



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

23 JUNE 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION
CENTRE (CAC)



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FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET,
SORELL ON 23 JUNE 2026

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The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm.

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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

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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

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Mayor J Gatehouse
Deputy Mayor M Larkins
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
General Manager Operations J Hinchin

3.0 APOLOGIES

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Councillor S Campbell

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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The Mayor requested any Councillors to indicate whether they had, or were likely to have, an interest in any item on the agenda.

No Councillor indicated they had or were likely to have interest in any items on the agenda.



5.0 GOVERNANCE



5.1 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2026-2027

RECOMMENDATION

"That in accordance with Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council resolves to adopt the Annual Plan for the 2026-2027 Financial year."

81/2026 TORENIUS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Reed, Shaw, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

5.2 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to endorse the nomination of the following positions for appointment by the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management to the roles of:

- Municipal Coordinator – Oliver Strickland, Development Officer Risk and Strategy
- Deputy Municipal Coordinator – Shane Wells, Manager Planning

82/2026 LARKINS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Reed, Shaw, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



6.0 FINANCE



6.1 2026-2027 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve pursuant to Section 70 and Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to accept and adopt the 2026-2027 Financial Management Strategy, Operating and Capital budget estimates."

83/2026 REED/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Reed, Shaw, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

6.2 2026-2027 RATES AND CHARGES RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

"That in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Fire Services Act 1979*, Council adopt the following 2026-2027 Rates and Charges Resolution for rateable land within the Council's municipal area for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027."

84/2026 REED/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Reed, Shaw, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



6.3 2026-2027 RATES AND CHARGES POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve in accordance with Section 86B of the *Local Government Act 1993* to adopt the amended Rates and Charges Policy"

85/2026 REYNOLDS/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Reed, Shaw, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

7.0 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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