



COUNCIL MEETING **AGENDA**

21 JULY 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION
CENTRE (CAC)

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Sorell Council will be held at the Community Administration Centre (CAC), 47 Cole Street, Sorell on Tuesday, 21 July 2026 commencing at 6.00 pm.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Robert Higgins, Chief Executive Officer of the Sorell Council, hereby certify that in accordance with Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the reports in this Agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications and experience necessary to give such information, recommendation or advice.

Council or a Council Committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –

- (a) the General Manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the General Manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the Council or Council Committee; and
- (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the Council or Council Committee with the General Manager's certificate.

Notices of Motion and supporting documentation from Councillors are exempted from this certification.

ROBERT HIGGINS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
16 JULY 2026



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FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET,
SORELL ON 21 JULY 2026

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I would like to advise that an audio-visual recording is being made of this meeting. I also remind everyone present to be respectful and considerate towards others attending the meeting. Language or behaviour that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory, or threatening to any person attending the meeting, or to those listening to the recording, will not be tolerated.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – MAYOR GATEHOUSE



I would like to begin by paying respect to the traditional and original owners of this land the Mumirimina people, to pay respect to those that have passed before us and to acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community who are custodians of this land.

2.0 ATTENDANCE



Mayor J Gatehouse
Deputy Mayor M Larkins
Councillor S Campbell
Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux
Councillor B Nichols
Councillor M Reed
Councillor N Reynolds
Councillor B Shaw
Councillor C Torenus
Chief Executive Officer R Higgins

3.0 APOLOGIES



4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST



5.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES



5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING 16 JUNE 2026

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th June 2026 be confirmed."

5.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 23 JUNE 2026

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2026 be confirmed."

6.0 MAYOR'S REPORT



RECOMMENDATION

"That the Mayor's communication report as listed be received."

This communication is provided as a courtesy, any items that require Council action and/or decision will be listed as separate agenda items. Any Councillor requiring information on any matter contained in the communication report please contact the Mayor at any time.

- TasNetworks stakeholder discussion – How has the relationship between TasNetworks and Sorell Council changed? Is TasNetworks doing better?
- Sorell RSL Emergency – New committee elected.
- Special Council Meeting – Budget and rates adoption.
- FOGO pop up community engagement Gateway Shopping Centre x 2.
- FOGO promotion filming.
- TasWater General Meeting (Online).
- NRMEAG Meeting.
- Visit to Dodges Ferry Football Club.
- Blue Lagoon Stormwater Plan site visit.
- Sorell Rotary talk – update on predicted growth of Sorell.



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- AusAlert info session - National test day 29th July.
- Visit to local business expanding into new premises and expanding services.
- Joined Fitzies at Sorell School for NAIDOC Music.
- Volunteering roles.
- Mens Breakfast Talk.
- Re-think Waste Workshop - "Be a good Sort".
- Bream Creek Show Meeting.
- She Shreds – Girls Skate Event Dodges Ferry.
- CRDSJA Future Equity Workshop.
- Rivers to Ramsar project Technical Advisory Group.
- RSL State President John Hardy with CEO.
- Christian Schools Tasmania David Gillman and Brian Bosveld.
- Citizenship Ceremony 6 conferees.
- Ordinary Council Meeting.
- Sorell Planning Meeting.
- Council Workshop.
- Mayor and Management Meetings.
- Sorell Times Article.
- Council Newsletter.



7.0 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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RECOMMENDATION

"That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*."

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 10 (7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- a) The reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- b) That the matter is urgent; and
- c) That advice has been provided under section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

To be considered in the Closed session of Council.

Item 23.7 – Tender Sorell Smart Solar Upgrader

8.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS REPORT

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The following Council Workshop was held:

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
7 th July 2026	- Southern Beaches Structure Plan – update ERA - SE Stadium – vacant gym space - Potential land disposal/exchange for POS riparian link - Policies - Election Caretaker Period and Conventions Policy - new - External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy – review - Governance Framework – review	Gatehouse, Reed, Larkins, Torenus, Miro Quesada, Reynolds, Nichols	Shaw, Campbell



	• Code of Tenders and Contracts – review • Strategy • Weed Management Strategy 2025-2040 – new • SE Sports Complex Master Plan – review • Greater Hobart Sports Infrastructure Strategy & Summary – new • Greater Hobart Council Partnership Draft Strategic Plan • Operational Update • Sorell Rivulet bridge replacement and DSG road transfer • Councillor Candidate Session • Councillor Items • Negative Dog Related Experiences in Public Areas community survey – Crl Miro Quesda • ALGWA 75th Anniversary meeting and reception attendance – Clr Reed		
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9.0 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE



10.0 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS ON NOTICE**10.1 MOTION ON NOTICE - COUNCILLOR MIRO QUESADA LE ROUX****MOTION**

"That the Sorell Council:

1. Receives and acknowledges the community survey report titled "Negative Impacts of Uncontrolled Dogs in Public Spaces in the Southern Beaches" submitted by Councillor Marisol Miró Quesada Le Roux.
2. Reviews the report in detail and consider its implications.
3. When relevant, uses the report's findings in its operational and advocacy efforts in supporting affected residents."

Background Information

Over several years, residents have raised escalating concerns regarding uncontrolled dogs in the Southern Beaches. In response, Councillor Marisol Miró Quesada Le Roux invited residents to share their experiences. Rather than a standard survey, this process became a vital collection of 40 detailed, descriptive stories. This represents an extraordinary level of community engagement, offering Council a valuable baseline of local data.

These narratives reveal a reality that goes beyond simple animal compliance, describing distinct incidents of aggressive or uncontrolled dog behaviour, wildlife being attacked, and residents facing verbal abuse and threats from owners when asking them to control their dogs. The evidence demonstrates that when public spaces feel unsafe, it creates a barrier to public safety, social inclusion, active transport, and health. Crucially, it shows that children, young families, and older residents are frequently being displaced from our shared community spaces due to frightening encounters in places where they should feel safe.

Importantly, this data serves as a vital bridge to find a balanced framework where dog owners, local wildlife, and non-owners can coexist safely.

These lived experiences provide vital community data that connects explicitly to core Council frameworks, including but not limited to Active Transport Strategy, the Southern Beaches Structure Plan, Public Space and Foreshore Access Plan, Social Strategy, Young People Plan, etc.

Ultimately, these 40 community stories offer a powerful foundation for the upcoming review of the Dog Management Plan. By listening to these voices, Council can ensure its future strategy protects public health,

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supports responsible pet ownership, and preserves the Southern Beaches as a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for everyone.

Councillor Marisol Miro Quesada LeRoux

14 July 2026

Full community survey report attached separately to the agenda.

Management Response

The survey and proposed motion were provided to the Health and Compliance Workgroup for consideration. Their response has been incorporated in the following.

The survey provides useful information on previous incidents (many of which have already been responded to) and highlights the range of views we must consider when preparing a Dog Management Plan and declaring exercise areas. There can always be bias in any survey, however, it is interesting that respondents highlighted incidents mostly from Dodges Ferry/Carlton beaches rather than Primrose Sands. There can be several reasons for this, however, Carlton Beach does allow dogs on part of the beach all summer, but Primrose only allows them in the early morning and evening. Reducing interaction between beach users and dogs does reduce the risk of incidents occurring.

How can this information be used:

1. Background information for the Draft Dog Management Plan and exercise areas review; and
2. Guide compliance enforcement priorities, particularly during summer with respect to location and timing of patrols.

Robert Higgins

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

16th July 2026



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11.0 WORKGROUP REPORTS



RECOMMENDATION

"That the workgroup reports as listed be received."

11.1 OFFICE OF THE CEO – ROBERT HIGGINS



- Attended TasNetworks Stakeholder feedback with Mayor, Planning and Infrastructure/Assets Workgroup Managers – 17th June
- Attended Speak Up Stay Chatty breakfast at Depot with GM – Operations – 18th June
- Met with DSG Deputy Secretary Transport re: South East Transport Solution issues – 18th June
- Attended Audit Panel meeting – 19th June
- Attended SERDA / RDA Tas advocacy doc project meetings with Oliver Strickland – 22 June and 13 July
- Attended TasWater General Meeting with Mayor (Teams) – 25th June
- Attended Southern Waste Solutions Organics project update – 2nd July
- Met with TasWater and Planning Manager re: Pittwater Sewerage Strategy concept for National Water Grid business case and capital funding – 16th July
- Met with Bream Creek Show and Community Relations Manager – 17th July
- Attended STCN meeting – 17th July
- Attended CRDSJA future equity meeting with Mayor – 20th July
- Met with RSL State President and Mayor – 21st July
- Met with Christian Schools Tas, Mayor and Planning Manager – 21st July
- Staff & Mayor meetings, Leadership Team meeting, capital budget / project meetings, weekly Greater Hobart councils GM/CEO Teams meeting, workshops and SPA meetings.

11.2 COMMUNITY RELATIONS – STACEY GADD, MANAGER



COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

- Cat Management in Dodges Ferry – 271 survey responses received. Camera monitoring has commenced across private residences and reserves, with community updates and media planned for 28 July outlining findings and next steps.
- FOGO - Continuing to share information with the community through newsletters, e-news, social media and community pop-ups. Engagement activities included pop-ups held in Sorell on 23 and 25 June. Re-Think Waste “Be a Good Sort” sessions scheduled for Dodges Ferry (15 July) and Dunalley (11 August) to support community education and awareness.
- Beach Viewing Platforms (Park Beach and Carlton Beach) – Funded by DSG, 19 feedback forms received, all in-scope feedback to be reviewed by the project team to determine where practical refinements can be incorporated.
- Blue Lagoon Stormwater Plan - Key stakeholders and neighbouring property owners were informed and invited to a community information session regarding the preliminary stormwater design. An onsite session was held on 3 July to provide an overview of the proposed design and gather feedback.
- Southern Beaches Plan – The next round of community engagement commences 16 July to 12 August, including an online survey, community pop-ups and a community workshop.
- Dodges Ferry Sewerage System Update - TasWater has commenced community engagement with key stakeholders regarding the proposed sewerage system upgrade. Sorell Council is supporting the engagement process.
- Communications and Engagement – Preparation and finalisation of 2026/2027 Annual Plan and 2025/2026 Annual Report underway.

YOUTH – Fitzies

- The Youth Team continues to support the Thursday Breakfast Club at Sorell School.
- Alex Leary (Sorell school chaplain) supporting drop in's on Mon & Wed.
- BKinder Day workshops for Sorell and Indie school students with Min from Minirons - celebrated BKinder Day
- Working with Kiz and Hermit (young Tasmanian Aboriginal artists) to create a welcome to country video in partnership with Sorell school students.



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- Celebrated NAIDOC Week with a school music performance by Kiz and Hermit
- School holiday program with 2 weeks of activities
- YNOT annual Youth Forum in Sorell (August 2026).

Regular events at the Hub include:

- Drop-in Sessions – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Access and Inclusion

- Expression of Interest for Access and Inclusion Advisory Group - meet the candidates afternoon tea – forward planning
- St Georges Square - MoU and initial meeting
- Transitioning Lions Club to CWA Room

Health and Wellbeing

- Free Yoga and trauma support for young people at Fitzies
- Get Active Tasmania - free exercise sessions will be delivered at the Sorell Memorial Hall throughout winter in partnership with Tas Health Service – starting Monday 20 July

Events and Programs

- Planning commenced for Seniors Month

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Community Grants

- Ten Lives - \$1000 – Cat traps for cat management project

Quick Response Grants

- Dodges Ferry Volunteer Fire Brigade - \$500 TFS and SES Field Day
- Southern City BMX Club - \$340.00 equipment and servicing of bikes for come and try days

Individual Achievement

- Jenny Scott - \$250.00
- Steven Davis - \$250.00



11.3 PLANNING – SHANE WELLS, MANAGER



Planning Decisions

Planning Determinations			
Description	Type	Decision	Property Address
One Lot Subdivision	Discretionary	Delegation	12 San Francisco Street, Midway Point
Extension to Deck and Swim Spa	Discretionary	Delegation	14 Inverness Street, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	195-227 Penna Road, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	25 Spoonbill Loop, Sorell (CT 189521/13)
Addition to Dwelling - Demolition of Existing and New Roof over deck	No Permit Required	Delegation	17 Connellys Marsh Road, Connellys Marsh
Change of use to Visitor Accommodation	Permitted	Delegation	131 Carlton Beach Road, Dodges Ferry
Minor Amendment - Entry Deck	Discretionary	Delegation	54 Bay Road, Boomer Bay
External Alterations - Garage Conversion	No Permit Required	Delegation	14 Franklin Street, Dunalley
Quarry Rehabilitation	Discretionary	Delegation	Land near the intersection of Old Forcett Road and Quarry Road, Forcett (CT 186566/1) and 6 Tangari Street, Forcett
Dwelling and Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	24 Torquay Drive, Sorell
Dwelling and Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	Lot 26 918 Nugent Road, Wattle Hill (CT 121848/26)
Addition to Multiple Dwelling - Roof Over Deck	Permitted	Delegation	33 Cole Street, Sorell
Outbuilding	No Permit Required	Delegation	23 Gatehouse Drive, Sorell
Change of use - Temporary Dwelling to Dwelling	No Permit Required	Delegation	31 Bay Street, Dunalley
Additions - Deck	Discretionary	Delegation	67 Reynolds Road, Midway Point
Minor Amendment - Increase to Setbacks, internal floor plan changes, Reduction of Building Height and increase to floor area(upper floor)	Discretionary	Delegation	1 Eularminner Street, Carlton
Dwelling and Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	963 Nugent Road, Wattle Hill (with access over 961 Nugent Road)
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	7 Oakmont Road, Midway Point
Minor Amendment - Revised Driveway, adjustment to fenceline	Discretionary	Delegation	55 Federation Drive, Sorell
Dwelling and Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	8 Pinto Close, Orielson



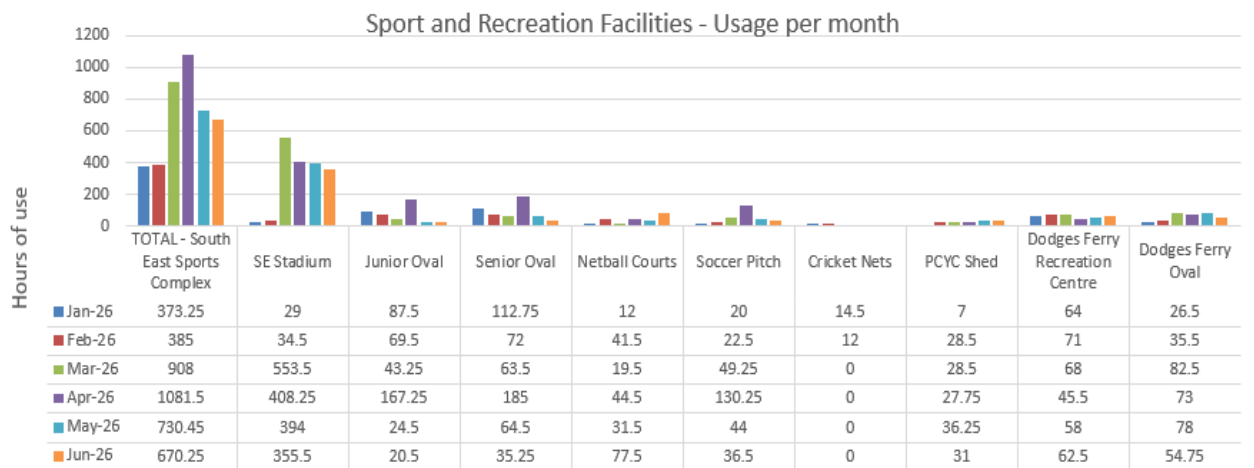
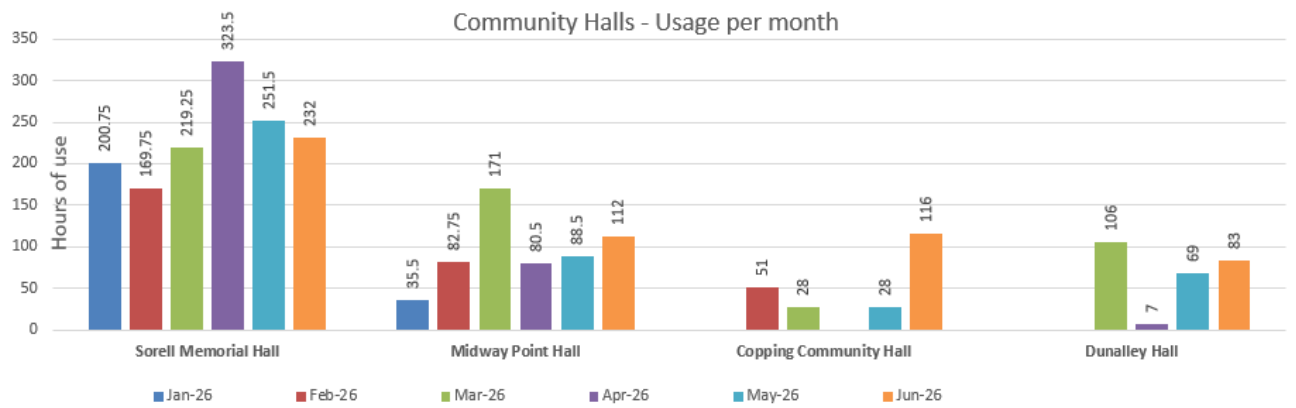
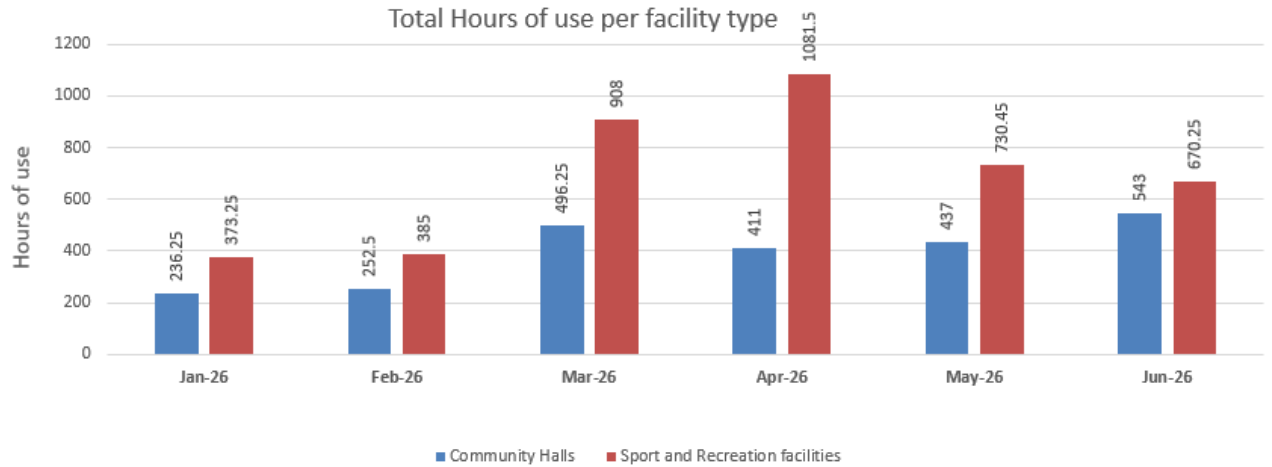
Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	551 Shark Point Road, Penna
Minor Amendment - Changes to FFL and Driveway	Discretionary	Delegation	22 Downward Way, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	58 Erle Street, Carlton River
Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	3 Cherry Court, Forcett
Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	21 Terry Street, Carlton
Dwelling (189368/74)	Discretionary	Delegation	7 Sunningdale Close, Midway Point
Dwelling (CT 189521/25)	Discretionary	Delegation	18 Spoonbill Loop, Sorell
Secondary Residence	Discretionary	Delegation	3 Birkdale Place, Midway Point
Level 2 Activity - Composting Facility (Resource Recovery)	Discretionary	Delegation	Blue Hills Road, Copping
(Retrospective) Change of Use - Outbuilding to Secondary Residence	Discretionary	Delegation	6 Topley Drive, Forcett
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	8 Veronica Street, Primrose Sands
Dwelling CT 189375/2	Discretionary	Delegation	8A Wards Avenue, Lewisham (Lot 2)
Dwelling (CT 189520/140)	Discretionary	Delegation	8 Muirfield Court, Midway Point (CT 189520/140)
Dwelling & Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	3 Ochre Court, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling (CT 300345/17)	Discretionary	Delegation	33 Spoonbill Loop, Sorell
Change of Use - Dwelling to Visitor Accommodation	Permitted	Delegation	59 Spoonbill Loop, Sorell
Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation	Permitted	Delegation	107 Arthur Highway, Dunalley
Dwelling & Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	412 Sugarloaf Road, Carlton River
Retrospective - Addition (Roof Over Deck)	No Permit Required	Delegation	4 Billett Court, Sorell
Outbuilding(Carport)	No Permit Required	Delegation	14 Brookborough Court, Sorell



11.4 FACILITIES AND RECREATION



FACILITY USAGE



12.0 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED



Petition	Tabled at Council Meeting	Status
Withdrawal of the Blue Lagoon Draft Management Plan	18 th July 2023 ordinary Council meeting – S.58(2) LGA 1993.	Council laid the matter on the table for further consultancy on review and options assessment for stormwater management at Blue Lagoon. Variation to the operating budget approved at August 2023 Council meeting to facilitate this - \$50k. Final consultant reports received April 2024. Council staff continue to progress matters with Red Handfish research team (NHRT) in first instance through exchange of consultant reports, development of an interim water level management SOP and ongoing engagement prior to determining further actions. Exchange of all project materials expanded to relevant state and federal agencies. Engagement with NRMEAG has also occurred. Alternative permanent outfall design exiting at Boat Ramp underway. Detailed LIDAR survey and tidal level data indicate drain grade and tidal inundation limitations. Alternate approaches being investigated between Council and consultant. Two options completed. Original concept via Kannah and Boat Park to ramp most feasible / least cost. Revised PM Plan required to finalise planning, required budget and impacts of associated maintenance works of lagoon as per mechanical cumbungi removal. Preferred design concept has been distributed for community engagement, Reserve Management Plan to be updated and endorsed with revised EPBC process to be undertaken concurrently to meet CERMP project funding timing commitment (as applicable).



		Original petition matter from July 2023 to then be finalised to tie in with RMP update and endorsement.
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13.0 PETITIONS RECEIVED



At the time of preparation of this agenda no petitions had been received.

14.0 LAND USE PLANNING



The Mayor advised in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the intention of the Council to act as a planning authority pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* is to be noted.

In accordance with Regulation 29, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under item 14 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

14.1 SORELL PLANNING AUTHORITY MINUTES



RECOMMENDATION

"That the minutes of the Sorell Planning Authority ("SPA") Meetings of 23rd and 30th June and 14th July 2026 be noted."



15.0 GOVERNANCE



15.1 DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LAND – LAND BETWEEN POLLOCK PLACE, SORELL AND THE SORELL RIVULET (CT 136712/100 – PART OF TORQUAY DRIVE)

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council:

1. resolve pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act") that Council intends to dispose, exchange or lease public land, being part of land ("the Land") described in - Certificate of Title Volume 136712 Folio 100 Part of Torquay Drive;
2. authorise the General Manager to take all actions necessary to complete public notification of Council's intent to exchange, sell or lease the Land in accordance with Section 178 of the Act; and
3. authorise the General Manager to consider and acknowledge any objection received pursuant to Section 178(6) of the Act and report to a future Council meeting."

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to consider if to commence proceedings to dispose of public land located between Pollock Place and the Sorell Rivulet.

Background

Refer to report below.

Strategic plan

Key strategic plan matters are:

Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation
Outcome 2: Contemporary governance and compliance matters.

Direction 3 – Strategically manage our assets, facilities, services and structure, with a focus on continual improvement.

Direction 7 – Commitment to transparent and accountable governance and well informed decision making.

Objective 3 – To Ensure a Liveable and Inclusive Community

Outcome 4: Increased connectivity within and between townships.

Direction 4 – Create an integrated network of shared pathways, within and between townships, and to recreational facilities and services.



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Annual plan

Nil.

Policy implications

The following Council Policies are applicable:

- Open Space Strategy 2020 and policy
- Active Transport Strategy 2024

Environmental implications

Nil.

Asset management implications

Nil.

Risk management implications

The Act provides the statutory framework for a Council to consider and dispose of Public Land. Risks associated with this process are considered low and manageable.

An associated and potential risk is with regard to the Council having taken land as public open space at the time of subdivision, not developing it then seeking to dispose of it and how this may be perceived by the subdivider. Additionally, that the value of the land can reasonably be assumed to have increased since the original subdivision.

Community implications

Public consultation is required as part of the process to dispose of public land.

Statutory implications

The disposal of public land is subject to the Local Government Act 1993. The land is public land in this instance as it was taken as public open space.

Options

(1) Endorse the recommendation; (2) Consider and endorse an alternative motion for a different outcome or process than recommended; (3) Refuse the recommendation.



Introduction

Enquiries have been made regarding the potential to dispose of land between Pollock Place, Sorell and the Sorell Rivulet.

These enquiries stem from the recent rezoning of 3 Weston Hill Road, 5 Cole Street and 2 Pawleena Road. That rezoning retained an open space strip along the eastern side of the Sorell Rivulet along with site specific requirements for buildings to be setback from the open space strip. The owner of that land has indicated that the open space strip could be transferred to Council ownership which is desirable given the potential to facilitate a broader path network along the Sorell Rivulet. The enquiries are essentially one of a land swap between this parcel and that open space strip. However, it is not possible to consider the matter in such terms. The disposal of public land must be considered against legislative requirements which provide, amongst a range of methods, for land to be exchanged.

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine to commence a statutory disposal process or not.

The lot has an irregular shape. The report only considers the 'regular' shaped part and a small part of the narrow strip which is adjacent to 2 Pawleena Road. In Figure 2, the part of the lot being considered for disposal is shaded.





Figure 1 – Subject Site



Figure 2 – Area of Possible Disposal



Figure 3 – Recent Rezoning

Background



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Original course of the Sorell Rivulet

The eastern boundary of the lot is described as the original course of the Sorell Rivulet. A number of early land titles for the area show the rivulet with a much straighter alignment than it currently has, although original grant diagrams do not. In Figure 2, there is a narrow lot shown running through 2 Pawleena Road which is also described as the original rivulet alignment. The dam constructed just north of the area would have blocked this apparent straighter alignment and perhaps provided a spillway that diverted high flows towards Pawleena Road. However, it is difficult to see how the rivulet did not always flow through the lowest part of the area as it now does.

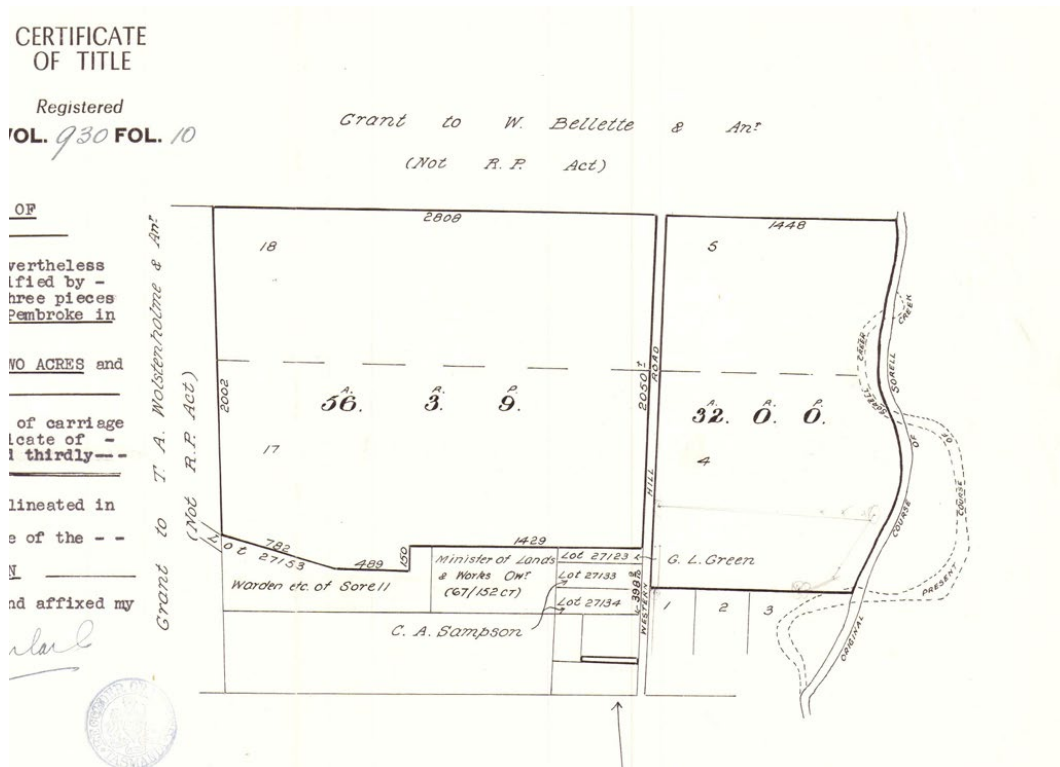


Figure 4 – Early Title Plan

Creation of the subject lot

The site was created as a public open space lot in 2001 as part of a subdivision of Torquay Drive. That subdivision created 9, 11, 17, 21 & 23 Torquay Drive (Figure 5). The assessment of the subdivision did note the provision of public open space but did not offer any explanation as to the suitability of the lot.

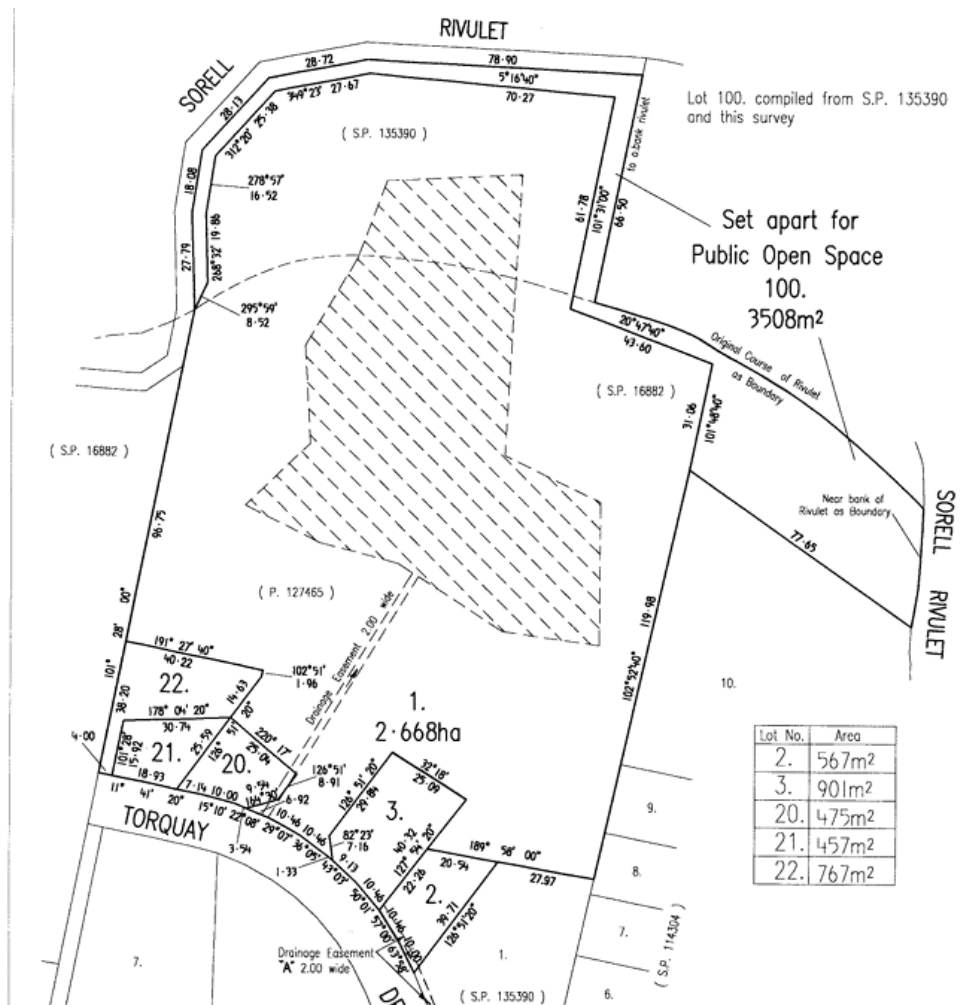


Figure 5. Extract of Title for the Subject Lot

The Characteristics of the part of the Lot being considered for disposal

The site is essentially landlocked. Any disposal would need to be conditional upon the land being adhered to an adjoining title.

It is bordered on the western side by 5 Pollock Place which is currently being developed for five multiple dwellings. 5 Pollock Place has a stormwater main running parallel to the subject area. The western boundary is also to a small area of public open space on the northern side of the Sorell Rivulet. This public open space is landlocked such that there is a need to consider how it would be accessed should the disposal proceed. The northern boundary adjoins Lot 2, Torquay Drive. The eastern boundary is to 2 Pawleena Road, Sorell.

The narrow strip runs parallel to the Sorell Rivulet in the main. The east-west aligned section (refer to Figure 1) contains the remains of the dam wall on top of which are two power poles. There is an intention to remove the dam wall to improve flood flows.

The area is low lying and subject to flooding to a depth of approximately 0.5m to 0.75m for a 1% AEP event. It contains one tree in the south-west corner. The overhead electrical line dissects the north-west part.



Figure 6 – Adjoining land



Figure 7 – Small area of open space

Process

The land is considered to be Public Land as per Section 177A of the Act.

The Act requires the General Manager to notify the public of Council's intention to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of Public Land. In particular to:

- publish that intention on at least two separate occasions in a daily newspaper in the municipal area; and
- display a copy of the notice on any boundary of the public land; and
- notify the public that objection to the proposed lease may be made to the General Manager within 21 days of the date of the first publication.

Sections 177 & 178 of the Act set forth the procedure for the sale or disposal of Public Land, as detailed below:-

177. Sale and disposal of land

- (1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of land owned by it, other than public land, in accordance with this section.
- (2) Before a council sells, leases, donates, exchanges or otherwise disposes of any land, it is to obtain a valuation of the land from the Valuer-General or a person who is qualified to practise as a land valuer under section 4 of the Land Valuers Act 2001 .
- (3) A council may sell –
 - (a) any land by auction or tender; or
 - (b) any specific land by any other method it approves.
- (4) A council may exchange land for other land –
 - (a) if the valuations of each land are comparable in value; or
 - (b) in any other case, as it considers appropriate.
- (5) A contract pursuant to this section for the sale, lease, donation, exchange or other disposal of land which is public land is of no effect.
- (6) A decision by a council under this section must be made by absolute majority.

177A. Public land

- (1) The following land owned by a council is public land:
 - (a) a public pier or public jetty;
 - (b) any land that provides health, recreation, amusement or sporting facilities for public use;
 - (c) any public park or garden;
 - (d) any land acquired under section 176 for the purpose of establishing or extending public land;
 - (e) any land shown on a subdivision plan as public open space that is acquired by a council under the Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993 ;
 - (f) any other land that the council determines is public land;
 - (g) any other prescribed land or class of land.



- (2) The general manager is to –
- (a) keep lists or maps of all public land within the municipal area; and
 - (b) make the lists and maps available for public inspection at any time during normal business hours

178. Sale, exchange and disposal of public land

- (1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land owned by it in accordance with this section.
- (2) Public land that is leased for any period by a council remains public land during that period.
- (3) A resolution of the council to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land is to be passed by an absolute majority.
- (4) If a council intends to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land, the general manager is to–
 - (a) publish that intention on at least 2 separate occasions in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area; and
 - (ab) display a copy of the notice on any boundary of the public land that abuts a highway; and
 - (b) notify the public that objection to the proposed sale, lease, donation, exchange or disposal may be made to the general manager within 21 days of the date of the first publication.
- (5) If the general manager does not receive any objection under subsection (4) and an appeal is not made under section 178A , the council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land in accordance with its intention as published under subsection (4) .
- (6) The council must –
 - (a) consider any objection lodged; and
 - (b) by notice in writing within 7 days after making a decision to take or not to take any action under this section, advise any person who lodged an objection of –
 - (i) that decision; and
 - (ii) the right to appeal against that decision under section 178A .
- (7) The council must not decide to take any action under this section if –
 - (a) any objection lodged under this section is being considered; or
 - (b) an appeal made under section 178A has not yet been determined; or
 - (c) the Appeal Tribunal has made a determination under section 178B(b) or (c) .
- (8)

Conclusion

Consent is sought from Council to authorise the CEO to commence the statutory disposal process through an initial public notice of intent to dispose.

There are a minimum two additional stages in the process requiring Council consent and authority to proceed.

Shane Wells
PLANNING MANAGER



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15.2 ELECTION CARETAKER PERIOD AND CONVENTIONS POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to:

1. adopt the Election Caretaker Period and Conventions Policy;
2. note that the Tasmanian Government has released the Draft Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill, which proposes statutory caretaker provisions for councils; and
3. request the Chief Executive Officer review the Policy following enactment of the Electoral Reforms legislation (if passed) and present any required amendments to Council."

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the *Election Caretaker Period and Conventions Policy*, based on the model policy recommended by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

The policy establishes governance arrangements that apply during the caretaker period immediately preceding a local government general election. It provides clear guidance to Councillors and employees regarding decision-making, use of Council resources, communications and the conduct of Council business during this period.

Background

While the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") establishes the legislative framework for the conduct of local government elections and the functions of Councillors, it does not currently prescribe detailed caretaker conventions. The *Election Caretaker Period and Conventions Policy* recommended by LGAT has been developed to promote good governance and consistency across Tasmanian councils.

The policy reflects established democratic principles that an outgoing council should avoid making significant decisions that would unnecessarily bind an incoming Council unless such decisions are required by law or are necessary for the continuation of ordinary Council business.

The proposed policy:

- establishes clear expectations for Councillors and employees during the caretaker period;
- promotes political neutrality and impartiality;
- protects Council resources from being used for electoral purposes;



- provides certainty regarding the continuation of normal operational activities; and
- supports public confidence in Council's governance arrangements.

The policy applies only during the caretaker period for ordinary local government elections and does not apply to by-elections.

Strategic plan

Adoption of the policy supports the *Sorell Council Strategic Plan 2019–2029*, particularly the strategic direction relating to strong governance, integrity, accountability and transparent decision-making.

The policy reinforces Council's organisational values of Integrity, Respect and Unity, and supports Council's commitment to acting openly, ethically and in the best interests of the community

Annual plan

The proposed policy supports delivery of the *2026–2027 Annual Plan*, particularly contributing to:

- **Objective 2** by maintaining a well-managed and responsible organisation; and
- **Objective 4** through sound governance and continuous improvement of Council's governance framework.

Adoption of contemporary governance policies contributes to Council's objectives of responsible stewardship and organisational effectiveness.

Policy implications

The policy will become part of Council's governance framework and provide a consistent approach to managing Council activities during future local government general election caretaker periods.

No additional procedures or amendments to existing governance policies are required currently.

Environmental implications

There are no environmental implications arising from adoption of this policy.

Asset management implications

There are no asset management implications arising from adoption of this policy.

Risk management implications

Adoption of the policy will reduce governance and reputational risks by:



- providing clear guidance regarding acceptable conduct during the caretaker period;
- reducing the risk of perceived or actual political bias;
- ensuring Council resources are not used to support election campaigns;
- reducing the likelihood of significant decisions being made immediately prior to an election without appropriate justification; and
- strengthening public confidence in Council's governance processes.

Failure to adopt a formal caretaker policy may expose Council to increased governance, reputational and administrative risks during future election periods.

Community implications

The policy promotes transparent, accountable and impartial local government.

It provides the community with confidence that Council decisions during an election period are limited to the ordinary business of Council and that all election candidates are treated fairly and equitably.

The policy also supports community trust in the integrity of Council's democratic processes.

Statutory implications

The proposed policy supports Council's governance obligations under the Act, including the principles of good governance and the statutory roles of Councillors and the General Manager.

The policy is consistent with:

- the functions of Councillors under section 28 of the Act;
- the role of the Mayor under section 27 of the Act;
- the appointment of an Acting General Manager under section 61B where required; and
- the conduct of ordinary Council business throughout the caretaker period.

At present, neither the Act nor associated legislation prescribes detailed caretaker conventions for local government elections.

The Tasmanian Government has released the Draft *Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill*, which proposes statutory caretaker provisions for councils. At the time of preparing this report, the Bill has not been enacted and therefore does not form part of the legislative framework applying to the forthcoming local government election.

The proposed policy has been prepared having regard to the current LGAT model policy and contemporary local government governance practice. Should the Bill be enacted, the policy will be reviewed to ensure it remains consistent with the amended legislative framework.

Report

The policy establishes a clear governance framework for Council activities during the caretaker period immediately preceding a local government general election. It balances the need for Council to continue delivering services and conducting ordinary business while ensuring that significant policy decisions are deferred until the incoming Council is elected wherever practicable.

The policy includes provisions relating to:

- appointment of the General Manager;
- planning instruments;
- by-laws;
- adoption and renewal of Council policies;
- use of Council resources and facilities;
- distribution of electoral material;
- media engagement;
- participation in Council committees and external bodies; and
- expectations for Councillors and employees during the caretaker period.

Importantly, the policy confirms that Council operations will continue throughout the caretaker period. Ordinary Council meetings, delivery of approved projects, procurement activities arising from adopted budgets, delegated operational decisions and normal service delivery will continue in accordance with legislative responsibilities and operational requirements.

Adoption of the policy will provide Councillors, employees and the community with a clear and transparent governance framework for future local government elections while aligning Sorell Council with contemporary governance practice across the Tasmanian local government sector.

Oliver Strickland

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RISK & STRATEGY

Attached separately to the agenda
Election Caretaker Period and Conventions Policy



15.3 EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the *External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy* as attached to this report; and,
2. Repeal any superseded policies or procedures relating to external activities and conflicts of interest upon commencement of the adopted policy."

Introduction

This report seeks Council's endorsement to adopt the updated *External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy* for application to employees, contractors and elected members of Sorell Council, based on the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) model policy.

The proposed policy establishes a clear framework for identifying, declaring and managing actual, perceived and potential conflicts of interest, including those arising from external employment, business activities, personal relationships and other private interests.

Background

In accordance with Council's review obligations, the existing *External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy* has undergone a scheduled review.

Since the original policy was drafted, LGAT has developed a model policy to assist councils to maintain high standards of integrity, accountability and transparency.

While elected members are subject to statutory conflict of interest provisions under the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act"), councils also require internal governance arrangements that address conflicts of interest involving employees and contractors, particularly in relation to procurement, recruitment, secondary employment, external appointments and access to confidential information.

The proposed policy provides a consistent and contemporary framework for managing these matters across the organisation. It aligns with principles of good governance and supports public confidence in Council decision-making.

Strategic plan



Adoption of the policy aligns with the following objectives in *Council's Strategic Plan 2019–2029*:

Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation

- Contemporary governance and compliance practices.
- Commitment to transparent and accountable governance and well-informed decision-making.

Objective 4 – Increased Community Confidence in Council

- Ensure decision-making is consistent, based on relevant and complete information, and in the best interests of sustainability and the whole community.
- Encourage elected members to be well informed and represent whole-of-community interests.

The policy supports Council's commitment to integrity, accountability and ethical governance.

Annual plan

The policy supports delivery of Council's *2026–2027 Annual Plan* through alignment with Council's values of:

- **Integrity** – working in good faith, being honest and forthcoming, and taking accountability for decisions.
- **Respect** – recognising and considering the views and contributions of others.
- **Unity** – supporting consistent organisational practices across Council.
- **Innovation** – continuously improving governance systems and processes.

The policy contributes to supporting:

- **Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a sustainable organisation** through implementing a process to ensure financial sustainability and a well-managed organisation that delivers services responsibly.
- **Objective 4 – Increased community confidence in Council** through implementing a process to increase transparency, and trust through effective governance, and communication.

The policy also contributes to the Annual Plan's overall objective of maintaining sound governance, compliance and organisational effectiveness.

Policy implications

Adoption of the updated policy will:



- Replace or consolidate existing conflict of interest and external activities guidance where applicable.
- Provide a single, organisation-wide framework for employees, contractors and elected members.
- Clarify obligations relating to disclosure, approval and management of conflicts of interest.
- Support consistent decision-making across the organisation.

Environmental implications

There are no direct environmental implications arising from adoption of the policy.

Asset management implications

There are no direct asset management implications arising from adoption of the policy.

The policy may indirectly support improved stewardship of Council assets by reducing the risk of inappropriate use of Council resources for private benefit.

Risk management implications

The policy provides an important governance control to assist Council to manage a range of strategic and operational risks, including:

- Governance and compliance risk.
- Fraud and corruption risk.
- Procurement and contract management risk.
- Reputational risk.
- Conflicts arising from external employment or business activities.
- Misuse of confidential information or Council resources.

Implementation of the policy will strengthen Council's internal control environment and support ethical decision-making across the organisation.

Community implications

Strong conflict of interest management supports community confidence in Council's integrity and decision-making.

The policy demonstrates Council's commitment to transparency, fairness and accountability in the delivery of public services.

Statutory implications

The policy supports Council's obligations under:

- *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*
- *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024*
- *Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas)*
- Relevant privacy, employment and administrative law obligations.

The policy does not create additional statutory obligations but provides a mechanism to support compliance with existing legislative and governance requirements.

Report

The *External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy* has been reviewed, updated using the LGAT model policy, and assessed as suitable for adoption by Council.

The policy provides a comprehensive framework for identifying, declaring and managing actual, perceived and potential conflicts of interest. It recognises that conflicts of interest are not inherently improper; however, they must be disclosed and appropriately managed to ensure decisions are made in the best interests of Council and the community.

Key provisions of the policy include:

- Definitions and examples of actual, perceived and potential conflicts of interest.
- Requirements for declaration and disclosure.
- Processes for assessment and management of conflicts.
- Provisions relating to secondary employment and external activities.
- Responsibilities of employees, contractors, elected members and management.
- Consequences for failing to appropriately disclose or manage conflicts.

The classic principles of conflict of interest are widely understood, however, in regard to antagonistic relationships, the policy incorporates this at Part 5 (d) in describing Private Interests and that these similarly require disclosure and appropriate management to enable a decision to be made in the best interest of Council and the Community.

The policy reflects contemporary local government governance practice and aligns with LGAT guidance.

Oliver Strickland

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RISK & STRATEGY

Attached separately to the agenda

External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy



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15.4 CODE FOR TENDERS AND CONTRACTS

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to:

1. adopt the revised Code for Tenders and Contracts; and
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments that do not materially alter the intent of the Code."

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the revised Code for Tenders and Contracts.

The Code establishes the framework governing Council's procurement of goods and services and ensures procurement activities are undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements and recognised principles of value for money, fairness, transparency and accountability.

The revised Code has been comprehensively reviewed to ensure it remains consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act"), the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025* ("the Regs"), and the current Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Model Code for Tenders and Contracts. The review also provides greater clarity regarding procurement responsibilities, tender evaluation, governance and supporting procedures.

Background

Section 333B of the Act requires councils to maintain and periodically review a Code for Tenders and Contracts.

Council's existing Code was adopted in 2021. Since that time, procurement legislation and contemporary procurement practices have evolved, including the introduction of the Regs.

A review of the existing Code has therefore been undertaken to:

- ensure legislative compliance;
- align Council's procurement framework with the current LGAT Model Code for Tenders and Contracts;
- strengthen governance and probity requirements;
- improve consistency in procurement practices across the organisation; and
- formalise supporting procurement procedures for operational use.



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The revised Code retains the existing procurement principles while providing a more comprehensive and contemporary framework for procurement planning, tendering, contract management and reporting.

Strategic plan

The proposed Code of Tenders and Contracts directly support Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation.

The revised Code contributes to the following desired outcomes:

- Contemporary governance and compliance practices - through the adoption of a procurement framework aligned with current legislative requirements and the LGAT Model Code for Tenders and Contracts.
- Long-term financial sustainability - by promoting value-for-money procurement, effective contract management and sound financial decision-making.
- Delivering the services our community requires - by providing clear, consistent and efficient procurement processes that support the timely acquisition of goods, services and infrastructure.

The Code also directly supports the following strategic directions within Objective 2:

Strategic Direction	Alignment
1. Ensure decisions are financially responsible and sustainable.	The Code establishes procurement principles that require value for money, whole-of-life cost considerations, appropriate procurement planning and effective stewardship of public funds.
3. Strategically manage our assets, facilities, services and structure, with a focus on continuous improvement.	The revised Code modernises Council's procurement framework, formalises procurement procedures and promotes consistent organisational practices and continuous improvement.
7. Commitment to transparent and accountable governance and well-informed decision making.	The Code strengthens governance through clearly defined procurement processes, tender evaluation methodologies, conflict of interest requirements, documentation standards, reporting obligations and accountability measures.
8. Support sustainable environmental performance through responsible corporate behaviour and continuing to meet our statutory obligations.	The Code supports lawful procurement practices, compliance with legislative requirements and consideration of environmental and social value in procurement decisions where appropriate.

11. Explore improved technology to make service improvements and efficiencies.	The Code supports contemporary procurement practices, including electronic procurement processes, improved record keeping and structured procurement procedures that enhance organisational efficiency.
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Annual plan

There is no specific Annual Plan action relating to this report.

Adoption of the revised Code supports Council's ongoing governance and continuous improvement responsibilities.

Policy implications

The revised Code complements Council's existing governance framework and should be read in conjunction with:

- *Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy;*
- *Gifts and Benefits Policy;*
- *Risk Management Policy;*
- *Public Interest Disclosure Policy;*
- Delegations Register; and
- associated procurement procedures.

The revised Code strengthens the relationship between these governance documents by embedding requirements relating to conflicts of interest, ethical conduct, transparency and accountability throughout the procurement process.

Environmental implications

There are no direct environmental implications arising from adoption of the revised Code.

The revised Code recognises that procurement decisions should consider whole-of-life value, including environmental and sustainability outcomes where appropriate, consistent with Council's strategic objectives.

Asset management implications

There are no direct asset management implications associated with adoption of the Code.

The revised procurement framework supports the effective acquisition of infrastructure, plant, equipment and services by promoting consistent procurement practices and value-for-money outcomes throughout the asset lifecycle.



Risk management implications

The revised Code reduces several strategic and operational risks associated with Council procurement.

Risk	Mitigation provided by the revised Code
Governance	Establishes a consistent procurement framework aligned with legislation and contemporary local government practice.
Financial	Strengthens value-for-money assessment and procurement planning, reducing the risk of poor procurement outcomes.
Probity	Introduces clearer requirements regarding ethical conduct, conflicts of interest, evaluation methodology and transparency.
Legal	Aligns procurement processes with the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and <i>Local Government (General) Regulations 2025</i> .
Operational	Provides detailed procurement procedures and clearer guidance for staff, improving consistency and reducing delays or uncertainty during procurement activities.

Community implications

The revised Code promotes community confidence in Council procurement by ensuring procurement decisions are undertaken in a fair, transparent and accountable manner.

The Code supports:

- open and competitive procurement;
- responsible expenditure of public funds;
- value for money;
- opportunities for local businesses to participate in procurement processes where appropriate;
- ethical procurement practices; and
- increased public confidence in Council decision-making.

Statutory implications

Section 333B of the Act requires Council to maintain a Code of Tenders and Contracts and review it at least every four years.

The revised Code has been prepared to comply with:

- *Local Government Act 1993 (Tasmania)*;
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2025*; and
- contemporary procurement requirements reflected in the LGAT Model Code for Tenders and Contracts.

Public consultation is not required as the Code establishes Council's internal procurement framework.



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Following adoption, the Code will be published on Council's website in accordance with legislative requirements.

Report

The revised Code represents a significant update to Council's procurement framework and reflects both legislative change and contemporary procurement practice.

While the existing procurement principles have been retained, the document has been substantially restructured to improve usability, governance and operational consistency.

Key improvements include:

- alignment with the Regs and the current LGAT Model Code for Tenders and Contracts;
- clearer procurement principles reinforcing value for money, transparency, ethical conduct and fair competition;
- expanded guidance on procurement methods, including public tenders, multi-stage tenders, standing contracts, multiple use registers and request for quotation processes;
- clarification of procurement thresholds and approval requirements;
- improved governance surrounding exemptions from public tender requirements;
- formalisation of procurement procedures supporting the Code, including:
 - tender evaluation;
 - exemption approvals;
 - contract extensions;
 - strategic procurement arrangements;
 - procurement undertaken by third parties;
 - work health and safety requirements;
 - breach management; and
 - procurement record keeping;
- strengthened tender evaluation requirements, including evaluation planning, conflict of interest declarations, weighted assessment criteria, moderation processes, due diligence and debriefing of unsuccessful tenderers;
- improved documentation, reporting and accountability requirements; and
- enhanced guidance regarding procurement through LGAT Procurement and other approved strategic alliance purchasing arrangements.

Recommendations are made accordingly.



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DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RISK & STRATEGY

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Code for Tenders and Contracts



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15.5 GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve to endorse and adopt the revised Governance Framework."

Introduction

There are a variety of materials provided by the LGAT, DPAC – Office of Local Government and Council for elected members that describe, advise and instruct on the roles, functions and responsibilities of being a Councillor.

It was identified by Councillors following the 2022 LG election that the development of a summary governance framework that was also linked to the strategic and operational approach of Sorell Council, would be beneficial for both new and returning elected members. Such a document was adopted by Council at their ordinary meeting of 19th November 2024.

The attached Governance Framework has accordingly been reviewed to ensure accuracy and relevance prior to the October 2026 elections.

Background

The role of local government continues to evolve and expand with community expectations and the influence of State and Federal governments transferring functions.

With this, the legislative, performance and reporting requirements of local government has increased in quantum and complexity. This has flowed both directly and indirectly to the role of, and expectation on, elected members.

The framework was developed then revised with Sorell's elected members as an aid in negotiating, understanding and implementing regulatory and performance environment.

Strategic plan

The revised framework accords with the Strategic Plan as per:

Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation.

- Contemporary governance and compliance practices.
 - Strategically manage our assets, facilities, services and structure, with a focus on continuous improvement.
 - Commitment to transparent and accountable governance and well informed decision making.



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Objective 4 – Increased Community Confidence in Council.

- Consistent and contemporary Council leadership.
 - Encourage elected members to be well informed and engaged, and to represent whole of community interests.

Annual plan

Reviewing the framework was a requirement of the prior 25/26 FY Annual Plan (per 2.4).

Policy implications

The framework will continue to have the effect of complementing the Council policy suite as a publicly available document and subject to a maximum review timeframe of 4 years to coincide with the LG election cycle. This does not preclude interim changes being made on an as needs basis if of significance.

Environmental implications

NIL

Asset management implications

NIL

Risk management implications

The framework will assist Council by supporting elected members to fulfil their roles and responsibilities through increased clarity and relativity to the organisation.

Community implications

Refer above and by extension, continuing with an updated framework will provide a clear outline for our community to understand how Council are structured and approach the strategic and operational environment with regard to the role and function of elected members.

Statutory implications

NIL

Report

A range of existing local government sector governance frameworks and councillor behaviour / interaction guidance documents were referenced



in the review of the framework which was progressed through the July councillor workshop.

Robert Higgins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attached separately to the agenda
Sorell Council Governance Framework



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15.6 SOUTH EAST SPORTS COMPLEX MASTER PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council adopts the South East Sports Complex Master Plan."

Introduction

This report presents the *South East Sports Complex Master Plan* for Council's consideration and adoption.

The Plan establishes a long-term strategic framework to guide staged development of the South East Sports Complex and respond to current and future sport, recreation and community needs across the municipality and broader south-east region. Its adoption will confirm Council's strategic direction for the precinct and support future planning, funding applications and investment decisions.

Background

The South East Sports Complex is the municipality's premier sport and recreation precinct, serving residents of Sorell and the broader south-east region. It accommodates organised sport, informal recreation and community activities, and is experiencing increased demand as the municipality continues to grow.

Council engaged Inspiring Place Pty Ltd to prepare an updated Plan and establish a contemporary long-term vision for the precinct. The Plan has been informed by site analysis, review of relevant strategic documents, participation analysis, consultation with sporting organisations, state sporting bodies, stakeholders and the community, and assessment of future infrastructure requirements.

The Plan was prepared concurrently with the *Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy*, a collaborative initiative of the Greater Hobart Councils Partnership (Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough, together with Brighton and Sorell Councils), supported by Active Tasmania and state sporting organisations. Prepared by ROSS Planning, the Strategy provides a 20-year regional framework for sport infrastructure planning across Greater Hobart.

The regional strategy is the first coordinated assessment of sporting infrastructure across Greater Hobart. It establishes a shared evidence base through facility audits, demographic analysis, participation trends, stakeholder engagement and assessment of future demand. It also recognises that population growth, changing participation patterns, ageing facilities and capacity constraints require regional collaboration,



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improved use of existing assets, targeted investment and coordinated advocacy.

While the *Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy* is still progressing through consultation and endorsement by participating councils, it provides important regional context for the *South East Sports Complex Master Plan*. Together, the two projects reinforce the Complex's role as a significant regional sporting precinct and ensure future planning is considered within the broader Greater Hobart sporting network.

The Plan provides a staged framework for the precinct's development over approximately 20 years and is intended to guide Council's future planning, funding advocacy and investment decisions. Adoption does not commit Council to individual projects or future expenditure, with each project to be considered through future business cases, grant opportunities and Council budget processes.

Strategic plan

The Plan directly supports the delivery of the *Sorell Council Strategic Plan 2019–2029*, particularly:

Objective 1 – To Facilitate Regional Growth

The Plan supports Council's objective of ensuring community infrastructure keeps pace with forecast population growth. It establishes a long-term framework for the staged expansion of a regionally significant sporting precinct, recognises Sorell's role as a regional centre and provides clear direction to accommodate increasing demand for sport and recreation infrastructure.

Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation

The Plan provides an evidence-based framework for the long-term planning, renewal and development of Council-owned sporting assets. By identifying staged priorities over a 20-year horizon, it supports responsible asset management, future capital planning and opportunities to secure external funding before Council commits resources.

Objective 3 – To Ensure a Liveable and Inclusive Community

The Plan has particularly strong alignment with Objective 3 by supporting:

- increased recreational opportunities and participation;
- improved community health and wellbeing through access to quality sporting and recreation facilities;
- inclusive, accessible and multi-use community infrastructure; and



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- the continued development of the South East Sports Complex as a regional sporting destination.

Importantly, the Plan directly supports delivery of Action 3.6 – "Secure funding to develop Pembroke Park as a regional recreational facility."

Adoption of the Plan establishes the contemporary strategic framework required to support future advocacy, business cases and grant applications for the staged redevelopment of the precinct.

Objective 4 – Increased Community Confidence in Council

The Plan demonstrates Council's commitment to long-term strategic planning, evidence-based decision making and meaningful community engagement. It provides transparency regarding Council's long-term vision for the precinct and supports informed investment decisions in partnership with government and sporting organisations.

Annual plan

The proposal supports actions within the Annual Plan relating to:

- 3.1 Delivery of community development initiatives
- 4.1 Ensuring newly elected members are well informed on Council strategy and plans
- 4.3 Diverse opportunities for the community to engage with Council and provide feedback that informs decision-making.

Policy implications

The Plan is consistent with Council's existing strategic planning framework and complements the:

- *Sorell Strategic Plan;*
- *Sorell Social Strategy;*
- *Sorell Open Space Strategy;*
- *Active Transport Strategy;* and
- Asset Management Planning Framework.

Adoption of the Plan establishes strategic direction only and does not amend existing Council policy.



Environmental implications

The Plan identifies opportunities to improve environmental outcomes across the precinct, including increased tree planting, enhanced landscaping, improved shade, biodiversity initiatives and more sustainable site planning.

Future capital projects arising from the Plan will be subject to detailed environmental assessment, planning approvals and design processes where required.

Asset management implications

The Plan provides a long-term framework for the development and renewal of Council-owned sporting infrastructure.

Projects identified in the Plan may result in additional Council assets and associated operational and lifecycle costs. These implications will be assessed through future business cases, project planning and Long-Term Financial Plan considerations before individual projects proceed.

Adoption of the Plan itself does not create any immediate asset management commitments.

Risk management implications

Adoption of the Plan will assist Council to proactively manage strategic risks associated with population growth, increasing participation in organised sport, ageing infrastructure and future service demand.

The staged approach will enable Council to respond to funding opportunities while managing financial risk through future business cases and budget processes.

Risks associated with individual projects, including affordability, grant dependency, construction cost escalation and operational impacts, will be considered as each project is developed.

Community implications

The Plan has been informed by engagement with sporting organisations, governing bodies, community stakeholders and residents.

Implementation will improve the capacity, accessibility and functionality of the South East Sports Complex and support:

- increased participation in sport and recreation;
- healthier and more active communities;
- improved facilities for women and girls;



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- accessible and inclusive community infrastructure;
- opportunities for youth participation;
- regional sporting events;
- economic activity associated with visitation; and
- enhanced community wellbeing.

The Plan will also strengthen the Complex as a regional sporting destination capable of accommodating future growth across the municipality and neighbouring local government areas.

Statutory implications

Council may adopt strategic plans for the management and future development of Council-owned assets under the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tasmania)*.

Adoption of the Plan does not authorise construction works or development.

Individual projects identified within the Plan will be subject to future Council approval processes and, where applicable, statutory planning approvals, environmental approvals, procurement requirements and budget allocations.

Report

The Plan provides Council with a contemporary strategic framework for the long-term development of one of the municipality's most significant community assets.

The Plan responds to continued population growth, changing participation trends and demand for contemporary, inclusive and regionally significant sporting infrastructure. It identifies a staged program of improvements over approximately 20 years to enhance sporting facilities, community infrastructure, accessibility, landscape amenity and overall precinct functionality.

Key initiatives include:

- expansion of indoor stadium facilities;
- upgraded soccer, AFL, cricket and netball infrastructure;
- improved BMX, skate and youth recreation facilities;
- enhanced amenities and accessible change facilities;
- improved pedestrian connections and wayfinding;
- expanded landscaping and public open space;
- improved parking, circulation and servicing; and
- increased opportunities for informal recreation and community use.



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The Plan has been developed within the broader context of regional sport infrastructure planning across Greater Hobart. The concurrent preparation of the Greater Hobart Sport Infrastructure Strategy provides confidence that future investment in the South East Sports Complex aligns with emerging regional priorities, promotes collaboration across council boundaries and supports coordinated advocacy for external funding.

Adoption will position Council to respond to future funding opportunities and provide certainty to sporting organisations, funding agencies and the community regarding Council's long-term vision for the precinct.

It is therefore recommended that Council adopt the *South East Sports Complex Master Plan*.

Oliver Strickland

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RISK & STRATEGY

Attached separately to the agenda
South East Sports Complex Master Plan



15.7 LGAT GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 2026 BY-ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve:

- (i) to determine voting for the LGAT General Management Committee member (Southern District – more than 20,000) by numbering at least one box of the two candidates;
- (ii) to authorise the Mayor to execute and submit the ballot paper to the Returning Officer by 11 August 2026."

Introduction

Due to Mayor Paula Wriedt's recent resignation, a vacancy now exists for the position of General Management Committee Member (Southern District have a population of more than 20 000) of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

The Tasmania Electoral Commission has been asked to conduct a by-election for this vacancy.

Council is required to vote with the postal ballot closing at 10.00 am Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

The Tasmanian Electoral Office has advised that at the close of nominations for the 2025 LGAT elections the following nominations had been received:

SOUTHERN ELECTORAL DISTRICT (POPULATION OF 20,000 OR MORE)

CHONG, Heather

MARKS, Tim

Ballot papers were received on 9th July 2026.

Strategic Plan

Not applicable.

Annual Plan

Not applicable.

Policy

There is no Council policy relevant to this issue.



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Asset Management Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications

Not applicable.

Community Implications

Not applicable.

Report

Councils have the opportunity to vote by numbering at least one (1) box on each ballot paper or alternatively, all boxes.

The candidates have forwarded their curriculum vitae to councillors as appropriate.

Due to receipt of the ballot after the July workshop, Councillors have not had the opportunity to discuss this matter.

ROBERT HIGGINS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

11th June 2025

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15.8

WEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2026 – 2041 FOR SORELL MUNICIPALITY**RECOMMENDATION**

"That Council resolve to:

- a) Endorse Weed Management Strategy, at Attachment 1, and:
- b) Allocate appropriate resources to implement the strategy."

Introduction

Weeds are one of the biggest threats to Sorell's natural areas, farmland and waterways. They spread quickly, are hard to control once established, and cost more to deal with over time.

This Strategy sets out a clear plan for how Council will manage weeds across the municipality over the next 15 years.

It focuses on:

- Stopping new weeds from arriving
- Controlling priority weeds early
- Managing widespread weeds in a practical way
- Supporting landholders and community to take action

This work links directly to Council's broader natural resource management work, including waterways, coastal areas, biodiversity and climate adaptation.

Strategic Plan

Council's Strategic Plan 2019-2029

Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation, Items:

1. Sound Natural Resource Management.
2. A capable and committed workforce
3. Effective Stakeholder relationships.
4. Delivering the services our community requires.

Objective 3 - To Ensure a Liveable and Inclusive Community, items:

1. Increased recreational opportunities and participations levels.
2. Sustainable access to our natural environment.

Objective 4 - Increased Community Confidence in Council, items:

1. A well-informed community that is engaged with Council.
2. Increased resident satisfaction.

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Annual Plan

- 2.5 Implement the NRM Strategy through achievable environmental actions, including:
- Preparing priority weed actions and an eradication plan, supporting landholders in their implementation.
 - Continuing to invest in nature reserves and Landcare partnerships

This strategy connects with various council programs, such as:

- Reserve Management Plans
- Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program
- Rivers to Ramsar program
- Backyard Biodiversity Program

Policy

The following Council Policies are applicable:

- Environmental Sustainability Policy 2015
- Councils Asset Management Policy August 2018.
- Council Tree Management Policy 2016
- Council Work Health and Safety (WHS) Management Plan 2017.
- Council Public Open Space Policy 2019
- Council Public Places Policy 2019.
- Council Fire Hazard Abatement Policy 2014.
- Council Mowing Slashing of grassed areas under council management policy 2021.
- Council Roadside No Spray Policy 2021
- Council Natural Resource Management Strategy 2025

Asset Management Implications

A strategic program will reduce weed-related deterioration of Council reserves, roadsides, drainage assets, waterways and public open space. Mapping priority infestations, protecting high-value assets, applying hygiene procedures and coordinating follow-up control will help reduce reinfestation and avoid higher long-term maintenance costs.

Risk Management Implications

Endorsing the Strategy will provide a risk-based framework for prevention, early detection, eradication, containment and asset protection. Key risks include new weed incursions, spread through roadside and construction activities, inadequate follow-up treatment, climate-driven changes in weed distribution, herbicide and work health and safety obligations, and insufficient capacity to meet Council's statutory and inspectorial responsibilities.



The Strategy responds through priority weed action plans, weed and disease hygiene procedures, roadside operating protocols, staff and volunteer training, improved development controls, monitoring of high-risk sites, an alert and rapid-response process, and five-yearly review.

Strategic weed management will achieve:

- Improved weed management.
- Early detection and management of the weeds.
- Improved catchment management.
- Improved fire hazard management.
- Improved biodiversity.
- Improved stakeholder engagement.
- Improved roadside weed management

Community Implications

The Strategy promotes shared responsibility and provides a clearer basis for Council to support landholders, Landcare and Coastcare groups, volunteers and other land managers. Improved communication, training, coordinated projects and transparent reporting are expected to strengthen community confidence and deliver more consistent weed management across property boundaries.

Report

Council directly manages only a small proportion of land in the municipality, while more than 84% is privately owned. Effective weed management therefore depends on coordinated action across land tenures. Council already undertakes weed control in reserves, parks, sporting grounds and roadsides and supports active community groups, but a municipal framework is required to direct limited resources to the highest priorities and improve consistency across Council operations.

The final Strategy records more than 370 naturalised introduced plant species in the municipality. Of these, 36 are declared under the Biosecurity Regulations 2022 and 11 are also Weeds of National Significance. It also establishes a Sorell Local List of 50 non-declared environmental weeds of local significance, with sea spurge identified as eradicable.

Scope and Management Approach

The Strategy's central aim is to reduce the economic, environmental, human health and amenity impacts of weeds through a coordinated action plan involving Council and relevant community, industry and government stakeholders. It recognises that eradication of every weed is neither practical nor affordable and therefore applies a risk-based approach.



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Weeds are grouped into four management priorities, supported by an Alert List for high-risk species not currently known to be naturalised in Sorell:

- Priority 1 – restricted infestations requiring rapid eradication.
- Priority 2 – limited distributions to be eradicated where feasible or otherwise quarantined.
- Priority 3 – widespread infestations where isolated occurrences are targeted for eradication and broader infestations are contained to prevent spread.
- Priority 4 – widespread weeds controlled or contained where they threaten important environmental, agricultural, cultural or community assets.

Any Alert List species detected in the municipality would be treated as Priority 1. This approach directs effort toward prevention and early intervention while providing practical containment and asset-protection responses for established weeds.

Strategic Objectives

The Strategy contains a 15-year Action Plan structured around six objectives:

- Strategic planning – maintain annual investment, review weed priorities, prepare Priority Weed Action Plans, eradicate localised weeds and protect high-value assets.
- Stakeholder engagement and partnerships – establish a Sorell Weed Action Group, foster cross-tenure projects and seek external funding.
- Community education and awareness – prepare a Weed Communications Strategy and provide current, seasonal and practical information through workshops, Council's website and social media.
- Best-practice integrated weed management – strengthen training, herbicide review, hygiene, roadside procedures, equipment, biological control and integrated control techniques.
- Risk management – improve detection and reporting, establish an alert and rapid-response process, strengthen weed and hygiene requirements for development, monitor high-risk sites, support authorised officers and consider climate change impacts.
- Monitoring and review – develop performance indicators, coordinate weed management data, report activity and review the Strategy and Action Plan every five years.

Community Engagement

Community feedback informed the consultation draft and final Strategy. Council held five drop-in sessions attended by 59 people: Midway Point (1), Nugent (15), Copping (6), Dodges Ferry (12) and Primrose Sands (25). Three



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people also provided feedback by email and six responded through the online questions-and-answers form.

The consultation highlighted community concern about weed spread, roadside spraying and slashing, support for private landholders, coordination across land tenures, volunteer capacity, protection of conservation and agricultural values, and the need for sustained Council leadership. Feedback was incorporated into the final Strategy.

Implementation and Priorities

Implementation will be staged to match risk, feasibility and available resources. Priority Weed Action Plans are to be developed for Priority 1 weeds in the first year. Priority 2 weeds will be prioritised and planned within the first five years; Priority 3 weeds will be assessed and prioritised in that period; and high-value assets threatened by Priority 4 weeds will be identified and prioritised for protection.

Early implementation priorities include:

- a) confirming annual budget and coordination arrangements
- b) reviewing and maintaining the municipal weed priority lists and spatial records
- c) preparing species-specific action plans and pursuing external funding
- d) developing roadside, equipment and disease hygiene procedures
- e) strengthening community communications, training and partnerships
- f) improving development-related weed and hygiene controls and compliance
- g) establishing consistent monitoring, data collection and annual reporting.

Monitoring and Review

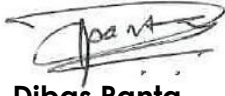
Progress will be measured against the performance indicators and timing in the 15-year Action Plan. Relevant Council officers will report priority activities through established Council reporting processes. A formal report will be provided to Council after five years, summarising implementation, achievements and performance against the strategic objectives. The Strategy and Action Plan will then be updated where priorities, weed distributions, knowledge, legislation or available resources have changed.

Conclusion

The final Strategy provides Council with a practical, evidence-based framework for addressing statutory weeds, emerging threats and locally significant environmental weeds. Endorsement will establish clear municipal priorities and provide a basis for coordinated investment, partnerships and transparent performance reporting over the next 15 years.



In considering the report, the Strategy is recommended for approval with appropriate allocation of resources for its implementation.



Dibas Panta

NRM Facilitator

Date: 15 July 26

Attached separately to the agenda
Weed Management Strategy 2026 - 2041

16.0 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

Nil reports

17.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Nil reports



18.0 FINANCE



18.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2026 YTD

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Executive Summary – FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE be received and noted by Council."

FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

- Due to the end of financial year process commencing and the number of transactions that are currently being finalised, detailed operational and capital finance reports are unavailable.
- Full financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2026 will be presented to Council as part of the 2025/2026 Annual Report. At this stage we are expecting to exceed budget.
- Normal reporting will resume in August.

CASH & INVESTMENTS

The Council maintains deposits with four major banks (Commonwealth (CBA), Westpac, Bendigo Bank and MyState).

Council's cash position decreased by \$457k during the month of June, predominantly due to capital expenditure. In comparison with the 2024/2025 financial year, the current cash balance of \$24.432m is \$3.615m greater than the balance at the same time last year. Sorell Council continues to hold \$655k in grant income received in advance as reported in the Balance Sheet, this is \$496k less than the balance at the same time last year. Overall, the current cash balance movement is a result of less year-to-date capital expenditure than expected.

CASH RESERVES

As at 30 June 2026, cash reserves being held by Council are as follows;

Land Sales	\$1,114,727
Public Open Space Contributions	\$2,233,595
Car Parking Cash in Lieu	\$ 89,504
Subdivision Traffic Management Contributions	\$ 150,790
Stormwater	\$ 31,334



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Interest	\$ 462,672
	\$4,082,622

RATES OUTSTANDING

Attached is a graph showing unpaid rates by month, for both the current and previous four years. The graph declines each month as rates are progressively paid throughout the financial year. The second graph reflects the percentage of rates debt outstanding at the end of each month, with four comparative financial years' data as well.

At the end of June, 98.7% of rates had been paid, compared to 99.4% at the same time last year. Rate collections are behind on the previous year, with rates staff maintaining their standard rates debtor follow-up and collection processes throughout the month.

Supplementary valuations were received from the Office of the Valuer-General, year to date totalling \$62.7k in general rates, \$28.6k in waste charges and \$2.6k in fire levy income.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

During the month of June, the following key financial management tasks were completed:

- Finance staff completed all end-of-month (EOM) procedures for May, including the completion of EOM processing and balance sheet reconciliations and the submission of Council's monthly Business Activity Statement (BAS) to the Australian Tax Office (ATO).
- Finance staff concluded work on the 2026/2027 operating and capital budgets.
- Finance staff worked alongside the General Manager to finalise the Long Term Financial Plan and Financial Management Strategy.
- In preparation for the 2026/2027 financial year, the following tasks were completed:
 - The 2026/2027 operating budget was uploaded to the D365BC Finance system and all corresponding reports were updated.
 - The 2025/2026 capital budget was rolled over and updated.
 - The 2026/2027 fees and charges schedule was updated in CouncilWise and Skedda.
 - The approved 2026/2027 operating budget, capital budget and fees & charges schedule were circulated to all staff.



- A new variance reporting schedule was developed for the 2026/2027 financial year. This schedule was circulated to all Departmental managers, including when variance reporting on actual to budget income and expenditure is expected to be completed.
- Work continued on preparation for 30 June 2026 end of financial year, including preparing the 2025/2026 local government model financial statements.
- Work continued on preparing capital jobs for capitalisation at 30 June 2026.
- Finance staff completed South East Regional Development Association (SERDA) ad-hoc and monthly financial tasks.
- Finance staff completed the following grant related reports:
 - Nil

AUDIT

- The Tasmanian Audit Office (TAO) issued the Annual Audit Outcomes Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2026. The report included no new recommendations, two (2) resolved previously reported findings and one (1) unresolved previously reported finding. The unresolved finding is moderate risk. Management are working on resolving the outstanding issue in the first quarter of the 2026/2027 financial year.
- Acting Manager Finance attended the Audit Panel meeting on 19 June 2026. Post meeting actions were completed.

GRANTS & FUNDING

During the month of June, the following grants were received:

- An advance payment (80%) of the Financial Assistance Grant of \$2.475m was received from the Federal Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, for the 2026/2027 year.

During the month of June, the following grants were invoiced:

- Isolated Communities Resilience Grant from the Department of Premier and Cabinet an amount of \$2k.

INSURANCE

- All 2026/2027 financial year insurance policies were finalised and in place at 30 June 2026.



FLEET MANAGEMENT

- A capital budget allocation was made for fleet replacements during the 2025/2026 financial year. The remaining Volkswagen Transporter is expected to arrive in July.
- Disposals are complete for all four vehicles scheduled for disposal. With the exception of one ute that was retained for use whilst a truck procurement is being finalised and the ute to be replaced by the Volkswagen Transporter.

MEETINGS

- JLT Insurance Renewal Webinar – 4 June
- JMAPP Insurance Renewal Webinar – 17 June
- Audit Panel Meeting – 19 June

ATTACHMENTS

- a) Investments and Borrowings as at 30 June 2026 (Pages 4)
- b) Rates Outstanding as at 30 June 2026 (Pages 2)
- c) Grants Operating and Capital Variance Analysis as at 30 June 2026 (Pages 2)

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ACTING MANAGER FINANCE

SALLY FANG

ACCOUNTANT

BILL BLAKE

ACCOUNTANT

Date: 14 July 2026

Attachments (8 pages)



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Sorell Council - Investments as at 30/06/26						
Financial Institution	Product	Deposit Date	Maturity Date	Value	Interest rate	Credit Rating S&P Short Term
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	6/06/2026	6/06/2027	\$ 1,036,850	5.25%	A2
MyState Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	8/08/2025	7/08/2026	\$ 1,727,595	4.10%	F2
MyState Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	25/06/2026	25/06/2027	\$ 1,042,267	5.30%	F2
MyState Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	22/08/2025	21/08/2026	\$ 1,656,458	4.10%	F2
MyState Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	16/07/2025	16/07/2026	\$ 1,011,712	4.21%	F2
Westpac Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	2/02/2026	2/02/2027	\$ 1,000,000	4.74%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	18/02/2026	2/02/2027	\$ 2,000,000	4.74%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	28/08/2025	28/08/2026	\$ 2,000,000	4.15%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	9 Month Term Deposit	27/02/2026	23/11/2026	\$ 1,000,000	4.81%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	8 Month Term Deposit	23/02/2026	23/10/2026	\$ 1,500,000	4.79%	A1+
CBA Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	28/07/2025	28/07/2026	\$ 3,000,000	4.09%	A1+
CBA Term Deposit	11 Month Term Deposit	25/06/2026	21/05/2027	\$ 1,000,000	5.28%	A1+
CBA Special Purpose Account	At Call			\$ 4,067,622	4.35%	A1+
CBA Bonds Account	Non-Interest Bearing			\$ 416,610	0.00%	A1+
CBA Operating Account	Current			\$ 1,943,267	4.35%	A1+
Various Petty Cash and Floats	In house			\$ 1,100	N/A	A1+
Various Halls Bank Balances				\$ 28,140	N/A	A1+
Total Investments				\$ 24,431,621		

The above investments have been made in accordance with Sorell Council's Treasury Management Policy.

Short Term Credit Rating Percentage of Total

	Investment		Benchmarks
A1+	\$ 17,956,739	73%	100%
A1	\$ -	0%	50%
A2	\$ 6,474,883	27%	30%
	\$ 24,431,621	100%	

Financial Institution Percentage of Total Investment

			Benchmarks
CBA (A1+)	\$ 10,456,739	43%	50%
Westpac (A1+)	\$ 7,500,000	31%	50%
Bendigo Bank (A2)	\$ 1,036,850	4%	30%
MyState (A2)	\$ 5,438,033	22%	30%
	\$ 24,431,621	100%	

The above investments have been made in accordance with Sorell Council's Treasury Management Policy.

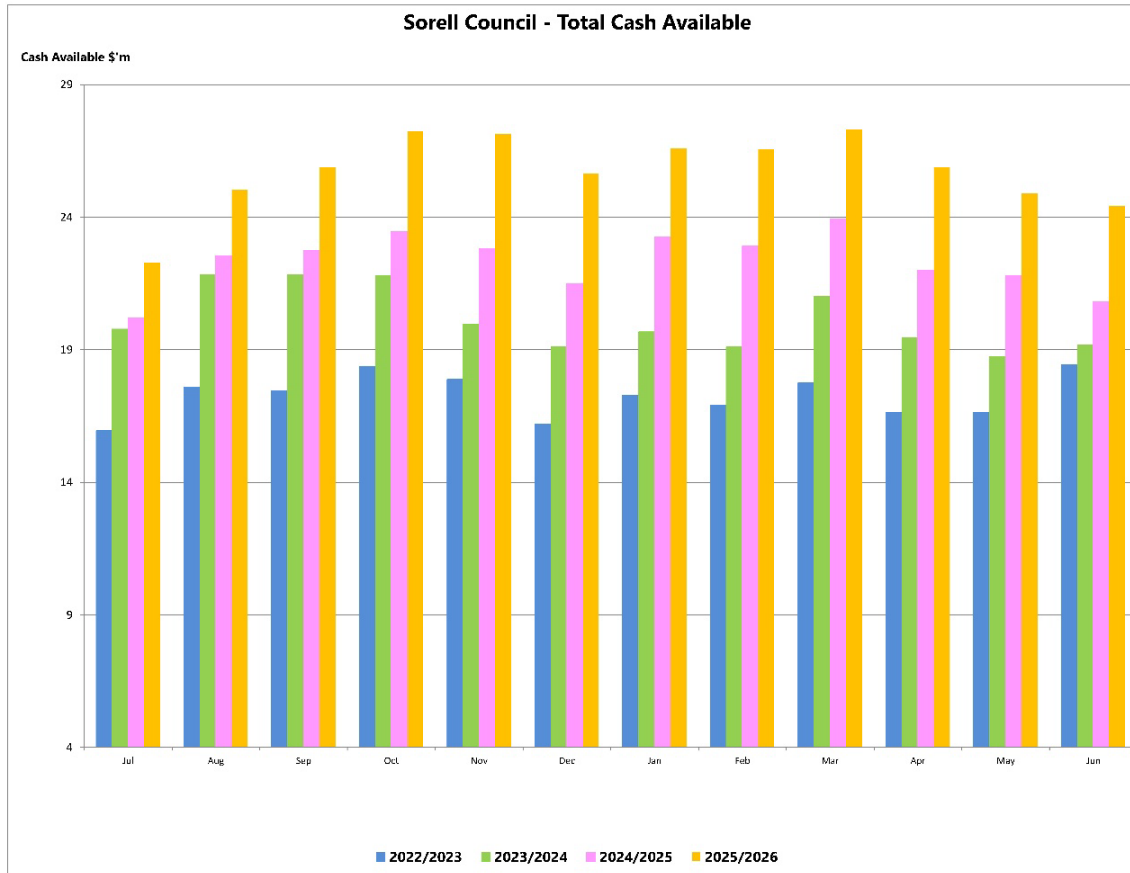


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**SORELL COUNCIL
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE**



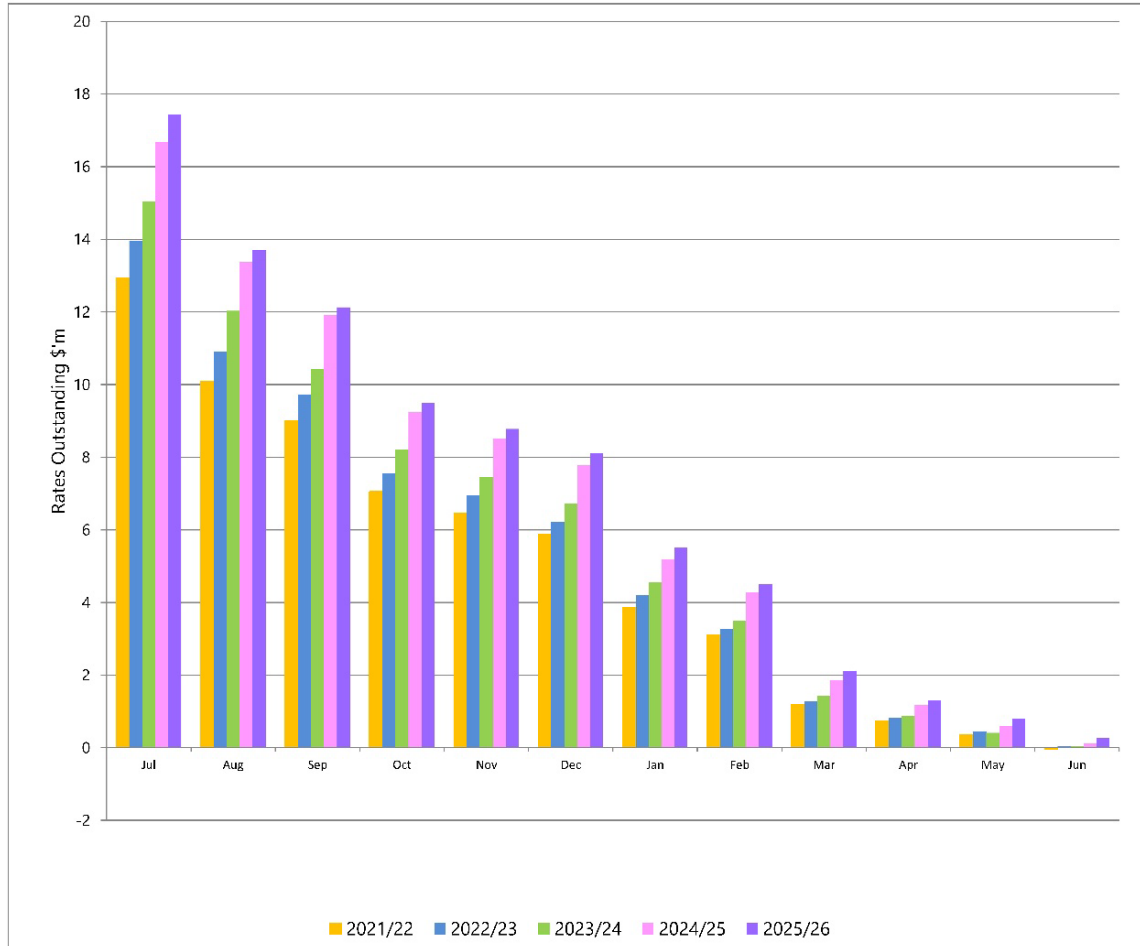
Sorell Council - Borrowings as at 30/06/26							
Financial Institution	Product	Borrowing Date	Maturity Date	Face Value	Interest rate	Principle Repayments YTD	Interest Payments YTD
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	29/06/2021	29/06/2031	\$ 657,920	2.12%	\$ 123,462.30	\$ 8,282.65
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	18/05/2022	18/05/2032	\$ 1,058,291	4.41%	\$ 44,741.89	\$ 24,321.89
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	28/06/2024	28/06/2034	\$ 220,659	5.53%	\$ 21,410.99	\$ 6,693.23
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	7/04/2025	7/04/2035	\$ 322,506	5.19%	\$ 27,494.09	\$ 17,812.83
Total Borrowings				\$ 2,259,376			

The above borrowings have been made in accordance with Sorell Council's Treasury Management Policy.

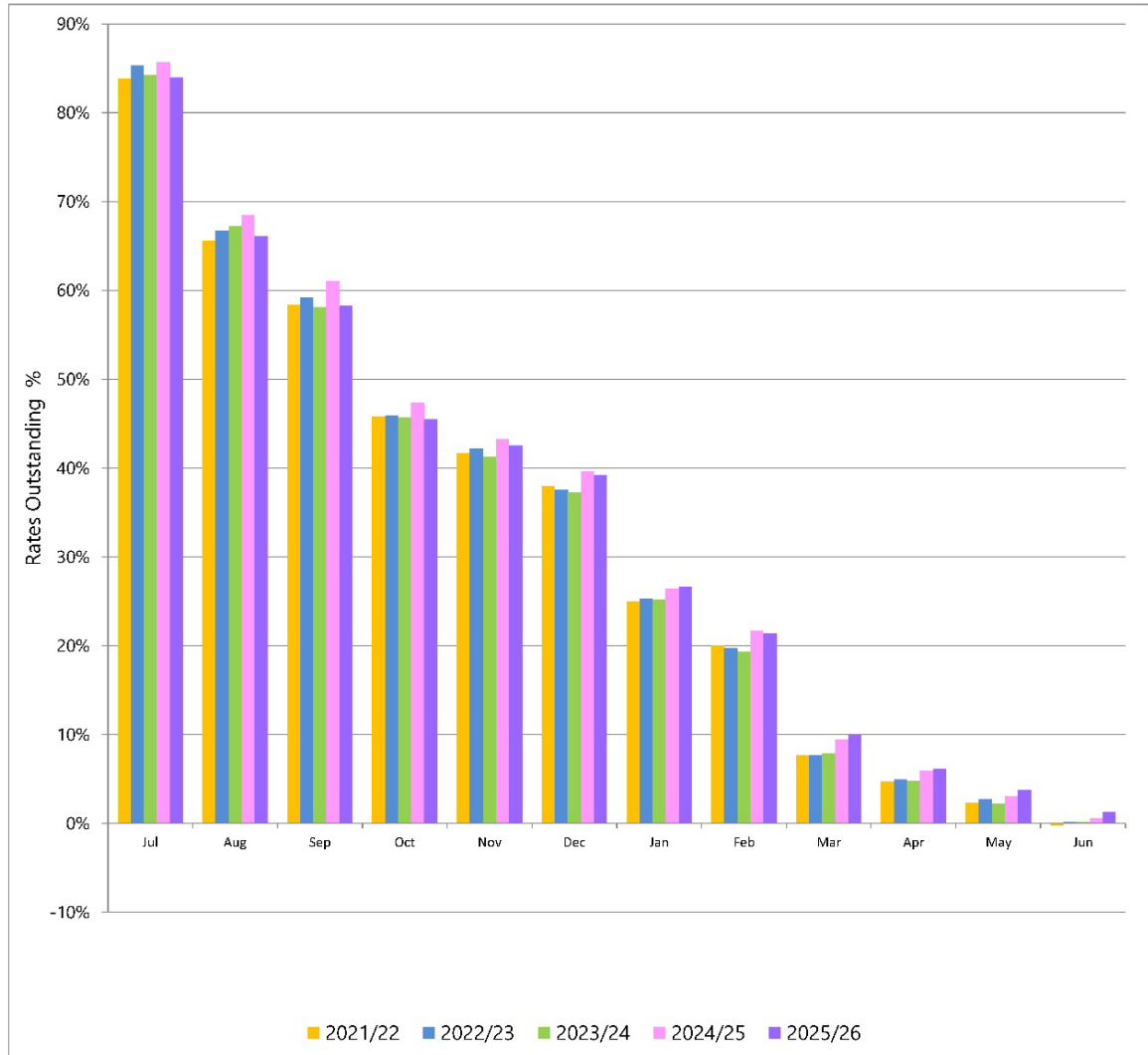


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**SORELL COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING RATES BY MONTH \$'m**



**SORELL COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING RATES BY MONTH %**



GRANT VARIANCE ANALYSIS - 30 June 2026

Grant Details	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comments
GL 1405 Grants Operating - Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant (FAG)				
FAG	\$ 3,968,758	\$ 3,072,832	\$ 895,926	Received larger than expected payment in advance for 2026/2027
GL 1410 Grants Operating - Commonwealth Grants & Subsidies				
Immunisation grant	\$ 12	\$ -	\$ 12	Unbudgeted immunisation payments.
GL 1415 Grants Operating - State Grants & Subsidies				
Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax	\$ 17,887	\$ 14,000	\$ 3,887	Complete.
Immunisations	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,428	\$ 84	Complete.
Isolated Communities Resilience Grants – Additional	\$ 1,870	\$ -	\$ 1,870	Unbudgeted Isolated Communities Resilience Grant
	<u>\$ 21,269</u>	<u>\$ 15,428</u>	<u>\$ 5,841</u>	
GL 1420 Grants Operating - Other Grants & Subsidies				
Youth Week Tasmania 2026	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ 1,750	Unbudgeted Youth Week activities grant 16-23 April 2026.
	<u>\$ 1,750</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,750</u>	
	<u><u>\$ 3,991,789</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,088,260</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 903,529</u></u>	
GL 2105 Grants Capital - Roads to Recovery Funding				
Roads to Recovery Funding	\$ 779,014	\$ 779,014	-\$ 0	Complete.
GL 2110 Grants Capital - Commonwealth Grants				
C-24-B-002 Memorial Hall	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ -	Complete.
C-23-B-002 BEST/SE Jobs Hub & Training Facility	\$ 1,106,499	\$ 1,106,499	-\$ 0	Complete.
C-26-B-006 Smart Solar Upgrade	\$ 8,645	\$ 57,838	-\$ 49,193	Works are being progressed, with the Project now planned for completion in the 2026-2027 financial year.
	<u>\$ 1,425,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,474,337</u>	<u>-\$ 49,193</u>	
GL 2115 Grants Capital - State Grants				
C-24-S-CERMP-A/B/C Southern Beaches, Coastal & Estuarine Risk Mitigation Project	\$ 1,151,480	\$ 1,307,535	-\$ 156,055	Work continues on this project with a planned completion date July 2026.
C-26-B-004 Sorell Men's Shed and Sorell Lion's Club dual purpose facility	\$ 189,642	\$ 550,000	-\$ 360,358	Works are being progressed, with the Project now planned for completion in the 2026-2027 financial year.
C-23-B-002 BEST/SE Jobs Hub & Training Facility	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ -	Complete.
C-25-LI-016 Shelters at the South East Sports Complex	\$ 22,320	\$ 22,320	\$ -	Complete.
C-25-T-016 Dodges Ferry 35 Carlton Beach Rd - bus stop upgrades	\$ 51,475	\$ 51,475	\$ -	Complete.

GRANT VARIANCE ANALYSIS - 30 June 2026

Grant Details	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comments
GL 2115 Grants Capital - State Grants Cont.				
C-25-T-017 Sorell Park & Ride - bus stop upgrades	\$ 25,840	\$ 51,475	-\$ 25,635	Planning works have commenced, with the Project now planned for the 2026-2027 financial year.
C-26-T-019 Park & Ride - bus stop upgrades	\$ 614	\$ -	\$ 614	Planning works have commenced, with the Project now planned for the 2026-2027 financial year.
C-26-LI-003/004 Carlton Beach & Dodges Ferry Park Beach viewing platforms	\$ 31,468	\$ 144,000	-\$ 112,532	Works are being progressed, with the Project now planned for completion in the 2026-2027 financial year.
C-25-LI-009 Pembroke Park and Dodges Ferry Goal Nets	\$ 19,915	\$ 19,914	\$ 1	Complete.
C-26-B-003 BMX Facilities	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	Complete.
C-26-B-00X Harvesting and Resilient Landscape Upgrade	\$ -	\$ 20,000	-\$ 20,000	Planning works have commenced, with the Project now planned for the 2026-2027 financial year.
	<u>\$ 2,042,755</u>	<u>\$ 2,716,719</u>	<u>-\$ 673,964</u>	
GL 2120 Grants Capital - Other Grants				
C-26-LI-005 Modular Bike Track at Midway Point	\$ 282,600	\$ 282,600	\$ -	Complete.
	<u>\$ 282,600</u>	<u>\$ 282,600</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
	<u><u>\$ 4,529,512</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,252,670</u></u>	<u><u>-\$ 723,158</u></u>	



18.2 2026-2027 CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1993 to accept and adopt the below adjustments to the 2026/2027 Capital Budget estimates."

The following Capital Budget adjustments have been requested in July 2026.

Below is a summary of the requested adjustments.

Original Budget approved in June 2026 Council meeting	\$15,024,286
Budget adjustments requested for approval in July 2026 Council meeting:	
Total adjustments on capital jobs with variances of over 10%	\$0
Total adjustments on completed capital jobs with variances of over 10%	\$0
Total adjustments on new capital jobs	\$14,864
Total adjustments on capital jobs carried over from 2025/2026 financial year	\$1,617,882
Budget requested for approval in July 2026 Council meeting	\$16,657,032

Below is a detailed explanation of the requested adjustments.

The following capital job adjustments have been requested because the jobs do not have approved budget but have expected expenditure in the 2026/2027 financial year:

Job Name and No.	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Adjustment
C-27-B-004 Neil Davis Memorial/Statue	\$0		
C-27-IT-005 Plotter Poster Printer	\$0		
Total Adjustments	\$0	\$14,864	\$14,864

- C-27-B-004 Neil Davis Memorial/Statue – This project was planned in conjunction with the Memorial Hall upgrade. However, it will be delivered and managed as a separate project.



- C-27-IT-005 Plotter Poster Printer – Council's existing large-format printer has reached the end of its useful life and is currently not functioning. It is proposed that Council purchase a replacement large-format multifunction plotter. Details per attached memo from Manager Infrastructure & Assets.

The following capital job adjustments have been requested due to variance between the carry forward amounts and the estimates used when the original budget was prepared.

Job Name and No.	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Adjustment
C-24-LA-001 Pawleena Road Arthur Highway Roundabout Land Acquisition			
C-23-LI-001 Dodges Ferry Red Ochre Beach Foreshore Access Steps			
C-23-LI-017 Sorell 12 Tarbook Court Boundary Adjust and New Fence			
C-26-LI-003 Carlton Beach SLSC Viewing Platform			
C-26-LI-004 Dodges Ferry Park Beach Viewing Platform			
C-26-LI-005 Midway Point Flyway Park Pump Track			
C-26-LI-007 Sorell St George Square/Gordon Street Tree Lighting			
C-26-LI-009 Sorell Streetscape Upgrades			
C-26-LI-013 Madison Lyden Rainwater Harvesting and Resilient Landscape Upgrade			
C-27-B-001 Sorell Community Precinct Makers Workshop Building			
C-26-B-001 Sorell 11 Fitzroy Street Upgrade/Fitout			
C-26-B-003 South East Sports Complex BMX Facility			
C-26-B-004 Sorell Men's Shed & Lion's Club Dual-purpose Facility			
C-26-B-006 Sorell Smart Solar Upgrade			
C-25-B-003 Sorell Madison Lyden Park Amenities			



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C-23-PP-CHANGEROOMS South East Sports Complex Changerooms			
C-27-IT-002 Sorell & Midway Point Various Sites Access Control Renewal			
C-26-T-003 Penna Shark Point Road Reconstruction			
C-26-T-004 Penna Road Reconstruction			
C-26-T-011 Sorell Gatehouse Drive & Weston Hill Drive Footpath			
C-26-T-016 Carlton River Road Footpath			
C-24-S CERMP-A&B&C Coastal & Estuarine Risk Mitigation Project			
C-25-T-017 Sorell Park & Ride Bus Stop Upgrade			
C-24-T-027 Signs for Suburb Entrances			
C-26-PRELIM-006 Dodges Ferry Parnella Road Stormwater Design			
C-26-PRELIM-010 Dodges Ferry Pitt Street Design			
C-25-PRELIM-009 Sorell Valleyview Close Detention Basin Design			
C-24-PRELIM-JACOBS Dodges Ferry Jacobs Court Stormwater Design			
Total Adjustments	\$3,894,971	\$5,512,853	\$1,617,882

ATTACHMENTS

- a) Capital Works Budget 2026-2027 (Pages 11)
- b) Memo – Plotter Printer Budget (Pages 1)

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ACTING MANAGER FINANCE

SALLY FANG
ACCOUNTANT

Date: 14 July 2026
Attachments (12 pages)



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13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
CARRY OVERS - LAND				
Pawleena, Pawleena Road and Arthur Highway Roundabout	Land acquisition costs.			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Land		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LAND IMPROVEMENTS (PARKS & RESERVES)				
Dodges Ferry Boat Ramp carpark	2 x picnic tables and shelters - overlooking beach. Use common design from Play Street.			
Dodges Ferry Recreation Ground	LED lighting upgrade @ minimum 150 LUX - includes 4 x poles.			
Midway Point between Hoffman Street and First Ave	Playspace Action - New playground between Hoffman St and First Ave, north of multi-use courts.			
Primrose Sands Beach	Playspace Action - New playground at northern end of beach			
South East Sports Complex	Masterplan Action - Upgrade existing soccer pitch lighting to LED x 6 towers @ minimum 200 LUX.			
Samuel Thorne Reserve, Lewisham	Installation of seating, table and shelter. Use common design from PlayStreet.			
Dodges Ferry Rec Ground / School	Installation of (cricket) ball net / fence between school / oval. Include installation of surface upgrade in front of interchange benches.			
Sweetwater Park, Midway Point	Playspace Action - Upgrade Sweetwater Park - shade / shelter / possibly some seating (space restrictions).			
Community Hall, Primrose Sands	Connection of Hall water tanks overflow to supply toilet on PS Road and outlet (locked) for TFS			
Sorell Memorial Hall	Neil Davis memorial area / seating			
Primrose Sands Beach	Seating and shelter x 2 at southern end of beach entrance / carpark. Use common design from PlayStreet.			
TOTAL Land Improvements (Parks & Reserves)		\$ -	\$ 1,720,500	\$ 1,720,500



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Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
CARRY OVERS - LAND IMPROVEMENTS (PARKS & RESERVES)				
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Irrigation, soil rehab and turf for Madison Lyden Park, Sorell			
Red Ochre Beach, Dodges Ferry	Foreshore access steps / ramp			
12 Tarbook Court, Sorell	Boundary adjustment and new fence.			
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	Bench seating - prefab with slab x 16 units for senior (and possibly junior) oval. Plus tiered, covered seating for soccer ground @ 112 capacity.			
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	Portable seating x 6 bays = 100 capacity. As per prior purchase type - can be used indoors or outdoors.			
SLSC Viewing Platform, Carlton Beach	SLSC viewing platform at northern end of carpark			
Park Beach Viewing Platform, Dodges Ferry	Park Beach viewing platform at carpark			
Pump Track, Vancouver Park, Midway Point	Vancouver Park Pump Track			
St Georges Square and/or Gordon St, Sorell	Provision for tree lighting x 6			
Old Forcett Road Quarry	Fencing for land at Old Forcett Road Quarry.			
Sorell	Sorell Streetscape upgrades			
Boat Park	Boat Park additional wastewater disposal area			
Lyden Park, Pawleena Road, Sorell	Madison Lyden Rainwater Harvesting and Resilient Landscape Upgrade			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Land Improvements (Parks & Reserves)		\$ -	\$ 790,979	\$ 790,979



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
BUILDINGS				
Community Precinct, Sorell	Makers workshop building with Toilets			
Primrose Sands Beach	Double Cubicle DDA Toilet & disposal area at northern end of beach			
Sorell Memorial Hall	Supper Room renewal			
Sorell Memorial Hall	Neil Davis Memorial/Statue			
TOTAL Buildings		\$ 18,000	\$ 2,195,250	\$ 2,213,250
CARRY OVERS - BUILDINGS				
11 Fitzroy St, Sorell	Upgrade / fitout to youth space to create an appropriate indoor / outdoor area at rear of building			
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	BMX permanent storage / timing / sign on facility - may include some sealing works ie. ramp to start line & connection from finish line, plus consideration of replacement grandstand.			
Hobart Vintage Machinery Club site, Penna	Sorell Men's Shed Facility			
CAC & South East Stadium, Sorell	Sorell Smart Solar Upgrades			
Dunalley Canal	BBQ shelter - cost based on RC			
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Toilet for POS / Lyden Park - triple cubicle DDA & change table.			
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	Scope and design to re-purpose old football change rooms plus netball concrete toilets / change room. Scope to also include a covered walkway between stadium and netball toilet/change room building.			
Total Carry Overs - Buildings		\$ 53,516	\$ 1,242,763	\$ 1,296,279
CARRY OVERS - LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS				
20 Marion Bay Road, Copping	Land easement costs			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Leasehold Improvements		\$ -	\$ 11,025	\$ 11,025



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
PLANT & EQUIPMENT				
Depot	New Isuzu DMax Single Cab Vehicle - SW crew			
Depot	Renew SW crew cab truck D60YQ with a smaller fit for purpose truck.			
Depot	Pressure Washer for footpath etc cleaning			
CAC & Depot	Light Fleet Replacement			
Depot	Slide in Water Tank for new Volvo Truck HF-XX-089			
Depot	Zero Turn Commercial Mower			
Depot	Tipper Truck			
Depot	Bobcat 24" (600mm) Planer Attach			
Depot	Tri Axle Trailer			
Depot	Tipper Truck			
Depot	Dynapac Roller 1000cc			
Depot	TerraTrip x 2			
TOTAL Plant & Equipment		\$ 685,700	\$ 292,580	\$ 978,280
CARRY OVERS - PLANT & EQUIPMENT				
CAC & Depot	Light fleet replacement.			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Plant & Equipment		\$ 62,464	\$ -	\$ 62,464
FIXTURES, FITTINGS & FURNITURE				
CAC, Sorell	Various office alterations to accommodate seating			
TOTAL Fixtures, Fittings & Furniture		\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
COMPUTERS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS				
CAC, Sorell	Renew Access Control at CAC			
Sorell, Midway Point	Renew access control various sites i.e. PP change rooms, SMH entrances, Neighbourhood house / midway hall re-instatement			
CAC, Sorell	UPS renewals - need 4. Stadium, SMH, Jobs Hub, Depot.			
CAC, Sorell	Physical phone handsets and headsets.			
CAC, Sorell	Plotter Poster Printer			
TOTAL Computers & Telecommunications		\$ 106,750	\$ -	\$ 106,750
CARRY OVERS - COMPUTERS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS				
South East Stadium	Renew South East Sports Stadium access control hardware and configure software.			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Computers & Telecommunications		\$ 21,631	\$ -	\$ 21,631
RECONSTRUCTION (ROADS)				
Carlton River Road, Carlton	Reconstruction			
Nugent Road, Wattle Hill	Reconstruction - segment 15 only			
Hurst Street, Lewisham	Reconstruction			
Mary Street, Lewisham	Reconstruction - segment 3 only (and junction portion of segment 2)			
Edith Close, Forcett	Reconstruction			
Hobart Vintage Machinery Club site, Penna	Gravel access road and carpark for Men's Shed.			
Vancouver Park, Midway Point	Carpark x 12 spaces associated with new pump track.			
TOTAL Reconstruction (ROADS)		\$ 2,539,288	\$ 134,000	\$ 2,673,288



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
CARRY OVERS - RECONSTRUCTION (ROADS)				
Shark Point Road, Penna	Road recon from Wolstenholme Dr to new bridge.			
Penna Road, Penna	Road recon from Olympic Av to Kirabati Rd plus footpath and drainage.			
Delmore Road / White Hill intersection, Forcett	Partial reconstruction and reseal.			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Reconstruction (Roads)		\$ 260,488	\$ -	\$ 260,488
RESHEETING				
Waterson Lane, Carlton	New section of Waterson Lane off Josephs Rd - Municipal Road Map to be updated & approved by Council first by Paul M.			
Russell St & Bay St, Dunalley	New section of Russell Street from Gellibrand to Bay St plus top section of Bay St - Municipal Road Map to be updated & approved by Council first by Paul M.			
Bankton Road				
Homewood Drive				
Kellevie Road, Kellevie				
Nonesuch Road				
Nugent Road				
Imlay St Dunalley				
TOTAL Resheeting		\$ 455,855	\$ 90,000	\$ 545,855



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Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
RESEALS				
Walker Street, Sorell	Re-Seal segment 1-7 Asphalt			
Beach Road, Connellys Marsh	Reseal Segments 1-4; Single Coat S/S			
Nugent Road, Sorell	Reseal Segments 10-14; Single Coat S/S			
Uplands Crescent, Forcett	Reseal 1 Segment; Single Coat S/S			
Arnott Street, Dodges Ferry	Reseal 1 Segment; Single Coat S/S			
Bally Park Road, Dodges Ferry	Reseal Segment 2 & 3; Single Coat S/S			
Colleen Crescent, Primrose Sands	Reseal Segment 2-4; Single Coat S/S			
TOTAL Reseals		\$ 619,667	\$ -	\$ 619,667
CARRY OVERS - RESEALS				
White Hill Road, Forcett	Considerable drainage including culverts then reinforce seals.			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Reseals		\$ 115,890	\$ -	\$ 115,890



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS				
Primrose Sands Road, Primrose Sands	Upgrade footpath from RSL to Tamarix Road			
Bally Park Road, Dodges Ferry	Bally Park Road, Rotuli to East Street			
Carlton Beach Rd - Provence Dve, Dodges Ferry	Carlton Beach Road & Provence Drive asphalt footpath from Snake Hollow Park to Gate Five path - 1.3km x 1.8m wide.			
Community Precinct, Sorell	Community Precinct - provision for civic space upgrades			
Arthur Highway, Dunalley	1360m x 1.8m gravel path along Arthur Hwy from Ryans Lane to Imlay St.			
Esplanade, Midway Point	1 Midway Point Esp 85m x 1.8m path connecting footpath and loop track.			
Dubs & Co Drive, Sorell	Pedestrian Refuge x 1 and line marking.			
TOTAL Footpaths & Cycleways		\$ 210,000	\$ 1,266,150	\$ 1,476,150
CARRY OVERS - FOOTPATHS & CYCLEWAYS				
Gatehouse Drive & Weston Hill Road, Sorell	Gatehouse Drive - Weston Hill Dve to #38 concrete path @ 1.80m wide x 430m. Weston Hill Rd - missing link Gatehouse Dve concrete path @ 1.80m wide x 100m & 2 x ramps			
Carlton Beach Road, Dodges Ferry	Carlton Beach Rd - East St to Raprinner St asphalt path @ 1.8m wide x 1800m - reduced width from #129 to #137. Propose southern side from #149 to Raprinner, northern side from East to Taranna, ped crossing at #125/127 then along frontages of #129 to 137.			
Carlton River Road, Carlton	Between Dodges Hill Road and Convoy Road			
Pawleena Road, Sorell	Pawleena Roundabout Footpath			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Footpaths & Cycleways		\$ -	\$ 510,660	\$ 510,660
STORMWATER				
Provence Drive, Carlton	Continuation of asphalt spoon drain - combine with asphalt path job			
Blue Lagoon, Dodges Ferry	Permanent outfall as per CERMP design work that occurred under grant funding.			
TOTAL Stormwater		\$ -	\$ 483,000	\$ 483,000



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Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replace ment 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
CARRY OVERS - STORMWATER				
Municipality - Various	Minor capital works			
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	Drainage improvement between cricket nets and stadium carpark.			
Gatehouse Detention Basin, Sorell	Upgrade pipe and pit entrance above Gatehouse Detention Basin and headworks upgrade			
Main Road, Sorell	Stormwater pipe and pit			
Southern Beaches, Coastal Outfalls	Coastal & Estuarine Risk Mitigation Project (CERMP Grant). Upgrade stormwater and outfalls, rehabilitation, protection coastal estuary, weed control, improve ecological and hydrological study.			
Southern Beaches, Blue Lagoon				
Southern Beaches, Carlton Estuary				
TOTAL Carry Overs - Stormwater		\$ 149,201	\$ 211,401	\$ 360,602
OTHER TRANSPORT				
Penna Road, Penna	Penna rd at Barilla Court intersection Guardrail			
Grevillea Street, Primrose Sands	Grevillea St Guardrail - 38m			
Carlton River Road, Carlton	Carlton river road Guardrail - 170m			
Carlton Beach Rd - opp shops	35 Carlton Beach Rd			
TOTAL Other Transport		\$ -	\$ 141,702	\$ 141,702
CARRY OVERS - OTHER TRANSPORT				
Carlton Beach Road and Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry	All Access Bus Stop Upgrade outside 17 Carlton Beach Road (existing bus stop at #21) & 550-552 Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry.			
Park & Ride, Sorell	Bus stop upgrade.			
Municipality - Various	Replacement signs for rural towns / districts / areas.			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Other Transport		\$ -	\$ 335,079	\$ 335,079



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
PRELIMINARY WORK				-
Sugarloaf Road, Carlton River	Reconstruction below Sugarloaf Quarry (design completed)			
The Circle, Sorell	Reconstruction			
Shark Point Road, Penna	Reconstruction near Brooklyn Drive			
Greens Road, Orielson	Reconstruction - seg 1 & 6 TBC			
Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry	From Carlton River Rd north to Okines Rd - widening, turn treatments, shoulder upgrades, ped refuges and new paths. Refer Footpath & Cycleway job.			
Community Hall, Primrose Sands	Dog exercise area behind Community Hall. Including fencing & seating. Refer to other jobs; pump track and playground.			
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Playspace Action - Madison Lyden Park - staged over 2 years - shelters, seating, fencing, plantings.			
Sorell	Entrance treatment off causeway - northern side.			
Snake Hollow Park, Carlton	Playspace Action - New (additional) playground at Snake Hollow Park. Refer to Buildings for amenities job.			
Sorell Memorial Hall & RSL	RSL outdoor eating area / side, Cole St SMH entrance forecourt and improvements to parking / circulation areas.			
Bay St, Dunalley	1.8m x 50m concrete path along and around 9 Bay St to Hwy to appropriate location to cross Hwy opposite #122			
Florence St, Dunalley	325m x 1.8m concrete path along Florence St (eastern side) from Hwy to golf club crossing over to other side at entrance then connecting with concrete path			
Nash St, Sorell	Nash Street Pipe upgrade Pipe capacity (Headworks upgrade)			
Carlton River Rd, Dodges Ferry	223-227 Carlton River Rd contribution to SW upgrade with salvo subdivision. Design to be completed prior to subdivision. Prelim during 26/27.			
various Bridge sites. Design checks and recommendations	AusSpan have a number of Bridges that require design checks and capital works for compliance - unknown as to whether certain bridges will require 'upgrades' or 'renewal to standard' - likely the latter.			
South East Sports Complex	Masterplan Action - Replace Arthur Street entrance gates with new double width vehicle access & road improvements. Include provision for a defined pedestrian access. Scope & timing informed by required SW flow path solution which is TBC subject to modelling.			
Depot	Power upgrade to provide for fleet EV and equipment			
Brinktop Road, Penna	Reseal Segments 8,9,10			
Depot	Renewal scope for Depot Admin Building and Crib Room			
TOTAL PRELIMINARY WORK		\$ 70,000	\$ 170,750	\$ 240,750



13/07/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027			
Location	Detailed Description	Renewal/Replacement 2026/2027	Upgrade/New 2026/2027	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027
CARRY OVERS - PRELIMINARY WORK				
Parnella Road, Dodges Ferry	Stage 2. Address SW pipe capacity (under capacity) between 19 Parnella - 5 Parnella Rd			
Toongabbie St to Brady Foreshore, Midway Point	Toongabbie to Brady foreshore gravel path @ 2.0m wide x 605m - past eastern side of scout hall to Brady St			
Pitt Street, Dodges Ferry	Design / survey / scope provision for discharge option with SC122177			
Valleyview Close, Sorell	5 Valleyview Close Detention basin.			
Jacobs Court, Dodges Ferry	SW design.			
Whitlam Court, Lewisham	Stormwater upgrade design and construction			
Pawleena Road, Sorell	Flooding issue and reconstruction. Survey, geotech and design for corner improvements including widening without land acquisition.			
Tasman Highway, Sorell	Corner Tasman Highway and Devenish upgrade Pipe and intake headwall (Headworks upgrade)			
TOTAL Carry Overs - Preliminary Work		\$ 29,498	\$ 20,000	\$ 49,498
	Total Capital Jobs Carried Over to 2026/2027	\$ 692,688	\$ 3,121,907	\$ 3,814,595
	Total 2026/2027 New Jobs	\$ 4,705,259	\$ 6,504,432	\$ 11,209,691
	TOTAL 2026/27 CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 5,397,947	\$ 9,626,339	\$ 15,024,286





MEMORANDUM

To: CEO, Finance
From: Julie Mann
Date: 9/7/2026

Subject: Approval for a budget adjustment of \$10,000 to purchase a new large-format plotter capable of printing, copying and scanning A1 and A0 documents.

Council's existing large-format printer has reached the end of its useful life and is becoming increasingly unreliable (currently not functioning). The current equipment no longer adequately meets the operational requirements of staff who regularly produce, copy and scan large-format plans and technical drawings.

It is proposed that Council purchase a replacement large-format multifunction plotter with the capability to:

- Print A1 and A0 plans and drawings.
- Scan large-format documents.
- Copy large-format plans.
- Produce high-quality colour and monochrome outputs suitable for technical documentation.

A budget adjustment of **\$10,000** is requested to fund the purchase, installation and initial setup of the new equipment.

Quotes have been obtained and the requested budget is expected to cover the purchase, delivery and installation of the preferred solution.

Many thanks,

Julie Mann
 Manager Infrastructure & Assets



19.0 PLANNING



20.0 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE



20.1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE PUBLIC PLACES BY-LAW 1 OF 2025 AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BY-LAW 1 OF 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

"That in accordance with Section 156(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council resolves to:

- Make (amend) the *Public Places By-law 1 of 2025* by including a penalty in clause 17(1) and including a corresponding infringement notice offence in Schedule 1; and
- Make (amend) the *Environmental Health By-Law 1 of 2023* by changing clause 36 to reference clause 36(c) instead of clause 35(c)."

Community Strategic Plan

Consistent with Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation to deliver contemporary governance and compliance practices.

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Operational Plan

Funding included in 2026-27 budget.

Policy

Local Government Act 1993 Part 11 – by-laws

Asset Management Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Implications

Amending the by-laws will enable enforcement action to be taken more effectively. In particular, if a person is undertaking an activity on Council land without a permit and the activity is a public safety risk.

Community Implications

Will enable better enforcement of the Public Places By-Law in response to community complaints.



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The amendment will better clarify the matters that need to be considered when exercising powers to remove or relocate an animal under clause 36(c) of the Environmental Health by-law.

Report

The report will discuss proposed amendments to the Environmental Health and Public Places By-Laws.

Environmental Health By-Law

The Environmental Health by-law came into force on 20 September 2023 and has been used effectively to regulate waste management, caravans, control of animals and burning of materials. Recently, when officers were considering exercising powers to remove animals causing a nuisance that clause 36 references clause 35(c) instead of clause 36(c). Clause 36 details the circumstances that an Authorised Officer must consider when removing an animal from premises.

The proposed amendment is shown below highlighted yellow:

Maintenance of premises used by animals

35. The occupier of any premises where an animal is kept must:

- (a) keep any structures, buildings, enclosures or areas which the animal has access to, clean and sanitary;
- (b) not allow the animal to cause any nuisance through smell, noise, rodents, flies or drainage; and
- (c) not allow the animal to create a public health or safety risk to neighbouring residents.

Penalty: fine not exceeding 5 penalty units

36. If an authorised officer reasonably believes that a nuisance is being created or is likely to be created, an authorised officer may issue a notice to the owner or occupier of land requiring that:

- (a) any animals kept on the property are kept in cages, pens or similar structures;
- (b) the owner or occupier of the land undertakes any necessary measures to prevent an animal causing a nuisance to neighbours;
- or
- (c) animals are removed or relocated from the premises or property where they are being kept.

An authorised officer may only exercise the powers specified in **35(c)** **36(c)** when it is not reasonable or practical for the owner or occupier to undertake measures to prevent the animal creating a nuisance or

the owner has undertaken measures and these measures have not been sufficient to prevent or abate the nuisance.

The amendment is considered minor and of a technical nature, therefore pursuant to Section 156A (1A)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 a regulatory impact statement will not be required.

Public Places By-Law

The Public Places By-Law was published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette on 19 March 2025.

Clause 17 of the Public Places By-Law has the penalty for an offence under sub-clause 2 but does not have a penalty listed under sub-clause 1 for undertaking an activity on Council land without a permit. Amending this clause will enable enforcement action to be taken for non-compliance.

The proposed amendment to clause 17 and Schedule 1 is shown below highlighted in yellow. As the amendment includes a new offence, a regulatory impact statement will be required but will be limited to the impact of the amendment, not the whole by-law.

Proposed amendments

Conducting trade or commerce

17.

(1) On Council Land, a person must not offer for sale, lease or hire any goods or carry on any business involving the provision of services unless the person has sought and obtained a Permit to do so.

PENALTY: a fine not exceeding 10 penalty units

(2) A person must not store, operate or otherwise conduct business from a vehicle, tent, stall or the like situated on Council Land other than in a location specifically designated by the General Manager where businesses may operate.

PENALTY: a fine not exceeding 10 penalty units.

SCHEDULE 1

Public Places By-law No. 1 of 2025

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE OFFENCES



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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
CLAUSE	GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE	PENALTY UNITS
4(7)	Failure to obey directions of authorize officer	2.5
5(2)	Enter or remain in a closed Council Land	1.25
6(10)	Non-compliance with hire conditions	5
7	Sub-lease of Council Land or Recreational Facility	5
8	Interfere with peaceable use of a Council Land	2.5
9	Conducting functions	1.25
10(1)	Creation of entrance to Council Land	2.5
10(3)	Failure to close entrance to Council Land	2.5
12(1)	Failure to comply with rules of use of Overnight Parking Area	2.5
13(2)	Failure to comply with	2.5
14(1)	Erecting structures	2.5
15(1)	Erecting signs	2.5
16(2)	Placing furniture on Council Land without a Permit	2.5 plus 1 per day
17(1)	Offer goods for sale or conduct business without a permit	2.5
17(2)	Sale of items	2.5
18	Distribution of advertisement	1.25
19	Busking, preaching, concerts and similar activities	2.5
20	Organised sport	5

The process to amend the By-Laws will differ as a regulatory impact statement (RIS) is required for the proposed changes to the Public Places By-Law as a new offence is being introduced. Once the RIS is prepared it will be submitted to the Director of Local Government for approval to commence public consultation.



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The Environmental Health By-Law amendment is of a technical nature and will not require an RIS but will need to be advertised for public submissions.

Any submission received on the amendments will be considered by Councillors at a Council meeting.

The Amended by-law must then be certified as being made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 by the General Manager and certified by a legal practitioner. The certified by-law is published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette and a statement of purpose and effect is prepared and sent to both houses of parliament and the subordinate legislation committee.

Greg Robertson
MANAGER HEALTH & COMPLIANCE

Date: 5 July 2026

21.0 ROADS AND STORMWATER



Nil Reports

22.0 FACILITIES AND RECREATION



Nil Reports

23.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC



In accordance with Regulation 36 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Council will conduct a Public Question Time.

At each meeting the Mayor will invite those members of the public present to ask questions. When requested please:

- Stand up; and
- State clearly your name and address.

This time is allocated for questions from the public. Questions are to be kept brief and specific to the topic to which they relate.



Members of the public are reminded that questions and any answers to such questions are not to be debated.

Questions may be submitted to Council in writing at least seven (7) days before an ordinary Council meeting.

24.0 CLOSED MEETING



The Chief Executive Officer advised that in his opinion the listing of agenda item/s:

Reference	Item
24.1	Confirmation of the Closed Council Minutes of the Council Meeting of 16 June 2026 – <i>Regulation 40(3)</i>
24.2	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 17(7)</i>
24.3	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority Meeting Minutes – 21 May 2026 – <i>Regulation 17(2)(d)</i>
24.4	Audit Panel Summary and Meeting Minutes – June 2026 – <i>Regulation 17(2)(h)</i>
24.5	Lutana Materials Recovery Facility contract review – future procurement direction – <i>Regulation 17(2)(d)</i>
24.6	Tender – Cleaning of Council Facilities – <i>Regulation 17(2)(e)</i>

As prescribed items in accordance with Regulations 17 and 40 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 24.1 - 24.6 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulations 40 and 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.



CLOSED MEETING

Members are advised that items listed below in the CLOSED SESSION AGENDA are classified as CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

A Councillor must not discuss any item listed in a CLOSED SESSION AGENDA with any person (except another elected member, the CEO or the author of a report to the closed session of Council or a Council Committee) without a specific resolution of the Council or a Council Committee that considered the report.

Section 338A (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that a Councillor must not disclose information:

- (a) seen or heard by the Councillor at a meeting or part of a meeting of a council or council committee that is closed to the public that is not authorised by the council or council committee to be disclosed; or*
- (b) given to the Councillor by the mayor, deputy mayor, chairperson of a meeting of the council or council committee or the general manager on the condition that it be kept confidential.*

Section 338A (3) states that a member must not disclose information acquired as such a member on the condition that it be kept confidential.

Additionally, Section 339 of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that:

- (1) A councillor or a member must not make improper use of any information acquired as a councillor or member.*
- (3) Improper use of information includes using the information –*
 - (a) to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage or to avoid, directly or indirectly, a disadvantage for oneself, a member of one's family or a close associate; or*
 - (b) to cause any loss or damage to any council, controlling authority, single authority, joint authority or person.*



25.0 ACRONYMS



AGM	Annual General Meeting
AFL	Australian Football League
AIR	Australian Immunisation Register
ASU	Australian Services Union
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AWTS	Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems
BEST	Business and Employment Southeast Tasmania
CAC	Community Administration Centre
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLRS	Councillors
CRM	Customer Request Management
CRDSJA	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority
DEDTA	Department Economic Development, Tourism & The Arts
DECYP	Department for Education, Children and Young People
DPAC	Department of Premier & Cabinet
DPFEM	Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management
DSG	Department of State Growth
DST	Destination Southern Tasmania
EBA	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
EOI	Expressions of Interest
EOFY	End of Financial Year
EPA	Environment Permit Authority
EWaste	Electronic Waste
FMAC	Fire Management Assessment Committee
GM	General Manager
LGAT	Local Government Association of Tasmania
LPS	Local Provisions Schedule
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
MAST	Marine & Safety Tasmania
MEMC	Municipal Emergency Management Committee
NRE	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
NRM	Natural Resource Management
PWS	Parks and Wildlife Service
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RTI	Right to Information
SBIP	School Based Immunisation Program
SEI	South East Irrigation
SERDA	South East Region Development Association
SES	State Emergency Service
SPA	Sorell Planning Authority
STCA	Southern Tasmanian Councils Association
STRWA	Southern Tasmanian Regional Waste Authority
STRLUS	Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy
SWSA	Southern Waste Strategy Association
SWS	Southern Waste Solutions
TasCAT	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
TAO	Tasmanian Audit Office



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