property valuations are determined independently by the Valuer General, not Council. Significant increases in a property's valuation may affect that property's rates assessment, but they do not mean Council's overall rates revenue has increased by the same percentage.

Rates remain Council's main source of income. However, Council is currently reviewing its Financial Management Strategy, including opportunities to diversify revenue sources and apply stronger user pays principles where appropriate, to reduce reliance on rates over time.

The following questions have been received on notice:

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale | 30 July 2026

1. *Since the update of policy 41 (Council meeting procedures) in 2025 that was unanimously passed without amendment; how many questions by Councillors and the public, either on notice or without notice have been disallowed, and were all the disallowed questions read out or made public at meetings? (public and Cr questions listed separately please)*

Response from Mayor Rhys Beattie:

Since Policy No. 41 was reviewed in July 2025, two questions have been refused under Regulation 33(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*. Both questions were submitted by members of the public; no Councillor questions have been refused during this period. Questions refused by the relevant entity must not be reproduced in the agenda or minutes. Regulation 33(5) provides: *"If question on notice or public question on notice is refused under sub regulation (3), the question is not to be reproduced in the agenda for that meeting."*

Lawrence Archer, Bridport | 6 August 2026

On June 9th Council held a training session for Audit panel members.

1. *Who conducted that training and was there a cost to Council?*
2. *Which Councillors attended that training?*

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Council's Audit Panel Independent Members undertook an informal training session with the Audit Panel Councillor members, Councillor Jan Hughes and Councillor Kahlia Simmons, at no additional cost to Council.

The following questions were received **without notice** from members of the public:

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

In relation to Item 156.1/2026 Officers comments – the General Manager is recommending that an apology is not yet appropriate. Will the passage of time make it more appropriate or meaningful?

Response from Mayor:

At this time, an apology is not considered appropriate because there are still outstanding matters that need to be resolved. Once those matters have been addressed and the process has been completed, it will be possible to consider whether an apology is warranted and, if so, whether it would be meaningful and appropriate in the circumstances.

Does the Acting General Manager think that legal action against the Council for its past actions may be imminent or likely?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

If current Councillors and staff were not responsible for the past actions of Council which were identified by the Board of Inquiry, why the reluctance to apologise?

Response from Mayor:

The matter remains active and is still subject to ongoing processes. Until those processes have been concluded and all associated matters have been finalised, it would be premature to consider an apology.

Is resealing of the carpark area at the Bridport Hall in the current budget?

Response from Mayor:

Yes.

Item 152/2026 Public Address of Meeting

[2]Members of the public can make a statement at a Council Meeting; it is not question or discussion time with Councillors. Prior to making a statement, the person is asked to stand (if able), clearly state their name and suburb they live.

Members of the public wishing to address Council at a Meeting shall indicate their intent and subject matter in writing by 10am on the Friday prior to the Meeting.

A person seeking to make a statement may speak for a period up to 3 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson to a maximum of 5 minutes.

All proposed statements are to be provided in writing prior to the Meeting to allow for circulation and inclusion in the minutes of the Meeting.

Nil

[2] In accordance with Regulations 46 and Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

[3]Councillors can ask a maximum of two question(s) without notice during Councillor question time. The Chairperson reserves the right to consider questions above this limit be accepted or treated as correspondence.

Question(s) must be clear and concise, not be a statement, have minimal pre-amble, not offer an argument or opinion, draw conclusions, or make any accusations. Any answer given is not to be debated.

Councillors must provide question(s) without notice in writing to the Executive Assistant either before the commencement of the Meeting or within 24 hours.

The following questions have been <u>received on notice:</u>

Councillor Teichmann | 9 August 2026

1. *How much rates revenue did Dorset Council collect in each of the following in 2015 and 2025 (please list each separately): Derby, Branxholm, Winnaleah, Herrick, Pioneer, South Mount Cameron, Ringarooma, Legerwood and finally Dorset as a whole? If detailed itemised figures are not available, please provide the best figures you can readily approximate.*

   ### Response from Director – Corporate Services:

   The information requested is not available in a simple, reportable format and would require analysis of historical rating data, property records and locality boundaries over time. While it may be possible to develop approximate figures, the results would require a range of assumptions and professional judgement to ensure they are meaningful and appropriately interpreted.

   Councillors should also note that rates revenue by locality represents only one aspect of Council's overall financial position, service delivery and infrastructure investment. If Council wishes to pursue this work, consideration should first be given to the purpose of the analysis, how the information would be used, the resources required to undertake it, and whether the resulting information should be developed and published in a way that provides broader value to the community.

2. *How much have costs for services in Derby, NOT counting trail maintenance related costs, increased from 2015 to 2025?*

   ### Response from Director – Corporate Services:

   Council has previously considered the concept of undertaking a total cost of ownership analysis for Derby which would provide this information. At the time, Councillors noted that such an exercise would involve a substantial degree of analysis, assumptions and professional judgement and that in the absence of a specific purpose for undertaking the analysis, it would be difficult to justify committing staff resources to this work.

   If Councillors wish to revisit the matter, it would be beneficial to first establish the intended purpose, scope and expected outcomes of the analysis so that the level of effort involved can be appropriately considered against the value of any information produced.

[3] In accordance with Regulations 33, 34 & 35 and Council's Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

The following questions were received without notice from Councillors:

Councillor McLennan

I would like to see a report for Council on the progress of the railway precinct including the construction of an RV Van park. We have already had a workshop in February with an options paper, and a separate workshop relating to legal advice. With the arrival of the new Spirits of Tasmania and the push by Council under the tourism plan to lift visitation to Dorset, it is essential to move this project into the concept phase so that Scottsdale is ready for the summer season. When will we see a report on this project?

Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

Yes, we're waiting on some work with the Mayor and the General Manager to have discussions with community stakeholders in relation to the station. Once that step occur, then we can move forward with report back to Council based on the options paper from February.

Councillor Bicanic

With Pioneer Lake reopened and the front boom gate now open, does Council know whether the rear boom gate will be removed, or will it remain permanently locked?

Response from Mayor

Council has a meeting on Monday with the Pioneer group formed in response to the closure and will raise the matter with Parks at that meeting.

Councillor Teichmann

Has Council sought and received legal advice in regard to the potential risks of an apology to those who were identified as having been wronged or harmed by actions or inactions of the Council in the past, and more specifically the Dorset Board of Inquiry, and, if so, what did that advice show?

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Yes, Council has received legal advice to that effect with the contents of the advice confidential.

Councillor McLennan

Would Council report on moving to charging for the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre for this coming season. It should also be considered outside of the charging policy for all facilities in the municipality. This should not be part of the Scottsdale Master Plan and should be separated from the charging policy for other facilities. Can we move to having the charges for the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre for this coming season?

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Council would need to resolve to request a report and allocate resources, as this work is not currently programmed. Charging for the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre is expected to be considered through the upcoming feasibility study and related work. Council would need to weigh the benefits of bringing that work forward against the resources required.

Councillor Teichmann

This is a question for all Councillors: How long would you like to see people in your community wait for an apology, given that the Board of Inquiry found that they had been wronged?

Response from Mayor:

This is not the appropriate forum to ask all Councillors to respond individually. However, the upcoming motion provides an appropriate opportunity for each Councillor to address the question during debate.

Councillor McLennan

Please provide an update on the Bridport Play Centre project to allow Councillors to study other options?

Response from Mayor:

At the last Council meeting, during discussion of priority projects, it was noted that an options paper is currently being prepared to inform the next steps. Project funding will be required before any planning, or construction work can proceed. Once drafted, the options paper will be presented to Council for consideration and to guide the next steps.

Item 154/2026 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 155/2026 Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave

Nil

Item 156/2026 Councillor Motions with Notice

Councillor Teichmann submitted the following Motions with Notice on Sunday, 9 August 2026:

Item 156.1/2026 Councillor Vincent Teichmann | Public Apology Regarding Matters Identified in the Dorset Council Board of Inquiry Report

Ref: DOC/26/11259 | NoM: DOC/26/11244

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Vincent Teichmann.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED:

That Dorset Council as an organisation apologise to anyone who was wronged as a result of any action or inaction of Dorset Council and its staff in the past, for example as identified in the Dorset Council Board of Inquiry Report, in order to help anyone who was affected to forgive, heal and/or move forwards, with a spirit of renewed trust, unity and friendship as part of a compassionate and accountable community.

MOTION LAPSED, NO SECONDER

Item 156.2/2026 Councillor Vincent Teichmann | Council Commitment to Good Governance

Ref: DOC/26/11260 | NoM: DOC/26/11244

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Vincent Teichmann.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED:

That Dorset Council and its staff consistently adhere to the principles of good governance and both the letter and spirit of all relevant legislation, charters, codes, guidelines, plans and policies in performing council's functions, so as to fairly, consistently and professionally serve the best interests of our community, state and nation.

MOTION LAPSED, NO SECONDER

Item 156.3/2026 Councillor Vincent Teichmann | Equitable Support and Engagement for Communities across the Dorset Municipality

Ref: DOC/26/11261 | NoM: DOC/26/11244

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider a notice of motion proposed by Councillor Vincent Teichmann.

RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED:

That Dorset Council and its staff fairly and consistently serve the community of Dorset, by valuing, respecting, supporting and working in partnership with local communities and community groups in Branxholm, Derby, Gladstone, Herrick, Legerwood, Musselroe Bay, Nabowla, Pioneer, Ringarooma, Rushy Lagoon, South Mt Cameron, Tomahawk and Winnaleah equally to those around Bridport and Scottsdale, to assist all communities in Dorset to achieve their plans and aspirations for a better, more prosperous and sustainable future.

MOTION LAPSED, NO SECONDER

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 157/2026 **Derby Masterplan 2026**
Reporting Officer: Director – Community & Development Services, Jayne Miller
Ref: DOC/26/9404

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council on next steps regarding the development of the Derby Masterplan.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council receive and note the report, Derby Masterplan 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 158/2026 **Dorset Netball Facilities Upgrade**
Reporting Officer: Director – Community & Development Services, Jayne Miller
Ref: DOC/26/9812

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to endorse the modified scope of works for the Dorset Netball Facilities Upgrade project.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council endorse the proposed modified scope of works for the Dorset Netball Facilities Upgrade project.

- Construction of a new Court (3), Scottsdale
- Resurface Courts 1 and 2, Scottsdale
- Resurface Court 1, Bridport
- Repair Court edges, Derby

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 159/2026 Community Projects Process

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik
Ref: DOC/26/11275

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Council endorsement of an interim, consistent and transparent process for assessing community-led capital project proposals affecting Council-owned or managed land, facilities and assets, pending completion of the Council Owned Asset Review.

Cr Richards left the meeting during presentation / question time of the item (7:03pm)

Cr Richards returned to the meeting during presentation / question time of the item (7:05pm)

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council:

1. Suspend the current permit and letter of support application processes for new community led capital projects pending the outcomes of the Council Owned Asset Review.
2. Establish an interim annual intake period (February to March) for community led capital project proposals.
3. Require projects to be assessed and prioritised as part of Council's annual planning and budget development processes.
4. Develop community guidelines outlining the assessment pathway, expected information requirements, project timeframes and alternative engagement mechanisms available to community groups.
5. Requests officers to undertake education and engagement with community groups regarding the revised process.
6. Develop a minor works pathway for low risk, low cost and low impact works that can be assessed outside the annual intake process.
7. Following completion of the Council Owned Asset Review, officers review the community projects assessment and prioritisation approach to ensure that it incorporates service levels, asset hierarchies, investment principles and project assessment criteria.
8. Notes that community groups can also advocate for upgrades to Council facilities as part of town master planning and community action planning.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Beattie	Councillor Teichmann (abstained)
Councillor Powell	
Councillor McLennan	
Councillor Simmons	
Councillor Hughes	
Councillor Chilcott	
Councillor Bicanic	
Councillor Richards	

CARRIED

Item 160/2026 Delegations | *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik
Ref: DOC/26/11184 | Master Delegation: DOC/26/6918

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to enable Council, acting as the Planning Authority, to delegate specified powers and functions under Section 6 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPA Act) to the Manager – Community & Development Services.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That Council, acting as the Planning Authority and pursuant to Section 6 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, delegate to the Manager – Community & Development Services the powers and functions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation, subject to any conditions and restrictions contained within that instrument.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 161/2026 Review: Policy No. 53 - Emergency Relief Grant

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik
Ref: DOC/26/11003 | Current Policy No. 53: DOC/21/12146

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to consider rescinding Policy No. 53 – Emergency Relief Grant (the Policy) due to limited utilisation of the program and to consider alternative mechanisms for providing emergency assistance through Council's broader community funding framework.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council:

1. rescind Policy No. 53 – Emergency Relief Grant originally adopted on 21 August 2017 noting that only one application has been received; and
2. request that Officers consider including provisions within the current Council Policy No. 47 - Community Grants, at the time of its next review, to enable Council to provide emergency or hardship related financial assistance should Council wish to retain such a funding mechanism in the future.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Beattie	Councillor Teichmann
Councillor Powell	
Councillor McLennan	
Councillor Simmons	
Councillor Hughes	
Councillor Chilcott	
Councillor Bicanic	
Councillor Richards	

CARRIED

Item 162/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

4 August 2026 | Briefing Workshop

Item 163/2026 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 16 July 2026 – 12 August 2026

July 2026

17 Rushy Lagoon Community Meeting with Tas Farmers, Mechanics Hall Scottsdale
20 July Council Meeting, Council Chambers
23 Presentation at the Lilydale District Progress Association Town Hall meeting on the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 project with the General Manager, Lilydale Town Hall
24 Local farmers and regional stakeholder community forum with Opposition Leader Angus Taylor, Scottsdale
24 Scottsdale Football Club annual auction event, Scottsdale
27 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
27 Meeting with Resilience and Recovery Tasmania Regional Recovery Officer (North) Jen Kelloway, Council Chambers
27 Branxholm Progress Association meeting, Branxholm Hall
28 Community Meet and Greet Session with Councillors and Executive Leadership Team, Bridport Hall
31 Citizenship Ceremony with Councillors Powell and Richards, Council Chambers
31 Meeting with Professor George Razay MP, online
31 Tassie Scallop Fiesta sponsors dinner event, Bridport Village Green
31 Tomahawk Progress Association meeting, Tomahawk

August 2026

3 Meeting with North Eastern Advertiser Editor and Director – Community & Development Services, Council Chambers
3 Meeting with the Premier of Tasmania and General Manager, Council Chambers
3 Meeting with possible new business proponents, Council Chambers
3 Meeting with City of Launceston Mayor and CEO, with the General Manager, Launceston Town Hall
4 August Council Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
4 Meeting with Deputy Mayor Edwina Powell, Council Chambers
7 Special Briefing Session with Councillors, online
10 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
11 Dorset Local Enabling Group Meeting – Child and Family Learning Centre, Scottsdale Primary School

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Executive Leadership Team.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council:

1. note the community updates on the Ringarooma Road Scheme Amendment, the status of the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Indoor Pool Feasibility Study and Scottsdale Masterplan request for quotes, Round 1 of the 2026/27 Community Grants funding stream, and the upcoming Caretaker Period; and
2. receive and note the remaining Executive Leadership Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Ringarooma Road Scheme Amendment

Further work has been undertaken internally to review the proposed residential subdivision as outlined in the Scottsdale Structure Plan to include concepts around open space, services, civil infrastructure, road access and block size. A report and further information will come to the new Council post 2026 election period. A draft Specific Area Plan is being developed.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Indoor Pool Feasibility Study and Scottsdale Masterplan

Both items have been put out for public a Request for Quote, closing on 28 August 2026.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Community Grants Program - Round 1 Open

Dorset Council is inviting community groups and organisations to apply for funding through its 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

The program provides financial assistance to projects that deliver positive outcomes for the Dorset community and support local participation, development and wellbeing.

Three funding streams are available:

- Small Grants – up to $2,000
- Matching Grants – up to $15,000
- Discretionary Grants – up to $15,000

Groups wishing to apply under any funding stream are required to first discuss their proposal with Council's Community & Development Administration Officer, Elizabeth Hadley, to determine project eligibility and feasibility. Application close on Wednesday, 21 October 2026, with more information available on our website here.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Caretaker Period

The community is advised that Council will shortly enter a caretaker period ahead of the October 2026 Local Government elections. In accordance with Council Policy No. 70 – Local Government Election Caretaker Period, the period will commence from the notice of election, expected to be published on 5 September, and continue until polls close in late October 2026. The caretaker period is intended to:

- ensure Council does not make major policy decisions in the lead-up to an election that would bind an incoming Council;
- ensure Council resources are not used to advantage any candidate in a local government general election; and
- ensure the requirement to act impartially towards all election candidates is clearly understood.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | July 2026

	Requests Received July 2026	Comparison July 2025	FYTD Received 2026/27	Comparison FYTD Received 2025/26
Feedback and Queries	-	-	-	-
Repair Bin	1	-	1	-
Replace Bin	5	5	5	5
Request a New Service	4	4	4	4
Remove Additional Bin	-	4	-	4
Request an Additional Bin	3	2	3	2
Request an Upsize/Downsize	4	-	4	-
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	1	-	1	-
Total Requests	**18**	**15**	**18**	**15**

MAJOR COUNCIL PROJECTS

Up to date information on major projects including upgrades to parks, facilities and recreation, transport and drainage, water and sewerage infrastructure across the Dorset municipality can be found here on our website.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | July 2026

	Requests Received July 2026	Comparison Requests July 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	2	7	28	22
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	-	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	-	2	5	6
Cemeteries	1	-	2	1
Community Awards	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	1	2	2	9
Council Elections	-	-	3	1
Customer Service	1	-	6	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	1	3	19	15
Footpath Enquiries	6	2	30	3
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	-	1
Parks and Reserves	1	-	20	20
Planning & Building	-	1	1	1
Playground Maintenance	-	-	3	2
Public Health	-	-	-	2
Public Online Enquiries	-	-	-	2
Public Amenities	1	8	12	17
Public Halls Buildings	3	6	19	12
Recreation Grounds	2	1	21	10
Roads	18	17	125	125
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	6
Waste Management	2	-	7	7
Total Requests	**39**	**49**	**305**	**267**

A detailed copy of the 2026 Customer Service Requests is included in the attachments.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | July 2026

	Approved July 2026	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	10	58	50
Building	10	47	38
Plumbing	6	26	21

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in July 2026.

2026/27 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/26/9660

Completed in 2026/27

Completed in July 2026

PROJECT	STATUS
BRIDGES	
Renewal	
Bridge 1587 Brid River / Golconda Road – capital works on reflection cracks on road approaches	
Upgrade	
Bridge 1550 Tuckers Creek / Barnbougle Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1570 Tuckers Creek / Burrows Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	
CARRIED FORWARD - BRIDGES	
Renewal	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road – scour protection piers	**Complete**
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road – run on slab repairs	
Bridge 1594 Greeta Road – timber super structure renewal	Commenced
Upgrade	
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road – super structure upgrade	Commenced
Bridge 1572 Haas Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	Tender Awarded
STORMWATER	
Renewal	
Pioneer – outfall drain remediation	
Murray / Mary Street, Bridport – pit renewal	
Upgrade	
Coplestone / William Street, Scottsdale – stormwater upgrade (stage 1)	
Union Street, Scottsdale – stormwater and kerb replacement	
Henry Street / Heath Court, Bridport – catchment capacity modelling	
CARRIED FORWARD - STORMWATER	
New	
52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network	Commenced
ROADS – RESHEETING	
Renewal	
Old Waterhouse Road	Commenced
Sledge Track, West Scottsdale	
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	
Panama Forest Road, Golconda	
Sandy Points Road, Bridport	
Maxwell Street, Bridport	
Mathinna Plains Road, Ringarooma (end of seal to Ben Ridge Road)	
McDougalls Road, Legerwood	
New River Road, Ringarooma	
Bridport – urban roads	

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
Renewal	
Chaffey Street, Gladstone	Tender Advertised
Campbell Street, Gladstone	Tender Advertised
Gladstone Road, Pioneer (from Garibaldi Road to ABC Creek)	Tender Advertised
Garibaldi Road, Pioneer	Tender Advertised
Valley Ponds Road, Derby	Tender Advertised
Cranstoun Street, Branxholm	Tender Advertised
Nourses Road, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Frances Street, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Neville Drive, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Port Hills Road, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Louisa Street, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Thomas Street, Bridport	Tender Advertised
Old Waterhouse Road (Surveyors Creek)	Tender Advertised
Jensens Road, North Scottsdale (junction)	Tender Advertised
Old Waterhouse Road	Tender Advertised
McKerrows Road, North Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Aikman Court, Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Barclay Drive, Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Salier Place, Scottsdale	Tender Advertised
Virginia Road, Golconda	Tender Advertised
Lisle Road, Golconda	Tender Advertised
Nook Road, Nabowla	Tender Advertised
Donald Street, Branxholm – carpark	Tender Advertised
Esplanade, Tomahawk	Tender Advertised
Golconda Road / West Minstone Road junction	Tender Advertised
Arthur Street, Scottsdale – Indoor Action carpark	Tender Advertised
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
Renewal	
Banca Road – culvert upgrade and pavement replacement	
South Springfield Road – culvert upgrade and pavement replacement	
Golconda Road (Ferny Hill Road west) – pavement rehabilitation	Design
Main Street, Bridport (RSL) – kerb and pavement renewal	Design
Ringarooma Road (King to Arthur Streets) – footpath renewal	
Coplestone Street (High School to Aquatic Centre) – footpath renewal	
Carr to Swan Street, Gladstone – footpath renewal	
Frances Street, Bridport – kerb renewal	Planning
Ferny Hill Road – landslip repair	**Complete**

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRIED FORWARD - ROADS	
Renewal	
South Street, Bridport – kerb replacement	**Complete**
George Street, Scottsdale – highway access	
Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale – reseal	
Beattie Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Arnold Place, Scottsdale – reseal	
Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access reseal	
Christopher Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Mary Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Alice Street, Scottsdale – reseal	
Oakdene Road, Jetsonville – reseal	
Barnbougle Road, North Scottsdale – reseal	
Golconda Road – safety upgrade and pavement renewal	
Golconda Road, pavement design	Design
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	
Upgrade	
Golconda Road – safety improvements	Commenced
New	
Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath	
Buckneys Road, Scottsdale – survey	Commenced
BUILDINGS	
Renewal	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet floor renewal	Planning
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (residence) – renew carpet and painting	
Branxholm Hall – men's toilet renewal (design only)	
Council Chambers Offices – lower-level roof repairs and upper-level roof renewal	
Heat pump replacement program	As needed
Tomahawk toilets – water tank renewal	
Scottsdale Works Depot – toilets renewal	
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – toilet and kitchen renewal	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (cabin) – kitchen electrical works	
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – toilet renewal	
Bridport Hall – water heater replacement	
Council Offices – upper-level renovations (planning and design)	Commenced
Scottsdale Sports Stadium – side pole padding replacement	Ordered
Bridport Football Clubrooms – hot water cylinder replacement	
Upgrade	
Council Chambers Offices – upper-level offices and toilet upgrade	
Master key system upgrade	
CCTV camera upgrades	
Security fob upgrades	

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS (cont.)	
Northeast Park toilets – lighting upgrade	Commenced
Blue Derby – safety upgrade electrical charging station for e-bikes	
New	
Gladstone Hall – new heat pump	
Scottsdale Works Depot – shelving for storage shed	Commenced
Derby Works Depot – new security system	
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – new power connection for Tip Shop	
CARRIED FORWARD - BUILDINGS	
New	
Scottsdale Railway Station – restoration	
57 Main Street, Derby – building renovations (Blue Derby Foundation)	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical upgrade (stage 1)	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Tip Shop extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access to Council network	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities fixtures and fittings	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (cabin) – outdoor improvements	
Derby Works Depot – mountain bike trail crew shed	Commenced
Switchboard upgrades – various locations (Scottsdale)	
Council Office – upper-level renovation planning	
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Renewal	
North Scottsdale Hall – replace power poles with underground power	Planning
Bridport Foreshore – boat ramp access reseal	Planning
Bridport Foreshore – Pavilion Tennis Court flexi-pave renewal	
Tomahawk Reserve & BBQ area – playground equipment replacement	Planning
Bridport Hall – hotmix carpark, line marking and remove entrance pavers (design only)	Planning
Bridport Hall – hotmix carpark, line marking and remove entrance pavers	Planning
Bridport Play Centre (Joseph Street) – replace fencing	
Scottsdale Works Depot – resurface carpark	Planning
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical upgrade	
Scottsdale Works Depot – fencing and gate renewal	
Pine Plantation, Scottsdale – boundary fence replacement and other clearing works	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre and Branxholm Pool – new palintesters	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – filter valves replacement	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – learn to swim and leisure pool covers and marine carpet	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – sand filters	Commenced
Branxholm Pool – replace sand in filters	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – pool heat pump renewal	
Ringarooma Park – BBQ replacement	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – safety works to former tip site	

PROJECT	STATUS
LAND IMPROVEMENTS (cont.)	
Bridport Foreshore – solar lights battery replacement	Planning
Blue Derby – renewal of map boards	
Scottsdale Sports Stadium – carpark hotmix upgrade	Planning
Scottsdale Works Depot – water connection upgrade	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – CO^2 extra storage	Commenced
Blue Derby – drainage at bottom of pump track hill safety upgrade	
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – safety rail extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – hotmix extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – green waste area extension	
Netball Court Upgrades – Scottsdale (stage 2)	
Dog control signage	
New	
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve – carpark planning	
Scottsdale Works Depot – concrete blocks for material containment	
Blue Derby – climbing trail next to Cascade Dam Road survey, design, etc. (stage 1)	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – fencing for tip shop parking / green waste access	
Promotional banners for Scottsdale entrance flag poles	
CARRIED FORWARD – LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Renewal	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – erosion study	Planning
Blue Derby mountain bike trails – Tunnel stairs	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace filter sand (leisure pool)	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spares	
Upgrade	
Netball Court Upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (stage 1)	Commenced
New	
Gladstone Community Park	
Bridport Lions Adventure Playground upgrade – CCTV on Skate Park	Planning
Bridport Lions Adventure Playground upgrade – walking track realignment	Commenced
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve – playground toilet upgrade	**Completed**
Scottsdale Railway Precinct Redevelopment	

Item 165/2026 'Closed Session': Council

Purpose

The General Manager advised that in his opinion, the agenda items listed below are prescribed items in accordance with Regulation 17(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (e.g. confidential matters), and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council:

1. resolve, by absolute majority, that the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 166 to 172 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025; and
2. adjourn the Meeting for 15 minutes to allow for interaction with members of the public present.

Time Meeting Closed: 7:39pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned: 7:39pm

Meeting Resumed: 7:58pm

CLOSED SESSION

Item	Purpose	Regulation Ref[4]
166/2026 | Declaration of Interest	Interests to be declared relating to items listed for discussion within Closed Session	-
167/2026 | Confirmation of Closed Session Minutes – 20 July 2026	Confirm the minutes from the 20 July 2026 closed session Council Meeting	17(2)(h)
168/2026 | Contract 2025/26-09: Netball Facilities Upgrade	Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
169/2026 | Contract 2026/27-02: 2026/27 Bituminous Sealing of Roads	Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
170/2026 | Contract 2026/27-05: Public Places Waste Collection Services	Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
171/2026 | Release of Public Information	Consider whether any discussion, decision, report or document relating to any Closed Session items should be released to the public	17((7) & (8)
172/2026 | Completion of Closed Session	Move to Open Council and adjourn the Meeting	-

[4] Regulation 17:

Reg.	Confidential Reason
17(2)(a)	personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council
17(2)(b)	industrial relations matters
17(2)(c)	information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business
17(2)(d)	commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret
17(2)(e)	contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal
17(2)(f)	the security of (i) the council, councillors and council staff; or (ii) the property of the council
17(2)(g)	proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land
17(2)(h)	information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature; or (ii) provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential
17(2)(i)	requests by councillors for leave of absence
17(2)(j)	notifications by councillors of leave of absence for parental leave
17(2)(k)	matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council
17(2)(l)	the personal hardship of any person who is resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed: 8:39pm

Minutes Confirmed: 21 September 2026

Minute No: 181/2026



Mayor