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Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday, 20 April 2026

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Ordinary Meeting of Council

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Council Meeting - Agenda

Monday, 20 April 2026

Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm

Council Meetings Procedures

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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.

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

General Manager: John Marik, Director – Corporate Services: Lauren Tolputt, Director – Community and Development Services: Jayne Miller, Town Planner: Kamala Roberts, Executive Assistant: Sarah Forsyth

Apologies: Director – Infrastructure: Kerry Sacilotto

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 70/2026 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 71/2026 Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 23 March 2026 Ref: DOC/26/3983

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 23 March 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 Simmons

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 23 March 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chair advised if there are any questions in relation to the Closed Session Minutes that would require them to be discussed in Closed Session.

The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 23 March 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 Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Bicanic

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Meeting Closed Session held on Monday, 23 March 2026 having been circulated to Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Powell | SECONDED: Cr Hughes

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 20 April 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

¹Members 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.

The following questions were **taken on notice** at the 23 March Council Meeting:

Karl Willrath, Scottsdale

In the Dorset 2024 / 2025 annual report, page 29, it states there were two applications for assessed disclosure of information under the RTI Act. It does not state if these were successful, blocked or even if the same information was applied for. As the Mayor is aware, I am in the process of an RTI in an attempt to find out how much Dorset council spends on catering which apparently includes the amount councillors spend on themselves. As the RTI process is some what of a rigmarole, will Dorset consider running a proper disclosure log, and actually publicly disclose the information which has been disclosed via the RTI process as many, if not all are in the public interest.

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

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

The *Right to Information Act 2009* establishes four pathways through which information may be made available to the public: required disclosure, routine disclosure, active disclosure, and assessed disclosure.

Council already makes information publicly available through required, routine and active disclosure mechanisms where it is appropriate to do so and in the public interest. The assessed disclosure pathway (i.e. an RTI application) is intended to provide access to specific existing records on application and is subject to a structured assessment process under the Act.

Information released through assessed disclosure is often provided in response to a particular request and may be contextual, partial, or fragmented. It is also not required to be provided in a format suitable for publication (for example, access may be granted through inspection rather than provision of a publishable document). For these reasons, information released under this pathway is not always appropriate for broader public release.

The Act does not require councils to maintain a public disclosure log, and this is not a common practice across the local government sector. Broader reporting on the operation of the Act is undertaken at a State level, with an annual report provided to the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the Tasmanian Ombudsman required to publish an annual report to Parliament on the operation of the Act.

The inclusion of the number of RTI applications in Council's Annual Report is provided as a general transparency measure. There is no legislative requirement for Council to report on the outcomes of individual applications or regarding the RTI process generally.

Having regard to the above, Council is not considering establishing a public disclosure log at this time.

Scott Timmins, Branxholm (representing Branxholm Events Committee)

Given the Branxholm Events Committee delivers community connection events like the Biggest Morning Tea, Christmas in July, The Barn Dance and The Devils Cardigan, all of which generate a high volume of dishes, will the Council reconsider its decision and allow at no cost to Council, a commercial under-bench dishwasher similar to that installed in the Ringarooma Hub, to ensure proper hygiene standards and reduce the workload and safety risks for volunteers?

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

Council acknowledges the important role that the Branxholm Events Committee plays in delivering community events.

The proposed works were assessed through Council's Works on Council Land process. Council is pleased to be supporting a range of proposed works at the facility including an oven upgrade, installation of new benches, installation of walls, installation of floor lining, wall sealing and interior painting.

Council's position is that facilities of this nature are intended to support general community use rather than commercial-scale kitchen operations. In addition, consideration was given to the facilities existing services and capacity to support commercial grade equipment, consistency across Council facilities, and the ongoing maintenance, servicing and whole of life costs associated with commercial appliances.

Accordingly, approval was granted for the installation of a domestic dishwasher, with the request for a commercial unit not supported on this occasion.

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

Lawrence Archer, Bridport

1. *Is Council's submission to the Minister re costs of the Board of Inquiry available to the public?*

Response from Mayor Beattie:

No, it is not available to public at this stage.

2. *The Dorset Board of Inquiry found that Councillors failed in their duty to properly oversee the General Manager in the performance of his duties and Councillors were aware of at least some of his wrongdoings. What is the reasoning for the current Councillors belief that the Dorset Council is not responsible for the cost of the Inquiry?*

Response from Mayor Beattie:

Our submission to the Government was discussed in closed session, so no opinions of the current Council has been released.

3. *At the AGM last year, a motion was passed unanimously and at the subsequent meeting it was referred to Workshop. When is that subject scheduled to be discussed by Councillors?*

Response from General Manager:

It's a huge piece of work, as it is a review of the whole municipalities urban unsealed roads and footpaths. So, we haven't had a chance to really go into depth with that one currently, so it's still pending.

Item 75/2026 Public Address of Meeting

²Members 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

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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 **taken on notice** at the 23 March Council Meeting:

Councillor Teichmann:

1. *What is Council doing to control European wasps (*Vespula Germanica*), an invasive pest species, in Dorset generally and Derby, specifically, as they seem to be quite a problem at present?*

Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

Registered pest controllers are recommended to locate and destroy wasp nests.

In instances where European wasp nests cannot be located or reached, the following updated chemical control permit conditions are now in place:

- APVMA Permit Number – PER89402 ('Permit to allow minor use of an unregistered AgVet chemical product for control of European Wasp').

Permit Holder: Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas)
165 Westbury Road, Prospect, TAS, 7250

NRE Tas continues as the permit holder, however NRE Tas is not the supplier and distributor of wasp baits in Tasmania. This permit allows the following groups to undertake the baiting:

- licensed Pest Control Operators,
- State and Local Government employees, and
- primary producers who are suitably qualified and are experienced in the application of agricultural chemicals.

Licensed pest controllers are automatically deemed suitably qualified and experienced in the application of agricultural chemicals to use the product under the permit.

State and Local Government employees and primary producers will need to have successfully completed training in the use of agricultural chemicals.

There are no Dorset Council employees who are appropriately qualified to undertake this specific activity.

Council is responsible for pest management across a range of natural environments, maintained public open spaces, roadsides and buildings. Moving forward, Council could consider progressing policy to practice pest management for the buildings and grounds Council owns and manages. Integrated Pest Management is the best approach for the management of pests based on long-term prevention and suppression by use of a wide range of methods which are considered in the context of both risk and cost effectiveness for the whole of Council operations and the community.

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

2. Does Council have responsibility for ensuring the old Briseis Mine Office is being maintained, under any contract Council has with Crown Lands?

Response from General Manager:

Council has responsibilities in relation to the management of the old Briseis Mine Office under its arrangements with Crown.

As stated in response to the previous question relating to this asset, Council will be commencing Derby Master Planning through the Dorset – Future Ready project on receipt of promised election funding from the State Government. This is the ideal mechanism to consider new or upgraded infrastructure for the town to ensure future investment is coordinated, strategic and aligned with long term priorities, visitor demand and service requirements.

Consistent with this approach, any proposals for new or upgraded infrastructure would be considered through that planning process and, where appropriate, progressed through future Annual Plan and budget deliberations.

The following questions were received **without notice** from Councillors:

Councillor McLennan:

On the Council website – Building, Planning and Projects – can the Bridport Pier be separated from the Bridport Marine Zone Master Plan as a stand along project as it has funding, and can the progress of the Bridport Pier be upgraded with milestones achieved, as there is no information in relation to progress when accessing the MAST site?

Response from Director – Community and Development Services:

I'll note that information and review the website and update as necessary.

Councillor Chilcott:

The army is selling the property in Scottsdale and moving out by the suggested November. Could the Council apply to keep the guns from the front of the facility in Scottsdale and have them placed in the reserve surrounding the war memorial to complement the military museum which is stated to be one of the best in the state?

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor McLennan:

Can the Council commence works at Croquet Lawn Beach as this is separate to the work that MAST are undertaking and access to the beach is currently unsafe? I am aware that it was going to be done in conjunction with the pier but as it is Council responsibility shouldn't we be looking at it now.

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Councillor Teichmann:

1. *Have Council found out what happened with the audio-video recording of last month's meeting, what investigations did Council conduct and did Council seek the assistance of an external IT expert to either determine the cause of the problem or try to assist with the recovery of the minutes/recording?*

Response from Director – Corporate Services:

I can provide a more fulsome response outside of the meeting, however yes investigations were undertaken, and yes Council's external IT consultant was involved.

2. *Regarding the potential to install a micro-irrigation system along some of the trails in Derby, the answer that was previously given was that it wasn't viable; I'm just wondering what investigations Council undertook to ascertain that it wasn't viable, given that Derby actually has a 20 ML water right with TasWater, who are holding it for Derby, from the Cascade Dam.*

TAKEN ON NOTICE

Item 77/2026 Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil

Item 78/2026 Notifications of Leave of Absence for Parental Leave

Nil

Item 79/2026 Councillor Motions with Notice

Withdrawn | Motion with Notice: Item 57.1/2026

Councillor Wendy McLennan | 23 March 2026 Council Meeting

Ref: DOC/26/4872

On 8 April 2026, the General Manager received formal notification from Councillor Wendy McLennan advising of her decision to withdraw the Motion with Notice considered at the 23 March 2026 Council Meeting regarding the North East Rail Trail: Stage 3 Project. The matter was subsequently discussed at the Council Briefing Workshop held on 8 April 2026, where Officers provided detailed information. Following discussion, Councillors reviewed the Priority Projects Plan 2025+. The revised Plan is now presented for Council's consideration at this meeting, with further detail provided in Item 81/2026.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Simmons | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

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 the Visitor Accommodation – 4 units (change of use from a single dwelling to two holiday units and two new cabins) be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Basis Of Approval

The use and development for Visitor Accommodation – 4 units (change of use from a single dwelling to two holiday units and two new cabins) is approved and must be undertaken generally in accordance with the following endorsed plans:

- a) Proposed Visitor Accommodation 45 Main Street Derby, M.H. McCoid, Ref 241001, prepared by Pettit Designs dated December 2025 (16 sheets).

2. TasWater SPAN

The proposal must be carried out in accordance with TasWater SPAN TWDA2026/00057-DC.

3. Vehicular Crossings

The new crossing must be constructed in accordance with the Local Government Association of Tasmania Standard Drawings unless otherwise specified. Works in the road reserve must not commence until a Driveway Application Form has been submitted to Council and approved by the Road Authority.

Any services within the road reserve that require relocation must be approved by the relevant service authority and any such relocation is made at the developer's cost.

4. Driveway And Parking Area Construction

Before commencement of the use, parking bays and access ways as shown on the endorsed plans must:

- a) be line-marked or otherwise delineated to indicate each car space and access lane;
- b) be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
- c) be surfaced with an all-weather impervious surface; and
- d) be adequately drained to prevent stormwater being discharged to neighbouring property.

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

5. Construction Management

Soil, water and dust must be managed on the site during construction to:

- a) prevent the escape of soil and sediments beyond site boundaries; and
- b) direct water runoff to a lawful point of discharge without causing nuisance for neighbours.

6. Commenced Development Stop

Where development has commenced on site and then stops for two weeks or more, interim stormwater, erosion and dust control measures must be installed and maintained on site until work recommences. The measures must include weekly inspections and reporting to Council as well as before and after every rain event to the satisfaction of the Director of Infrastructure or their delegate.

7. Onsite Wastewater Management

Prior to commencement of the use, the existing septic tank must be pumped out and the contents disposed of to an approved facility.

The land application area for onsite wastewater disposal must be separate from parking and access ways.

8. 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:
 - Monday to Thursday: 7am to 10pm;
 - Friday or a work day before a public holiday 7am to midnight;
 - Saturday 9am to midnight; and
 - 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:

- a. Building approval*
- b. Plumbing approval*
- c. Food business registration*
- d. Any further signage*
- e. Any further changes to the façade*

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 81/2026

Priority Projects Plan 2025+ | North East Rail Trail – Stage 3 Project Update

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/26/4940 | Priority Projects Plan – April 2026: DOC/26/4939

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to consider the future direction of the North East Rail Trail and its role within a broader regional “City to the Sea” trail network, and to determine the next steps to progress this vision.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Powell

That Council:

1. endorses the preparation of a North East Trail Network Master Plan (City to the Sea) which will:
 - Define the long-term vision, scope and alignment of a regional multi-use trail network connecting City of Launceston, Dorset and Break O’Day
 - Identify preferred trail alignments including the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 and broader connections predominantly via existing infrastructure (rail corridors, forest roads and trail networks)
 - Establish concepts, staging, priorities, cost estimates and funding pathways
 - Include community and stakeholder consultation to inform design, alignment and feasibility
2. endorses the inclusion of the City to the Sea trail network project within Council’s Priority Projects Plan, including:
 - Amending the Priority Projects Plan to include the Scottsdale Railway Station as a priority project
 - Amending the Priority Projects Plan to include the project scoping and preliminary planning of a connecting trail linking Tulendeena to Legerwood, and on to Branxholm
 - Reframing the North East Rail Trail Stage 3 as a key enabling project within a broader regional trail network
 - Identifying additional enabling projects (infrastructure, trail connections, precincts and visitor services) required to deliver the network vision
 - Updating project descriptions, scope and advocacy positioning to reflect a regional, multi-day trail experience
3. authorises the General Manager to engage with key regional and State partners to progress the City to the Sea vision, including:
 - City of Launceston, Break O’Day Council and Northern Tasmania Development Corporation
 - Tasmanian Government agencies (including tourism, infrastructure and land managers)
 - Industry stakeholders and community groupswith the intent to:
 - Establish a coordinated regional approach to planning, delivery and advocacy
 - Identify partnership opportunities, governance models and funding pathways
 - Position the project as a regionally significant and State-supported initiative

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council and the community on progress of the 2025/26 Annual Plan as of 31 March 2026.

	Progress as of 31 March 2026
Achieved	18
In Progress	14
Not Achieved	
Total Actions	43
Deferred	4 ⁴

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Hughes | SECONDED: Cr Teichmann

That Council:

1. receive and note the attached 2025/26 Annual Plan - March Quarterly Report.
2. defer activity 12, New Framework – Conduct of Elected Members, to align with Local Government reforms proposed to result in new serious Councillor misconduct provisions.
3. defer activity 25, Asset Management Strategy, to 2026/27 to align with the Financial Management Strategy.
4. defer activity 26, Council owned asset review, to progress alongside the Asset Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Council the final version of Policy 27 - Youth for adoption.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr McLennan | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council adopt the attached reviewed Policy No. 27 – Youth.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

⁴ 3 activities recommended for deferral in this report, with 1 approved in January 2026.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 84/2026 Council Workshops Held Since Last Council Meeting

8 April 2026 | Briefing Workshop

Item 85/2026 Elected Member Communications

Calendar | 19 March – 15 April 2026

March

- 19 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
- 19 Meeting with ratepayer with General Manager regarding Child and Family Learning centre project, Council Chambers
- 19 Northern Mayors croquet challenge event, St Leonards
- 23 March Council Meeting, Council Chambers
- 27 Dorset People and Business Awards, Mechanics Hall (other Councillors in attendance)
- 28 Nabowla Centenary event, Nabowla Hall
- 28 Deputy Mayor attended the CWA Ladies celebration, Northbourne Community Centre, Scottsdale
- 30 Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting with Councillor Bicanic and General Manager, Council Chambers
- 31 Onsite meeting with ratepayers with General Manager, Bridport

April

- 1 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Management Representative Group Meeting, Launceston
- 2 Weekly meeting with the General Manager, Council Chambers
- 8 April Briefing Workshop, Council Chambers
- 9 Local Government Association of Tasmania Mayor and Deputy Mayor Workshop with Deputy Mayor Powell, Devonport
- 10 Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting with General Manager, Devonport
- 13 Meeting with Federal Member for Bass Jess Teesdale MP with the General Manager, Launceston
- 13 Roundtable with nbn Co with General Manager and other invited councils, Launceston

Item 86/2026 Management 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 Management Team.

DECISION

MOVED: Cr Teichmann | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott

That Council:

1. note the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group meeting notes, dated 30 March 2026;
2. receive community updates on the West Maurice Road bridge replacement, commencement of the Ferny Hill Road realignment works, and the opening of the application period for the 2026 Barry Jarvis Education Scholarships; and
3. receive and note the remaining Management Team Briefing Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group Meeting Notes

On 30 March 2026, the Pioneer Lake Advocacy Group held their fifth meeting. The following items were included on the agenda for discussion:

1. Previous Meeting – 1 December 2025 confirmation of meeting notes and update on actions
2. Status update Pioneer Dam Wall / Procurement
3. Scope of Use | Pre / Post Closure and Access to Site
4. Question Time / General Discussion
5. Next Meeting

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

COMMUNITY UPDATE: West Maurice Road Bridge Replacement Complete

Works at Bridge 1541 West Maurice Road are now complete, with the road officially reopened to traffic.

The previous timber bridge, which had been reduced to a 10 tonne load limit due to defects, has been replaced with a new precast concrete structure designed for an 80 year lifespan.



The new bridge increases load capacity to approximately 160 tonnes, restoring full access for residents and permitted heavy vehicles.

The project was delivered safely, on time, and within budget by Council's Civil Construction team and contract partner BridgePro.

Thanks to the community for their patience during the works.

COMMUNITY UPDATE: Ferny Hill Road Realignment

Dorset Council has awarded the contract for the realignment of Ferny Hill Road at Golconda following significant damage caused by a landslip resulting from a major rain event in September 2024. The works contract has been awarded to AWC Pty Ltd, who will undertake the reconstruction and realignment of the affected section of road to provide a permanent and resilient solution.

The September 2024 rain event caused a landslip that resulted in substantial damage to the existing road alignment, requiring a more robust engineering response to ensure the long-term stability and safety of the road. The project will involve relocating the road alignment to more stable ground and reconstructing the roadway to modern standards.

The project is being supported through the Tasmanian Government's Tasmanian Relief and Recovery Arrangements, which provides funding assistance of up to 75 per cent for the reconstruction of essential public assets damaged by eligible natural disaster events.

The public were advised that Ferny Hill Road will be closed from 7:00am Monday, 13 April 2026 until 5:00pm Friday, 12 June 2026 to allow for landslip repair works. This closure will be from the Golconda Road / Ferny Hill Road intersection through to the northern boundary of the works, 4km north of the intersection (see image).

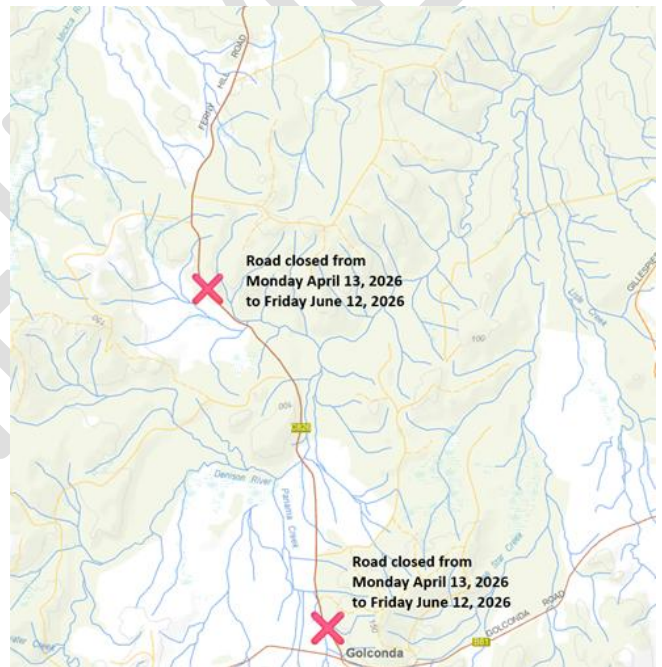
Dorset Council provided advance notice of the closure through its print and social media channels, as well as on-site signage, to ensure road users were informed ahead of the works.

Mayor Rhys Beattie said the project represents an important step in restoring and strengthening local road infrastructure following the landslip event.

"This project will deliver a long-term solution for the damaged section of Ferny Hill Road and ensure the route remains safe and reliable for the community well into the future," Mayor Beattie said.

Council appreciates the community's patience during the construction period and encourages motorists to plan ahead and observe all signage in the area.

The realignment works will improve long-term road safety and network reliability for residents, agricultural operators, and other road users.



COMMUNITY UPDATE: 2026 Barry Jarvis Education Scholarships

Dorset Council is inviting applications for the Barry Jarvis Education Scholarships 2026, which provide financial support to residents to further their education and training.

The scholarships honour the late Mayor Barry Jarvis, a passionate advocate for education and lifelong learning within the Dorset community. In 2026, eight scholarships are available across secondary education, vocational training and tertiary study.

The 2026 scholarship program includes:

- Scottsdale High School Scholarships – Five scholarships of \$500 each for local students continuing their studies in Year 11 or 12 at Scottsdale High School.

- Apprenticeship / Traineeship Scholarship – One \$1,000 scholarship to support a local community member undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- University Scholarship – One scholarship providing \$3,000 per year for three years to assist a local student studying at any Australian university.
- Agribusiness Scholarship – One scholarship providing \$2,500 per year for two years for a student enrolled in the University of Tasmania’s Associate Degree in Agribusiness.



(pictured: Mayor with 2025 recipients)

Dorset Mayor Rhys Beattie said the scholarship program continues to reflect the values and legacy of Barry Jarvis. “These scholarships are about giving local people the opportunity to pursue their goals through education, while honouring Barry Jarvis’s strong belief in supporting our community’s future,” Mayor Beattie said.

Application forms are available from Dorset Council Reception, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale, or online [here](#).

Applications close at 5:00pm on Monday, 25 May 2026.

WASTE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS | March 2026

	Requests Received March 2026	Comparison March 2025	FYTD Received 2025/26	Comparison FYTD Received 2024/25
Feedback and Queries	-	-	3	20
Repair Bin	2	2	32	47
Replace Bin	3	3	44	36
Request a New Service	-	2	21	35
Remove Additional Bin	-	2	14	10
Request an Additional Bin	6	-	18	34
Request an Upsize/Downsize	2	-	29	40
Request to Opt Out (of Service)	-	1	3	2
Total Requests	13	10	164	224

CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS | March 2026

A detailed copy of the 2025 Customer Service Requests is included in the [attachments](#).

	Requests Received March 2026	Comparison Requests March 2025	Received 2026	Comparison 2025
Animal	4	1	16	5
Bike Trails	-	-	-	-
Bridges	1	-	1	-
Caravan Parks	2	2	4	3
Cemeteries	-	-	1	1
Community Awards	-	-	1	-
Community Development General	-	-	-	-
Corporate Services General	-	1	1	3
Council Elections	3	-	3	1
Customer Service	-	1	4	4
Emergency Services Enquiries	-	-	-	1
Environmental Management & Health	4	2	13	5
Footpath Enquiries	6	-	15	-
Government Relations	-	-	-	-
Licencing	-	1	-	1
Parks and Reserves	3	4	7	8
Planning & Building	-	-	1	-
Playground Maintenance	-	-	3	-
Public Health	-	-	-	1
Public Online Enquiries	-	1	-	-
Public Amenities	2	2	8	3
Public Halls Buildings	2	1	5	1
Recreation Grounds	3	1	13	2
Roads	26	24	73	65
Swimming Pools	-	-	-	5
Waste Management	1	2	3	3
Total Requests	57	43	172	113

APPROVED APPLICATIONS | March 2026

	Approved March 2026	Approved 2026 YTD	Approved 2025 YTD
Planning	13	27	21
Building	7	18	15
Plumbing	5	8	7

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

2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Ref: DOC/25/9165

	Complete 2025/26
	Completed in March 2026
	Carried Forward Projects – 2026/27
	Projects Withdrawn

PROJECT	STATUS
BRIDGES	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – repairs to piers (addition allocation, storm recovery)	Completed
Bridge 1604 Panama Forest Road, Golconda – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1589 Sledge Track, West Scottsdale – timber superstructure renewal (beams & deck)	Completed
Bridge 1556 New River Road, Ringarooma – timber deck renewal	Completed
Bridge 1594 Greeta Road, Nabowla – timber superstructure renewal (beams and deck)	Timber ordered
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – slab repairs	
Bridge 1569 Jensens Road, North Scottsdale – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete)	Tender Received
Bridge 1572 Haas Road, Legerwood – upgrade superstructure (timber to concrete, additional allocation)	Tender Received
STORMWATER	
61 King Street, Scottsdale – upgrade stormwater pits	
3 Murphy Place, Scottsdale – undertake network survey and hydrology assessment	Investigation complete
Main Road, Pioneer – pipe open drain	Completed
9 Willow Court, Winnaleah – design and install new network	Commenced
21 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Completed
52 Scott Street, Branxholm – design and install new network	Commenced
3 Thomas Street, Scottsdale – design and install new network	Commenced
ROADS – RESHEETING	
Old Waterhouse Road, Waterhouse	Completed
Cape Portland Road, Gladstone	Completed
Bridport Back Road, Nabowla	Completed
Nourses Road, Bridport	Completed
Unwins Road, Springfield	Completed
McDonalds Avenue, Ringarooma	Completed
Dead Horse Hill Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Pera Flats Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Swanee Road, Winnaleah	Completed
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport	Completed
Bridport – urban resheeting (various locations)	Completed

PROJECT	STATUS
ROADS – RESEALS	
George Street, Scottsdale – highway access	Prep work completed
Maurice Street, Legerwood	Prep work completed
Spotswood Drive, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Beattie Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – highway access	Prep work completed
Christopher Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Mary Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
Alice Street, Scottsdale	Prep work completed
East Maurice Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Oakdene Road, Jetsonville	Prep work completed
Barnbogle Road, Bridport	Prep work completed
Barnett Road, Ringarooma	Completed
Ruby Flats Road, Branxholm	Completed
Derby Back Road, Derby	Completed
Sykes Road, Springfield	Completed
Arnold Place, Scottsdale	Completed
Charles Street, Pioneer – additional reseal	Completed
ROADS – OTHER PROJECTS	
Willis Road, Lietinna – hotmix overlay intersection with Golconda Road	Completed
Koomeela Road, West Scottsdale – culvert repairs	Completed
Banca Road, Winnaleah – pavement repair and hotmix surface	Completed
Golconda Road, Nabowla – 3.4km safety upgrades and pavement renewal	Commenced
Ferny Hill Road, Bridport – landslip repair (storm damage)	Commenced
Golconda Road, Golconda – pavement design	Design
Bentley Street, Bridport – footpath renewal	Commenced
Ellenor Street, Scottsdale – design pavement renewal	Design
Austins Road and Tasman Highway, Scottsdale – junction upgrade	Commenced
Northeast Lane, Scottsdale – design	Completed
Union Street, Scottsdale – kerb and stormwater upgrade (stage 1)	Completed
Pioneer township – footpath	Completed
Golconda Road, Golconda – freight and safety improvement strategy	Commenced
Buckney’s Road, Scottsdale – road survey	Commenced

PROJECT	STATUS
BUILDINGS	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – camp kitchen renewal (replace beams)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – electrical switchboard renewal and underground cables (stage 1)	Scheduled – April
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – electrical upgrades and shower payment machine upgrades	Completed
Winnaleah Old Scout Hall – replace old louvre windows	Completed
Derby, Branxholm, Ringarooma, Winnaleah & Legerwood – switchboard upgrades	Commenced
Pioneer Hall – toilet renewal	Planning
Northeast Park, Scottsdale – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale – switchboard upgrades (various sites)	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – toilet and shower renewal	Completed
Branxholm Hall – kitchen renewal (Pines Committee donation)	Completed
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – amenities upgrade (shower cubicle storage / shelving)	
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – cabin upgrades / outdoor area improvements	
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Reuse Centre shop extension	Planning
Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – heat pump	Completed
Derby Depot – alarm system and cameras	Planning
Scottsdale Depot – relocation of storage sheds (additional allocation)	Completed
Nugget Sellars Pavilion (Scottsdale Recreation Ground) – heat pump	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – remote access through Council network	Scheduled - April
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
Blue Derby – network signage	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Bridport Foreshore – BBQ replacement	Completed
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – flow meter and motor protection on leisure pool pumps	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – chlorinator pump critical spare parts	Commenced
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – balance tank temporary shut off valve	Ordered
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – leisure pool filter sand replacement	Planning
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – replace umbrella covers	Completed
Derby Park – Ringarooma Road erosion repairs	Completed
Pine Plantation, Ringarooma Road, Scottsdale – replanting (additional allocation)	Completed
Blue Derby – Black Stump car turning area redevelopment	Planning
Blue Derby – Top Creek drop off area completion	Planning
Netball court upgrades – Scottsdale, Bridport and Derby (Stage 1)	Planning
Scottsdale Railway Station precinct redevelopment	Commenced
Blue Derby – memorial lookout	Commenced
Ellesmere Cemetery, Scottsdale – new memorial wall	Planning
Scottsdale sports precinct – master planning	
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre – covered pool feasibility study	

PROJECT	STATUS
CARRY FORWARD PROJECTS	
<u>Bridges</u>	
Bridge 1508 Garibaldi Road, Pioneer – scour protection piers (storm recovery)	Tender Awarded
Bridge 1572 Haas Road / Frenches Creek, Legerwood – upgrade to concrete	Funding received
<u>Roads</u>	
South Street, Bridport – replace kerb	
King Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Withdrawn
George Street, Scottsdale – pedestrian crossing	Withdrawn
Coplestone Street, Scottsdale – new footpath	
<u>Buildings</u>	
Building Renovations (Blue Derby Foundation) - 57 Main Street, Derby	
Scottsdale Railway Station Building – restoration	
Derby Depot – new trail crew storage shed	Commenced
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park – planning for new camp kitchen at Goftons Beach	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Planning
Branxholm Waste Transfer Station – Recycling Shed	Planning
Gladstone Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Planning
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Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station – Oil Bunded Shed	Planning
<u>Land Improvements</u>	
Croquet Lawn Beach, Bridport – access improvements	Investigations
Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails – Tunnel stairs	Planning
Bridport Lions Club Adventure Playground upgrade (election grant)	Planning
Scottsdale Childrens Reserve Playground upgrade (election grant)	Planning
Scottsdale community bike track	
Gladstone community park	
Waste Transfer Station signage	Commenced
CWA Carpark, Bridport – solar light	Completed

CLOSURE OF MEETING

Time Meeting Closed: 7:54pm

Minutes Confirmed: 18 May 2026

Minute No:

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Mayor