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Council Meeting - Minutes

Monday, 21 September 2026

Scheduled Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Present: Councillors Rhys Beattie (Mayor), Edwina Powell (Deputy Mayor), Wendy McLennan, Kahlia Simmons, Nick Bicanic, Mervyn Chilcott, Vincent Teichmann, Anthony Richards, Jan Hughes (arrived at 5:06pm)

Acting General Manager: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller

CLOSED SESSION

Item 173/2026 'Closed Session': Council

Purpose

The General Manager advised that in their 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 Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council resolve, by absolute majority, that the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 174 to 179 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulation 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Time Meeting Closed: 5:01pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item	Purpose	Regulation Ref[1]
174/2026 | Declaration of Interests	Interests to be declared relating to items listed for discussion within Closed Session	-
175/2026 | Confirmation of Closed Session Minutes – 17 August 2026	Confirm the minutes from the 17 August 2026 closed session Council Meeting	17(2)(h)
176/2026 | Dorset Board of Inquiry | Ministerial Correspondence and Costs	Note and consider correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government relating to Council's submission on costs associated with the Dorset Board of Inquiry	17(2)(k)
177/2026 | Contract 2026/27-01: Side Loader Garbage Truck	Recommend the awarding of this contract to a preferred tenderer based on the assessment of the Tender Assessment Committee	17(2)(e)
178/2026 | 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)
179/2026 | Completion of Closed Session	Move to Open Council and adjourn the Meeting	-

[1] 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

RESUMPTION | OPEN SESSION

Meeting Opened: 6:00pm

Council Meetings Procedures

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Visitors are reminded that Council Meetings are a place of work for Council Officers and Councillors.

The Council is committed to meeting its responsibilities as an employer and as host of this important public forum, by ensuring that all present meet expectations of mutually respectful and orderly conduct. It is a condition of entry to the Council Chambers that you cooperate with any directions or requests from the Chairperson or Council Officers.

The Chairperson is responsible for maintaining order at Council Meetings. The General Manager is responsible for health, wellbeing and safety of all present. The Chairperson or General Manager may require a person to leave the Council's premises following any behaviour that falls short of these expectations.

Language and conduct at a Meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person in attendance or listening to the recording, is not acceptable. It is an offence to hinder or disrupt a Council Meeting.

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Acting General Manager: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto, Town Planner: Kamala Roberts, Consultant Town Planner: George Walker, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Director – Community & Development Services: Jayne Miller

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.

Deputy Mayor Powell read the Acknowledgement of Country and, on behalf of Council, paid tribute to Aunty Patsy Cameron AO and extended condolences to the Cameron family following her recent passing.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Item 180/2026 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 181/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 17 August 2026

Ref: DOC/26/11388

The Chair reported that they had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 17 August 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 Bicanic

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 17 August 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 182/2026 Confirmation of Agenda

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 21 September 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 183/2026 Public Question Time

[2]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.

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

The following question was taken on notice at the 17 August Council Meeting:

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

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

Response from Acting General Manager

It would not be appropriate to speculate on whether legal action against Council is imminent or likely. If any legal claim, dispute or proceeding were to arise, it would be managed in accordance with Council's legal obligations and with appropriate sensitivity and regard for confidentiality and procedural fairness to avoid prejudicing any process.

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

Maggie Krushka, Bridport

I live at 9 Richard Street and have concerns about the proposed visitor accommodation at Unit 1/11 Richard Street.

1. *Could the permitted noise hours be limited to 10.00 pm rather than midnight?*
2. *I am also concerned that guests using the deck would overlook my backyard and bedroom. Could privacy screens be required to protect neighbouring properties?*
3. *While I am not opposed to the property being used for visitor accommodation, I am concerned about increased traffic, vehicles and noise in the area. How will these impacts be managed?*

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE[4]

Peter Krushka, Bridport

1. *Is the only way to challenge the planner's recommendations to appeal to the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal?*
2. *What relevance do the planner's recommendations have to the planning permit?*

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE[5]

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

Item 176 on tonight's agenda was listed for the closed session under Section 17(2)(k) of the meeting regulations. Section 17(2)(k) reads – matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by, or involving the Council or an employee of Council. Litigate means the use of the courts. How can a letter from the minister re costs of the Board of Inquiry possibly lead to litigation?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

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[3] Question is in relation to the Dorset Board of Inquiry

[4] In accordance with Section 2.5(e) – Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

[5] In accordance with Section 2.5(e) – Council Policy No. 41: Council Meeting Procedures

What was the decision made by Council in relation to Item 178?

Response from Acting General Manager

During Item 178, Council requested that officers present a closure report on the Board of Inquiry at the October open Council Meeting.

Item 184/2026 Public Address of Meeting

[6]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

Item 185/2026 Councillor Question Time

[7]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 were received without notice from Councillors:

Councillor Chilcott

There is a disused men's toilet at the Winnaleah Recreation Ground that is currently being used to store timber in it for the Winnaleah Men's Shed. Is it possible to delay or stop the planned demolition of the building? This would save considerable cost and the building is very suitable for storage.

Response from Director – Infrastructure

The toilet block has not been used for approximately 10 years and is in very poor condition. Recent antisocial behaviour at the site has also reinforced Council's view that demolition is the most appropriate course of action.

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

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

Councillor Hughes

If not already done so can a public statement be made about the process involved in appointing a new General Manager. From the interactions I have had with community members they want to know when the process will be and how long it will take? The general feeling I get is that time is of the essence.

Response from Acting General Manager:

Council has publicly advised that the acting appointment will continue until the end of March 2027, with recruitment for a new General Manager to commence under the new Council. Council will consider the matter further and publish additional information or updates where appropriate.

Councillor Teichmann

Just a question arising in my mind, just in relation to Mr. Archer's question. I wonder if we should revisit the manner in which Council makes the decision as to what to release at the end of a closed session of Council, given that a decision made by Council necessarily involves moving of a motion, seconding and a vote on the motion to my knowledge, and having previously corresponded with Sarah Forsyth on the matter it seems that it's something that not all Council's in Tasmania do currently, but some do and some don't, but formerly when Mr. Archer asked about decisions that were made it makes me once again wonder whether we should perhaps have a policy or process that matches that decision making process that we're applying for other Council resolutions?

Response from Mayor Beattie

Councillors would need to move a motion to make this a formal agenda item rather than a discussion point.

I'm just wondering what's actually stopping us and why we're not doing it that way already? It's not actually a decision that we're making by discussing it informally; it's not a Council resolution or not a decision per se, would you agree?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Item 186/2026 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 187/2026 Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave

Nil

Councillor Teichmann submitted the following Motion with Notice on Sunday, 13 September 2026:

Item 188.1/2026 Councillor Vincent Teichmann | Section 61B(4) Acting General Manager Appointment

Ref: DOC/26/12993 | NoM: DOC/26/12984

Purpose

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

Original Motion received:

That Dorset Council formally appoint Jayne Miller to act in the office of General Manager during every absence of the General Manager, John Marik, under Section 61B.(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, commencing on the 22nd of September 2026 for a period of five (5) years, continuing after the General Manager's resignation takes effect and a new General Manager can be recruited by Council and commence work in 2027, until an event listed under 61B.(5) occurs, or Jayne Miller's appointment is renewed by Council.

Amendment by Councillor Teichmann to the original Motion, as presented, with the suggested appointment period reduced from 5 years to 1 year as highlighted in red below.

Recommendation

MOVED: Councillor Teichmann | SECONDED:

That Dorset Council formally appoint Jayne Miller to act in the office of General Manager during every absence of the General Manager, John Marik, under Section 61B.(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, commencing on the 22nd of September 2026 for a period of one (1) year, continuing after the General Manager's resignation takes effect and a new General Manager can be recruited by Council and commence work in 2027, until an event listed under 61B.(5) occurs, or Jayne Miller's appointment is renewed by Council.

MOTION LAPSED, NO SECONDER

PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS FOR DECISION

The Chair announced that Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPA Act) when considering Item 189.

Item 189/2026 Planning Application – Change of Use Existing Dwelling to Visitor Accommodation | Unit 1/11 Richard Street BRIDPORT

Reporting Officers: Town Planner, Kamala Roberts

Ref: DOC/26/13015 | Assessment Report: DOC/26/13019 | PLA/2026/69

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council - as the Planning Authority - to assess and determine an application for a change of use of an existing dwelling into visitor accommodation at unit 1/11 Richard Street, Bridport.

Figure 1- aerial image identifying the location and spatial extent of the site.



Original Recommendation

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That, in accordance with sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and clause 6.8.1 of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Dorset, it is recommended that a change of use of an existing dwelling into visitor accommodation be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Basis of Approval

   The use and development for Change of use of existing dwelling into Visitor Accommodation is approved and must be undertaken generally in accordance with the following endorsed plans:

a) Proposed Visitor Accommodation Unit 1, 11 Richard Street Bridport, submitted by the applicant, July 2026.

2. Use of Building

The building may be used for either Visitor Accommodation, as approved by this permit, or for residential purposes as a Multiple Dwelling, and may transition between those uses without further planning approval.

3. Driveway And Parking Area Construction

Before commencement of the use, parking bays and access ways must:

a) be line-marked or otherwise delineated to indicate each car space and access lane;

Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the use.

4. Site Management

The use must be operated in such a way that it does not cause an unreasonable nuisance to others.

Prior to the commencement of the use, a House Rules document must be prepared to the satisfaction of Council, which outlines how potential nuisances will be minimised and must include at least the following matters:

a) guests and their visitors must park all vehicles within the property boundary;

b) musical instruments and sound amplifying equipment are only permitted within the following hours:

i. Monday to Thursday: 7am to 10pm;

ii. Friday or a work day before a public holiday 7am to midnight;

iii. Saturday 9am to midnight; and

iv. Sundays or a public holiday before a work day 10am to 10pm.

c) noise must be kept within acceptable residential tolerances especially using outdoor spaces between 10pm and 7am.

The House Rules document must be displayed in a prominent location within the premises where it is easily noticed by guests and their visitors.

NOTE: For the purpose of this permit "**the person responsible**", depending on the context, means:

a) The person who has and takes the benefit of this permit for the undertaking of the use or development authorised pursuant to it;

b) The person or persons who undertake development or use pursuant to this permit; and

c) Servants, agents and contractors, in each case of such persons.

ADVISORY NOTES

(i) Permission in Writing

Any reference to the need for Council approval of a matter or thing prescribed under the conditions pertinent to this permit requires such approval to be given in writing.

(ii) Objections to Proposal

This permit has no effect until the expiry of the period for the lodgement of an appeal against the granting of the permit or, if an appeal is lodged, until ten days after the appeal has been determined by the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).

(iii) Appeal Provisions

Attention is directed to sections 61 and 62 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (as amended) which relate to appeals. These provisions should be consulted directly, but the following provides a guide as to their content:

- *A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).*
- *A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the planning authority serves notice of the decision on the applicant.*

(iv) Permit Commencement

This permit takes effect 14 days after the date of Council's notice of determination or at such time as any appeal to the Resource and Planning Stream of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is abandoned or determined. If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and wishes to commence the use or development for which the permit has been granted within that 14-day period, the Council must be so notified in writing.

(v) Period of Approval

Pursuant to Section 53(5) the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, this approval will lapse after a period of two (2) years from:

a. the date on which the permit is granted; or

b. if an appeal has been instituted against the planning authority's decision to grant the permit, the date of the determination or abandonment of the appeal,

if the use or development is not substantially commenced within that period.

(vi) TasNetworks

TasNetworks advised on 19 March 2026:

"Based on the information provided, the development is not likely to adversely affect TasNetworks' operations.

It is recommended that the customer or their electrician contact TasNetworks on 1300 137008 if they have any questions regarding an upgrade they may require to their electricity supply due to this development".

(vii) Other Approvals

This permit does not imply that any other approval required under any other by-law or legislation has been granted. At least the following additional approvals may be required before construction commences:

- *Food business registration*
- *Any further signage*

Please note it is the permit holder's responsibility to consult an independent building and/or plumbing surveyor before commencing any works approved by this permit.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That the Meeting be adjourned until 7:05pm.

Reason: to allow drafting of a proposed new condition to be put forward as an Amendment to Item 189.

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

CARRIED

Meeting resumed post adjournment at 7:06pm.

AMENDMENT TO ORIGINAL MOTION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That the recommendation, as presented, proceed with the addition of the following condition:

5. Privacy Screen

Before commencement of the use a privacy screen to a height of 1.7m with a uniform transparency of not more than 25% must be installed along the entire southern length of the existing first floor balcony. The privacy screen must be maintained in perpetuity for the duration of the visitor accommodation use.

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Councillor McLennan	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Hughes	
Councillor Chilcott	
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Councillor Richards	

CARRIED

The Amendment was added to the original Motion and put.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

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Councillor McLennan	Councillor Simmons
Councillor Hughes	
Councillor Chilcott	
Councillor Bicanic	
Councillor Teichmann	
Councillor Richards	

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 190/2026 Review: Policy No. 37 – Dog Management | Draft for Consultation

Reporting Officer: Acting General Manager, Lauren Tolputt
Ref: DOC/26/12716 | Draft Policy: DOC/26/12717 | Engagement Plan: DOC/26/12718

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the draft Policy No. 37 - Dog Management for community engagement.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Richards

That Council endorse the attached draft Policy No. 37 - Dog Management for community engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 191/2026 Amendment to 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule – Learn to Swim Fees

Reporting Officer: Acting General Manager, Lauren Tolputt
Ref: DOC/26/12958

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to endorse a variation in the 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule in relation to learn to swim fees.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council endorse an amendment to the 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule to reduce the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre Learn to Swim fee from $25 per session to $20 per session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 192/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

24 August 2026| Special Briefing Workshop

1 September 2026 | Briefing Workshop

7 September 2026 | Special Briefing Workshop

Item 193/2026 Elected Member Communications

Mayor Calendar | 13 August to 16 September 2026

August 2026

17 August Council Meeting, Council Chambers

19-21 Local Government Association of Tasmania Meetings and Annual Conference with Councillors Powell and Richards and the General Manager, Hobart

24 Special Council Workshop, Council Chambers

27 Monthly meeting with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation CEO, Michael Bailey, online

29 North Eastern Netball Association Grand Final day presentations, Scottsdale Netball Courts

31 Weekly meeting with Acting General Manager, Council Chambers

September 2026

1 September Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers

3 Meeting with Telstra representatives with Acting General Manager and North East Tasmania Chamber of Commerce President, online

7 Weekly meeting with Acting General Manager, Council Chambers

7 Community Meet and Greet Session, Branxholm Hall

7 Special Council Workshop, Branxholm Hall

14 Meeting with ratepayer, Scottsdale

14 Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting with Acting General Manager, Council Chambers

Item 194/2026 Executive Leadership Team Briefing Report

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 Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Simmons

That Council:

1. receive and note the unconfirmed Dorset Council Audit Panel Committee minutes, dated 25 August 2026;
2. note the Pioneer Lake Advocacy meeting notes, dated 14 September 2026 and note the disbandment of the Group; and
3. receive and note the remaining Executive Leadership Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Dorset Council Audit Panel Committee Minutes

On 25 August 2026, the Audit Panel held their meeting for the June quarter. The following items were discussed:

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
2. Confirmation of Audit Panel Minutes – 9 June 2026
3. Outstanding matters from previous Audit Panel meetings
4. Work Health & Safety Reports – Q4
5. Financial Results for the year ended 30 June 2026
6. Annual Report Update – 2025/26 Financial Year
7. Other Business / Significant Events Update

Sections of the minutes that contain sensitive or confidential information have been redacted.

The unconfirmed Audit Panel minutes for this meeting are included in the attachments for information.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting Notes

On 14 September 2026, the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group held their sixth meeting. The following items were included on the agenda for discussion:

1. Previous Meeting – 30 March 2026 confirmation of meeting notes and update on actions
2. Status update Pioneer Dam Wall works
3. Parks and Wildlife Service Lease / Licence information
4. Discussion – disband Group
5. Question Time / General Discussion

The Group agreed that, with the risk now mitigated and the area reopened for public day use, the Advocacy Group is no longer required. Future discussion and suggestions about the area will be considered through Council's upcoming Community Plan for Pioneer, scheduled for completion in 2027.

The notes from this meeting are included in the attachments for information and available on Council's website.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | August 2026

	Requests Received August 2026	Comparison August 2025	FYTD Received 2026/27	Comparison FYTD Received 2025/26
Feedback and Queries	1	-	1	-
Repair Bin	3	-	4	-
Replace Bin	2	-	7	5
Request a New Service	2	1	6	5
Remove Additional Bin	-	3	-	7
Request an Additional Bin	-	-	3	2
Request an Upsize/Downsize	8	-	12	-
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	1	-	2	-
Total Requests	**17**	**4**	**35**	**19**

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | August 2026

	Approved August	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	6	64	60
Building	4	51	43
Plumbing	2	28	23

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

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | August 2026

	Requests Received August 2026	Comparison Requests August 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	3	4	31	26
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	-	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	1	1	7	7
Cemeteries	-	-	2	1
Community Awards	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	1	1	2	10
Council Elections	-	-	3	1
Customer Service	1	-	7	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	4	-	23	15
Footpath Enquiries	2	-	32	3
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	-	-	1
Parks and Reserves	2	2	22	22
Planning & Building	-	2	2	3
Playground Maintenance	1	2	3	4
Public Health	-	2	-	4
Public Online Enquiries	-	-	-	2
Public Amenities	1	2	13	19
Public Halls Buildings	3	-	22	12
Recreation Grounds	3	1	24	11
Roads	14	15	139	140
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	6
Waste Management	1	1	8	8
Total Requests	**37**	**33**	**342**	**300**

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

2026/27 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/26/9660

Completed in 2026/27

Completed in August 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	**Completed**
Bridge 1572 Haas Road – upgrade super structure to concrete	**Completed**
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 Awarded
Campbell Street, Gladstone	Tender Awarded
Gladstone Road, Pioneer (from Garibaldi Road to ABC Creek)	Tender Awarded
Garibaldi Road, Pioneer	Tender Awarded
Valley Ponds Road, Derby	Tender Awarded
Cranstoun Street, Branxholm	Tender Awarded
Nourses Road, Bridport	Tender Awarded
Frances Street, Bridport	Tender Awarded
Neville Drive, Bridport	Tender Awarded
Port Hills Road, Bridport	Tender Awarded
Louisa Street, Bridport	Tender Awarded
Thomas Street, Bridport	Tender Awarded
Old Waterhouse Road (Surveyors Creek)	Tender Awarded
Jensens Road, North Scottsdale (junction)	Tender Awarded
Old Waterhouse Road	Tender Awarded
McKerrows Road, North Scottsdale	Tender Awarded
Aikman Court, Scottsdale	Tender Awarded
Barclay Drive, Scottsdale	Tender Awarded
Salier Place, Scottsdale	Tender Awarded
Virginia Road, Golconda	Tender Awarded
Lisle Road, Golconda	Tender Awarded
Nook Road, Nabowla	Tender Awarded
Donald Street, Branxholm – carpark	Tender Awarded
Esplanade, Tomahawk	Tender Awarded
Golconda Road / West Minstone Road junction	Tender Awarded
Arthur Street, Scottsdale – Indoor Action carpark	Tender Awarded
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
Renewal	
Banca Road – culvert upgrade and pavement replacement	Materials Ordered
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	Procurement underway
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	Planning
Scottsdale Works Depot – toilets renewal	
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – toilet and kitchen renewal	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park (cabin) – kitchen electrical works	
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – toilet renewal	
Bridport Hall – water heater replacement	Planning
Council Offices – upper-level renovations (planning and design)	Commenced
Scottsdale Sports Stadium – side pole padding replacement	Ordered
Bridport Football Clubrooms – hot water cylinder replacement	Planning
Upgrade	
Council Chambers Offices – upper-level offices and toilet upgrade	
Master key system upgrade	
CCTV camera upgrades	
Security fob upgrades	Planning

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS (cont.)	
Northeast Park toilets – lighting upgrade	Commenced
Blue Derby – safety upgrade electrical charging station for e-bikes	Planning
New	
Gladstone Hall – new heat pump	Planning
Scottsdale Works Depot – shelving for storage shed	Commenced
Derby Works Depot – new security system	
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – new power connection for Tip Shop	**Completed**
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	Commenced
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Commenced
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	Commenced
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – safety works to former tip site	Commenced

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	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – safety rail extension	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – hotmix extension	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – green waste area extension	Commenced
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)	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – fencing for tip shop parking / green waste access	Commenced
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	Planning
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	Commenced
Bridport Lions Adventure Playground upgrade – walking track realignment	Commenced
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve – playground toilet upgrade	**Completed**
Scottsdale Railway Precinct Redevelopment	

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed: 7:35pm

Minutes Confirmed: 19 October 2026

Minute No: 198/2026



Mayor