COUNCIL MEETING **AGENDA**

20 OCTOBER 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, 20 October 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
15 OCTOBER 2026

AGENDA

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET, SORELL ON 20 OCTOBER 2026

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AUDIO-VISUAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 S Campbell
Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux
Councillor B Nichols
Councillor M Reed
Councillor N Reynolds
Councillor B Shaw
Councillor C Torenius
Chief Executive Officer R Higgins
General Manager Operations J Hinchen

3.0 APOLOGIES

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4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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5.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th September 2026 be confirmed."

6.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

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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.

- Bill Pregnell, seeking support for his "Don't Wreck It" Driver safety campaign.
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Sorell Cultural Precinct Reference Committee Meeting
- Mayor and Management Meeting
- BEST AGM
- TasWaste South Local Government Forum
- Midway Yacht Club Season Opening
- Community Grants Assessment group
- SWS Non-Exec Director Interview process and selection.
- Met with Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Welfare Co Ordinator to arrange an event for the Islander farm workers, 28th November.
- NRMAG Meeting
- Media Event Sorell Council and UTAS Community Nest Box Project
- Sorell Municipal Emergency Management Meeting. Agreement on new Municipal plan.
- Reconciliation Tasmania Online Member Forum.
- Met with resident around a neighbour issue, CEO and staff in attendance.

- Council Workshop
- Special Council Meeting
- Sorell Planning Authority Meeting
- Attended Seniors Month Events
- Fitzies School holiday program Pump Track official opening.
- B Kinder Training Online
- Visit to Sorell by Premier Jeremy Rockcliff

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 2025.*"

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.*

8.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS REPORT

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The following Council Workshop was held:

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
6 Oct 2026	• Operational Update o Penna Road Midway Point – Lady Gowrie Lease review o Delayed footpath capital projects o South East and Inghams uPPP grant and Master Plan project o NRE matters o Ferry Hall	• Gatehouse, Larkins, Nichols, Torenius, Reynolds, Reed	• Miro Quesada, Shaw, Campbell

9.0 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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10.0 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS ON NOTICE

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11.0 WORKGROUP REPORTS

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RECOMMENDATION

"That the workgroup reports as listed be received."

11.1 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER – ROBERT HIGGINS

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- Annual leave – 31st Aug – 25 Sep
- Southern Beaches Land / Coast Care MOU signing – 29th Sep
- Attended planning system workshop with State Government – 1st Oct
- Municipal Emergency Management Committee meeting – 5th Oct
- Staff meeting with design consultants on playground / reserves capital projects – 6th Oct
- Met with ratepayer, staff and Mayor re: land use compliance issues – 6th Oct
- Potential shared gym proposal meeting with staff and invited SE sports complex groups – 7th Oct
- Met with BEST / Hub senior staff – 9th Oct
- Ferry Hall group meeting with staff and Mayor – 9th Oct
- Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership CEO meeting – 13th Oct
- LGAT General Manager's workshop – 14th / 15th Oct
- Premier luncheon and meeting with Mayor – 16th Oct
- 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

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COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

- Natural Resource Management Advisory Group (NRMAG) - meeting held 1 October. Expressions of interest for community members close 16 October 2026.
- Dodges Ferry Cat Management Project - low-cost desexing and microchipping uptake, along with stray and feral cat trapping activities, completed 2 October.
- Sorell Council and Southern Beaches Landcare/Coastcare MOU signed.
- Southern Beaches Plan - planning underway for the next round of community engagement in November/December.

- Community Nest Box Project - launched in partnership with UTAS, with community registrations open until 30 October 2026.
- Meetings held with the Save Ferry Hall group.

YOUTH – FITZIES

- Regular Drop-in Sessions at Fitzies Youth Hub – Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- You're Write Workshop
- Participation in Sorell School Well-Being Expo
- School Holiday activities and events underway
- BKinder Leading with Compassion Training

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Health & Wellbeing, Access & Inclusion and Arts & Culture:

- Planning with the Sorell History Society for the 60th anniversary of the 1967 bushfires.
- Working with Access & Inclusion Advisory Group, Men's Shed and Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) program to maintain opportunities for social connection, participation and wellbeing in our community.
- Engagement with organisations including The Link, Headspace, Libraries Tasmania and Sorell School has focused on youth wellbeing, community challenges and opportunities for more coordinated service delivery.
- Completion of online asset-based community development training to better recognise the skills, knowledge, networks and resources already available within our community.so we can support community-led initiatives and encourage greater local participation and ownership.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Seniors Month activities – two held, two to go.
- Midway Point Pump Track - official opening attended by Minister Kerry Vincent, Minister for Local Government, following the project's receipt of LGAT funding.
- Supported RACT's Community Driving session
- Fitness in the Park sessions

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Community Grants

- Sorell Pickleball - $1,500.00 - 4 x court barriers and playing net

- Wine South – Spring in the Vines - $1,650.00 – Advertising Flags and Poles for participating local vineyards

Quick Response Grants

- Coal River Ukulele Mob (CRUM) - $500.00 - Bush Dance in Carriage Shed

Individual Achievement Program

- Oscar Stark – Water Polo U17 National Championships - $250.00

11.3 PLANNING – KATE GUINANE, ACTING MANAGER

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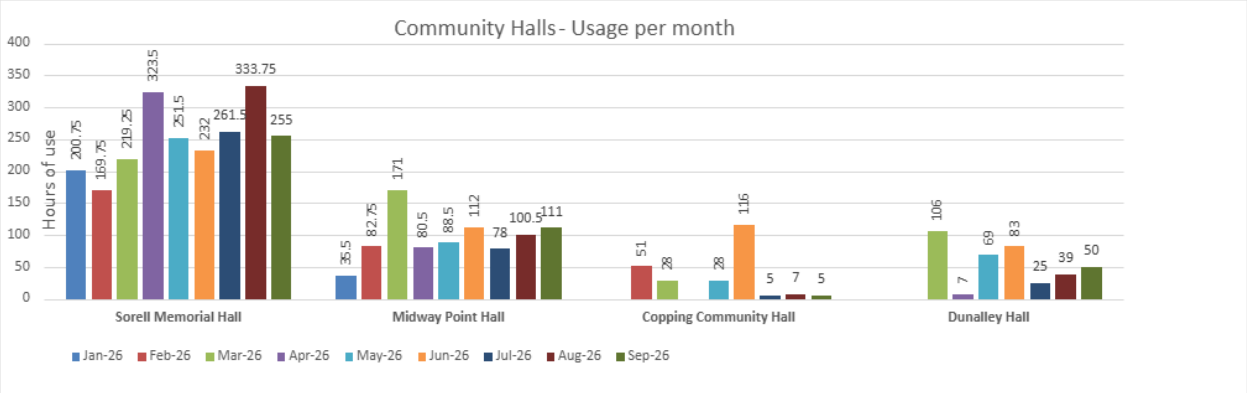
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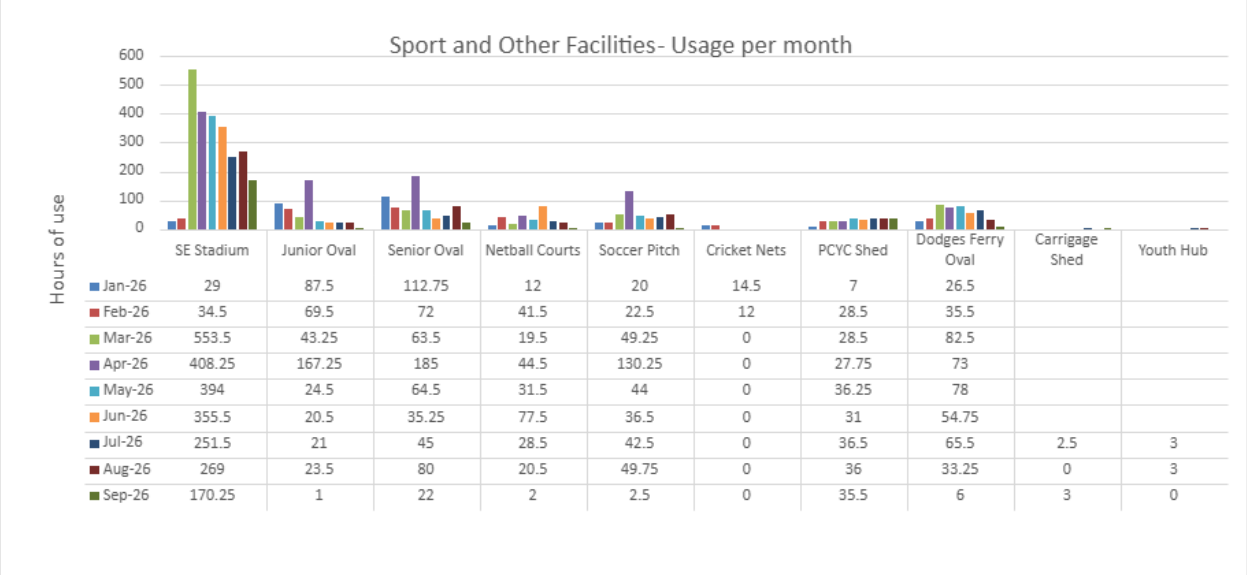
Planning Determinations			
Description	**Type**	**Decision**	**Property Address**
Roof Over Deck	NPR	Delegation	10 Billett Court, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	46 Erle Street, Carlton River
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	3 Pinto Close, Orielton
Additions to Dwelling (Covered Patio)	Discretionary	Delegation	21 Downward Way, Sorell
Dwelling and Outbuildings	Discretionary	Delegation	481 Sugarloaf Road, Carlton River
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	4 Muirfield Court, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	28 Sunningdale Close, Midway Point
Minor Amendment - Changes to Driveway	Discretionary	Delegation	6 Spotswood Road, Dunalley
Additions and Alterations to Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	70 Quarry Road, Forcett
Minor Amendment Application - Temporary Dwelling to Secondary Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	3 Eastaugh Street, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	620 Primrose Sands Road, Primrose Sands
Agricultural building	NPR	Delegation	529 Kellevie Road, Kellevie
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	Lot 251 Fresne Way, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	7 Ash Street, Primrose Sands
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	51 Spoonbill Loop, Sorell
Additions to Existing Outbuilding (Carport)	Discretionary	Delegation	47 Shark Point Road, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	49 Fresne Way, Sorell
Retrospective - Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	83 Carlton Beach Road, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	Lot 237 Fresne Way, Sorell
Minor Amendment - Retain existing fence between Dwelling and Secondary Residence	Discretionary	Delegation	6 Topley Drive, Forcett
Three Multiple Dwellings	Discretionary	Delegation	45 Spoonbill Loop, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	20 Friendship Drive, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	48 Fresne Way, Sorell
Dwelling and outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	186 Greens Road, Orielton
Dwelling and Outbuilding	Discretionary	Delegation	23 Erle Street, Carlton River
Outbuilding and sauna	Discretionary	Delegation	55 Carlton Beach Road, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling	Discretionary	Delegation	27 Penna Beach Street, Midway Point

Demolition of Existing Dwelling, New Dwelling, Carport, Secondary Residence and Outbuilding	Discretionary	Discretionary	80 Tiger Head Road, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	35 Connellys Marsh Road, Connellys Marsh
Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation	Discretionary	Discretionary	40 Beach Road, Connellys Marsh
Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation	Permitted	Discretionary	173 Lewisham Scenic Drive, Lewisham
Retrospective Retaining Walls & Concrete Platform	Discretionary	Discretionary	168 Lewisham Scenic Drive, Lewisham
Minor Amendment Application - Changes To Floor Plan	Discretionary	Discretionary	1 Pitt Street, Dodges Ferry
Two Multiple Dwellings	Discretionary	Discretionary	26 Raynors Road, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	35 Federation Drive, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	21 Fresne Way, Sorell
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	37 Oakmont Road, Midway Point
Additions and Alterations to Dwelling and Outbuilding (Replace Carport)	Discretionary	Discretionary	67 Carlton Beach Road, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	34 Sunningdale Close, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	2 Inverness Street, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	29 Lytham Crescent, Midway Point
Change of Use to Visitor Accommodation	Permitted	Discretionary	18 Sweetwater Road, Midway Point
Addition to Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	550 Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	4 Birkdale Place, Midway Point
Dwelling	Discretionary	Discretionary	44 Whitelea Court, Sorell
Five Lot Subdivision	Discretionary	Discretionary	99 Branders Road, Orielton
Sixteen Lot Subdivision	Discretionary	SPA	26 Gate Five Road, Carlton River

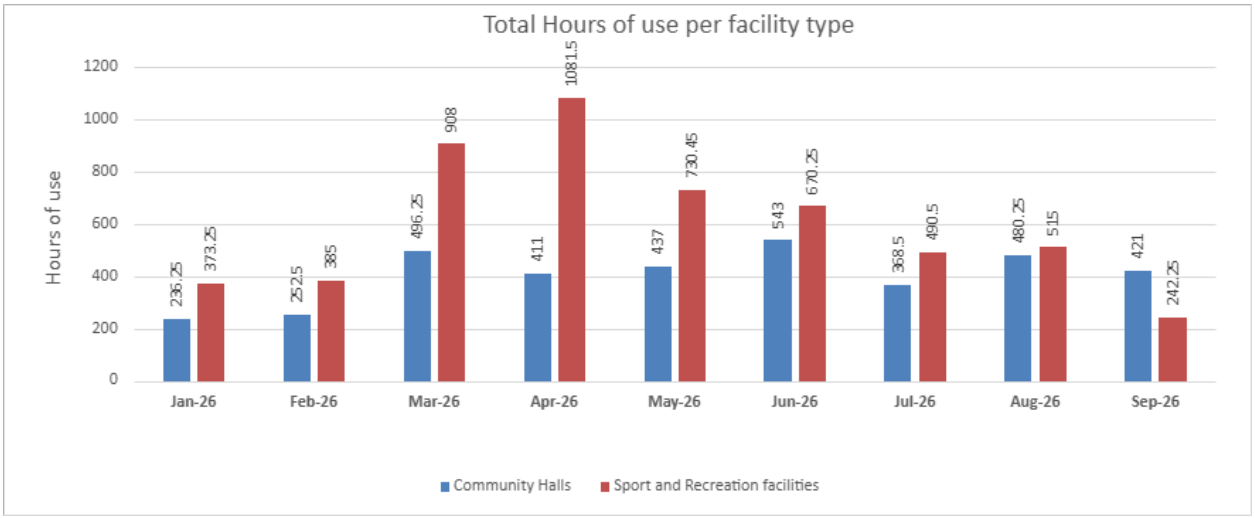
11.4 FACILITIES

FACILITY USAGE





	SE Stadium	Junior Oval	Senior Oval	Netball Courts	Soccer Pitch	Cricket Nets	PCYC Shed	Dodges Ferry Oval	Carrigage Shed	Youth Hub
Jan-26	29	87.5	112.75	12	20	14.5	7	26.5		
Feb-26	34.5	69.5	72	41.5	22.5	12	28.5	35.5		
Mar-26	553.5	43.25	63.5	19.5	49.25	0	28.5	82.5		
Apr-26	408.25	167.25	185	44.5	130.25	0	27.75	73		
May-26	394	24.5	64.5	31.5	44	0	36.25	78		
Jun-26	355.5	20.5	35.25	77.5	36.5	0	31	54.75		
Jul-26	251.5	21	45	28.5	42.5	0	36.5	65.5	2.5	3
Aug-26	269	23.5	80	20.5	49.75	0	36	33.25	0	3
Sep-26	170.25	1	22	2	2.5	0	35.5	6	3	0



12.0 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

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Petition	Tabled at Council Meeting	Status
Withdrawal of the Blue Lagoon Draft Management Plan	18th 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 NRM EAG 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 distributed for community engagement. Reserve Management Plan to be updated and endorsed with revised EPBC process to be undertaken concurrently. CERMP project and funding has closed and no longer available for this.

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

13.0 PETITIONS RECEIVED

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

14.0 LAND USE PLANNING

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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

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RECOMMENDATION

"That the minutes of the Sorell Planning Authority ("SPA") Meeting of 15th September 2026 be noted."

15.0 GOVERNANCE

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Nil reports.

16.0 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

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Nil reports.

17.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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17.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to approve sponsorship to the South East Tasmania Salvos for the Sorell Community Carols 2026 as part of the *Section 77* donations and grants budget as per the below report."

Introduction

Section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, states that "A Council may make a grant or provide a pecuniary benefit or a non-pecuniary benefit that is not a legal entitlement to any person, other than a councillor, for any purpose it considers appropriate."

Each year an amount is budgeted for under *Section 77* donations to provide support for our community.

Strategic Plan

Objective 3.8 – To Ensure a Liveable and Inclusive Community – *Encourage and support the local arts, cultural activities, programs and events.*

Operational Plan

Sufficient funds currently exist within the current Budget to fund this donation.

Policy

Community Grants Policy.

Asset Management Implications

NIL

Risk Management Implications

South East Tasmania Salvos manage the event and conduct their own risk assessments.

Community Implications

There will be positive implications for the community through the provision of funds for activities and projects within the Sorell Municipality.

Providing funding for the Community Carols enables the local community the opportunity to come together, share, celebrate and experience. As there are limited events of this type across Hobart it will also act as a draw card into the community which will have flow on economic benefits.

Report

Council provides grants and donations to organisations within our Municipality to support and recognise the significant contribution they make to the strength and vibrancy of our community. This funding forms part of our Donations and Section 77 Expenses budget.

South East Tasmania Salvos – Sponsorship of $5,309 to run the Sorell Community Carols.

South East Tasmania Salvos and their volunteers have been running the Sorell Community Carols for approx. 5 years. Council has been supporting them through the Community Grants Program for the past four years.

This is a valued and popular community event on the annual local calendar and was recognised with the event being awarded the Community Event of the Year in Council's Australia Day Awards in 2022. Furthermore, it's one of only a handful of community Carols still taking place around Hobart.

South East Tasmania Salvos have been appreciative of Council's financial support to date, but they, along with the local businesses that sponsor the event, are struggling to keep up with rising costs associated with staging this significant event each year. Last year they approached Council and requested to enter into a formal sponsorship partnership to help deliver the Sorell Community Carols. This was approved by Council.

Therefore, it is recommended that a sponsorship of $5,309 for the 2026 event be approved, with a review to be undertaken after the event to establish a longer-term partnership agreement.

This is now presented to Council for approval.

STACEY GADD
MANAGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Date: 12 October 2026

17.2 SOUTH EAST STADIUM – VACANT GYM ROOM HIRE FEES

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to endorse the introduction and inclusion of hire fees for the former gym room at the South East Stadium in Council's 2026–2027 Fees and Charges schedule as per the following report."

Introduction

This report seeks Council endorsement to introduce hire fees for the vacant former gym room at the South East Stadium to enable community groups and other suitable users to access the space.

Background

Following the conclusion of Discovery Sports Performance's lease and its departure from the South East Stadium, the former gym room is vacant. Council has received enquiries about hiring the space. As the room is currently empty and does not provide fitted gym equipment or furnishings, a modest hire rate is proposed, benchmarked against other Council owned comparable meeting and function spaces.

A proposed shared gym space arrangement for South East Sports Complex user clubs is separately being progressed with Council. Whilst this matter is under consideration, community use of the prior gym space is to be facilitated.

Strategic Plan

Objective 2 - Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation
2.3 Strategically manage our assets, facilities, services and structure, with a focus on continuous improvement.

Objective 3 – To Ensure a Liveable and Inclusive Community
3.3 Advocate for effective service delivery that meets current and future population and demographic projections.

Policy Implications

Hirers will be subject to Council's standard booking terms and conditions, including permitted activities, insurance, cleaning, access and any occupancy restrictions. The approved rates will be incorporated into Council's Fees and Charges schedule and reviewed annually.

Environmental implications

None foreseen.

Asset Management Implications

None foreseen.

Risk Management Implications

Council will assess proposed activities for suitability, occupancy limits, accessibility, public liability insurance, supervision and potential impacts on other stadium users through the regular booking process and hire agreement conditions.

Community Implications

A competitively priced room would provide additional space for local community groups, classes, meetings and activities. Affordable hire supports participation and makes better use of a Council facility that is currently vacant.

Report

The former gym room is an empty, unfurnished space containing a small kitchenette.

Current comparable hire charges across our community facilities are (GST inclusive):

Facility	Cost per hour	Cost per day
Sorell Memorial Hall Supper Room	$17	$126
Sorell Memorial Hall Green Room	$17	$126
Sorell Memorial Hall Meeting Room	$15	$85
South East Stadium Half Function Room	$33 (casual user) $28 (regular user)	-
South East Stadium Meeting Room (12-person capacity)	$33 (casual user) $28 (regular user)	-
South East Training & Jobs Hub Training Room (Community Use)	$45 (casual user) $27 (regular user)	-

It should be noted that our existing available spaces for hire are generally

for specific purposes (meetings, training etc) and have furniture and equipment available as part of the hire. The former gym room is offered without furniture or specialist equipment.

It is therefore proposed that the former gym room be available at:

- $24 per hour casual user (GST inclusive)
- $20 per hour regular user (GST inclusive)

The adopted 2026–2027 schedule specifies an additional 25% for trading, commercial, government and business use of sports and recreation facilities. This condition would also apply to the former gym room.

These rates offer an affordable community option below the Stadium's half function room and meeting room charges, while contributing to operating and maintenance costs. Bookings would remain subject to suitability, availability and Council's standard hire agreement conditions. The fee would remain in place as long as the room remains empty.

These fees will be reviewed as part of Council's annual Fees and Charges process.

Stacey Gadd
MANAGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS

18.0 FINANCE

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18.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 YTD

RECOMMENDATION

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

Note: variances are only reported and discussed below if they are greater than $10k and have a variance percentage of greater than 10%.

Permanent variance: A change that is expected to remain going forward.

Temporary: A timing or one-off difference that should reverse or disappear.

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR-TO-DATE

The operating surplus for the period ended 30 September 2026 of $16.165m is above the budget of $15.822m by $342k. The main drivers of this position are:

- Recurrent income year to date is $22.698m, which is above budget by $52k.
- Operating expenses year to date are $6.533m, which is below budget by $290k.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. RATES AND CHARGES

This category is above budget by $70k (less than 1%) to the end of September with no significant variances to be reported.

2. STATUTORY FEES AND CHARGES

This category is above budget by $27k to the end of September. The following significant variance is noted:

- Town Planning fees are above budget by $26k, with applications lodged greater than expected. (Temporary)

3. USER FEES

This category is well above budget by $129k to the end of September. The following significant variances are noted:

- Building Assessment fees is above budget by $19K, because of activity being considerably higher than expected. (Temporary).

- Plumbing Application Fees is above budget by $38k, because of activity being considerably higher than expected. (Temporary)

- Plumbing Inspection is above budget by $53k, because of activity being considerably higher than expected. (Temporary)

The above income line budgets, Building Assessment, Plumbing Application and Inspections were low due to an expected downturn in applications due to interest rate rises, however, we have yet to see any downturn in actuals in these areas.

- Food Licences is over budget by $13k due to a timing difference on budget with no annual implication expected. (Temporary).

4. GRANTS OPERATING

Refer to attachment (f) Grants Operating and Capital Variance Analysis for a detailed explanation of the variances.

5. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

This category is above budget by $92k to the end of September. The following significant variance is noted:

- Stormwater Contributions of $94k were received which were not budgeted in the 2026-27 financial year as it is difficult to estimate. (Permanent)

6. INTEREST

This category is above budget by $26k to the end of September. The following significant variance is noted:

- Interest Received Banks & Other is above budget by $19k due to higher-than-expected balances and interest rates. (Temporary)

7. OTHER INCOME

This category is below budget by $3k to the end of September. The following significant variances are noted;

- Lease Fees Copping Tip, under budget by $22k due to profit share component not received, this was budgeted in September. (Temporary)

- Other facilities hire, under budget by $10k due to budget based on 2025-26 actuals not being achieved. (Temporary)

- Other Sundry income above budget by $28k due to non-budgeted distribution of $25k from the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority funds. (Permanent)

8. INVESTMENT INCOME

This category is below budget by $70k to the end of September. The following significant variances are noted:

- Taswater interim dividend of $97k was received 1st October 2026, this was budgeted in September. (Temporary)

9. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

This category is below budget by $186k to the end of September. The following significant underspend variances are noted:

- Salaries transferred to WIP is above budget by $24k due to more work than planned on capital projects. (Temporary)

- Staff Training is below budget by $14k with the amount budgeted in future months. (Temporary)

- Workers Compensation insurance is below budget by $29k primarily due to a prior year member distribution of $27k credit. (Permanent)

10. MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Materials and services is $307k below budget to the end of September.

The following significant variances are noted:

- Computer Software is below budget by $57k to the end of September. Due to a one-off Server Operating System licence of $40k, which has been delayed to October/November. (Temporary)

- Consultants Other is below budget by $138k due to project timing:

  - Town Planning is $85k below budget due invoice timing of the Southern Beaches Structure Plan and that Sorell East growth Area has yet to commence. (Temporary)
  - Natural Resource Management is below budget by $27k due to non-commencement of Weeds Strategy Implementation Priority 1 and 2 and Reserve Management Plan Craigs Hill. (Temporary)
  - Engagements & Events is below budget by $20k due to the Sorell Memorial Hall surrounds project being converted to a capitalised asset. (Permanent)

- Contractors is below budget by $64k due to project timing:
  - Information and Technology below budget by $29k largely due to a delayed spend on Techquity waste booking system and Server Virtual machine upgrades. (Temporary)
  - Communications and Corporate Admin is below budget by $20k due to a delayed start in Website Development. (Temporary)
  - Assets & GIS is below budget by $18k due to a delayed start on Contractor Support Projects and Departmental Backfill. (Permanent)

- Mornington Park transfer station disposal costs are below budget by $16k to the end of September. This is due to credits from Southern Waste Solutions, a reduction in charges that is not budgeted. (Permanent)

- FOGO Mobile Garbage Bin Collection is below budget by $28k to the end of September. We have not been charged for two collections year to date with an estimated cost of $26k. (Temporary)

- FOGO Mobile Garbage Bin Disposal is below budget by $14k to the end of September, collection costs are less than expected year to date. (Temporary)

- Repairs and Maintenance is above budget by $93k to the end of September, the following significant variances are noted:
  - Finance is above budget by $13k largely due to a spend of $9k on door and window glazing at the CAC. This has since been reallocated as a capitalised asset. (Temporary)
  - Community Facilities is above budget by $15k largely due to a spend on decking replacement at Lady Gowrie, $22k. This has since been reallocated as a capitalised asset. (Temporary)

  - Land Improvements is above budget by $60k largely due to spends on spring renovation, due to timing, earlier than expected. (Temporary)

- Kerbside Hard Waste Collection is below budget by $16k to the end of September, we did experience an issue with the booking system. We have a reasonable expectation that collection volume will be higher next collection.

- Kerbside Recycling Disposal is below budget by $43k to the end of September. Carbon Reduction Scheme rebates were received of $39k in September for the Q2, Q3 and Q4 2025-2026 quarters. These were unbudgeted (Permanent). We will receive further rebates in 2026-2027.

- Valuation Expenses is above budget by $49k to the end of September.
  - Valuation expense $34k expected in June but carried forward into current financial year, unbudgeted. (Permanent)
  - Further valuation supplementary fees of $14k unbudgeted. (Temporary)

11. DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION

This category is below budget by $16k to the end of September, with no significant variances noted.

12. FINANCE COSTS

This category is in line with budget to the end of September.

13. OTHER EXPENSES

This category is above budget by $205k to the end of September, with the following significant variances are noted:

- Election Expenses are above budget by $17k due to a timing difference, budgeted in December (Temporary)
- Government Fire contributions are above budget by $184k due to a timing difference, budgeted in October. (Temporary)
- Engagements and Events is under budget by $19k due to a timing difference, on Community Development Projects. (Temporary)
- Contributions (SES) is over budget by $27k due to a timing difference, budgeted in December. (Temporary)

14. GRANTS CAPITAL

Refer to attachment (f) Grants Operating and Capital Variance Analysis for a detailed explanation of the variances.

15. CONTRIBUTIONS – NON-MONETARY ASSETS

No non-monetary asset contribution revenue was received as at the end of September.

16. NET GAIN / (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL

This category is above budget by $4k to the end of September.

17. SHARE OF INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES

No Share of Interest in Joint Ventures income was received as at the end of September.

CASH & INVESTMENTS

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

Council's cash position decreased by $286k during the month of September, predominantly due to capital expenditure. In comparison with the 2025/2026 financial year, the current cash balance of $28.355m is $2.485m greater than the balance at the same time last year.

Sorell Council continues to hold $425k in grant income received in advance as reported in the Balance Sheet, this is $869k 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 September 2026, cash reserves being held by Council are as follows;

Land Sales	$1,114,726
Public Open Space Contributions	$2,268,695
Car Parking Cash in Lieu	$ 89,504
Subdivision Traffic Management Contributions	$ 150,790
Stormwater	$ 125,449
Interest	$ 507,569
	$4,256,733

RATES OUTSTANDING

Attached is a graph showing unpaid rates by month, for both the current and previous year. The first graph declines each month as rates are progressively paid throughout the financial year. The second graph displays rates paid in advance. This tends to increase as the year moves forward. The third graph reflects the percentage of combined rates balance outstanding at the end of each month, with four comparative financial years' data as well.

The rates paid in full date was 9 September 2026.

At the end of September, 38.5% of rates had been paid, compared to 41.7% at the same time last year. Rate collections are slightly behind on the previous year, rates staff have increased activity around rates debtor follow-up and collection processes during the month.

Penalty relating to the 1st rates instalment date was applied from the 17 September 2026.

Supplementary valuations were received from the Office of the Valuer-General, year to date totalling $25.8 in rates, $1.2k fire levy and $11k in waste charges.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

- End-of-month (EOM) procedures for September, 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).
- The 2026/2027 financial year variance reporting schedule has been developed and agreed upon with workgroup managers. Workgroup managers will complete comprehensive variance reporting on actual to budget income and expenditure four times during the financial year. Variance reporting was completed by all workgroup managers in September.
- Phase 1 of the 2025/2026 Consolidated Data Collection Survey was completed and submitted to KPMG prior to the due date.
- Work commenced on Phase 2 of the 2025/2026 Consolidated Data Collection Survey.

- South East Region Development Association (SERDA) ad-hoc and monthly financial tasks.
- Finance staff completed the following grant related reports:
    - Assisted with the final reporting in relation to the Election Commitments 2024 Carlton Beach and Park Beach viewing platforms to the State Government Department of State Growth.
    - Assisted with the final reporting in relation to the Resilience and Recovery Grant Madison Lyden Park rainwater harvesting and resilient landscape upgrade to the State Government Department of Premier and Cabinet.
    - Assisted with the final reporting in relation to the Southern Beaches Coastal Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program to the State Government Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management

AUDIT

- Audit Tasmania (AT) were on site the week starting Monday 14 September 2026 completing the 2025/2026 end of financial year audit. Finance staff worked with AT to finalise the audit during the full week.
- AT issued the Report to Those Charged with Governance – Year Ended 30 June 2026, on 25 September 2026. The report noted that the audit did not identify any uncorrected misstatements that, in AT's judgement, either individually or in aggregate, could have a material effect on the financial report. The report noted no corrected misstatements.
- The Acting Manager Finance and the CEO signed the audit Management Representation Letter and provided certification of the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026, on 29 September 2026.
- AT issued the unqualified Independent Auditor's Report of the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2026, on 29 September 2026.
- AT will issue a final Financial Audit Outcomes Report in October 2026 per the Audit Strategy.

GRANTS & FUNDING

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

- The third instalment of Sorell Smart Solar Upgrade: Powering Community with Clean Energy of $58k was received from the Federal Government Department of Industry.

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

- First instalment for the Carlton Beach Road and Provence Drive Vulnerable Road User Program an amount of $144k was invoiced to the State Government Department of Building Tasmania.
- Final instalment for the Southern Beaches Coastal Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program an amount of $156k was invoiced to the State Government Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management.

INSURANCE

- NIL

FLEET MANAGEMENT

- A capital budget allocation was made for fleet replacements during the 2025/2026 financial year. We have two remaining disposals from the 2025/2026 financial year being two utes - one will be sold in October.
- A capital budget allocation was made for fleet replacements during the 2026/2027 financial year. The proposal document has now been completed for sign off by the CEO.

MEETINGS

- CFO Magazine – Breach, Decide, Recover – 2 September
- Weel – Finance Leadership in the Age of AI – 10 September
- Weel – The AI Finance Masterclass: Claude, Fraud & Control – 17 September
- Floqast – You're going to Build Agents. The Question is Where and How – 24 September
- CouncilFirst software presentation – 24 September
- Floqast – Real Talk: How Accounting Leaders are Rewriting the Rules – 30 September
- MS Hour software solution - Various

ATTACHMENTS

MONTHLY DASHBOARD REPORT (Pages 7)

a) Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 September 2026 (Pages 1)
b) Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2026 (Pages 1)
c) Statement of Cash Position as at 30 September 2026 (Pages 1)
d) Investments and Borrowings as at 30 September 2026 (Pages 4)
e) Rates Outstanding as at 30 September 2026 (Pages 2)
f) Grants Operating and Capital Variance Analysis as at 30 September 2026 (Pages 1)
g) ADDITIONAL READING Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 September 2026 (Pages 5)

SCOTT NICOL	**SALLY FANG**	**BILL BLAKE**
ACTING MANAGER FINANCE	**ACCOUNTANT**	**ACCOUNTANT**

Date: 13 October 2026
Attachments (17 pages)

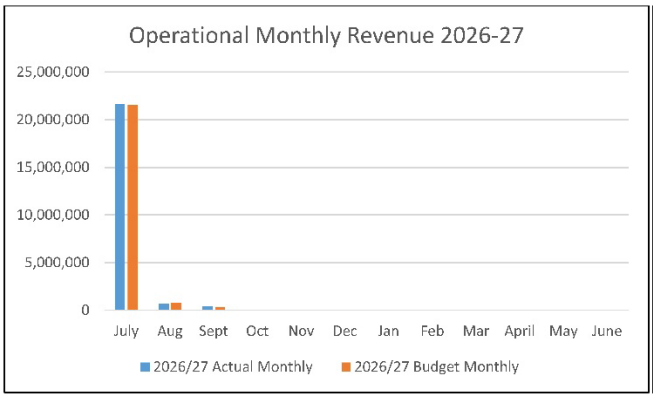
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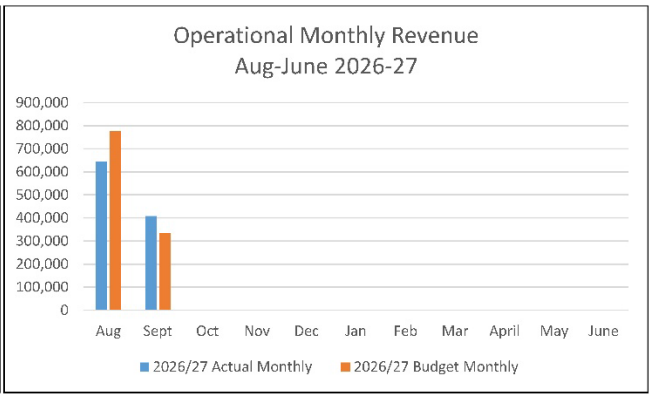
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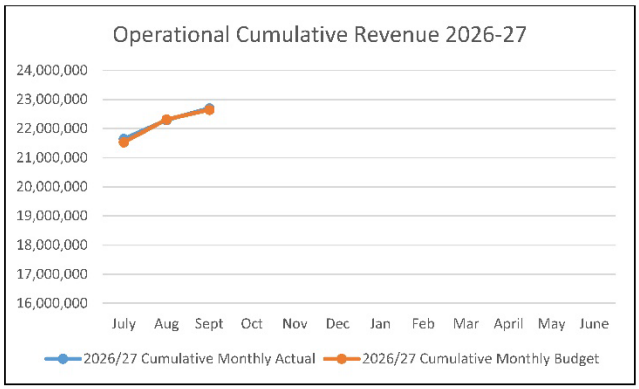
REVENUE - OPERATIONAL

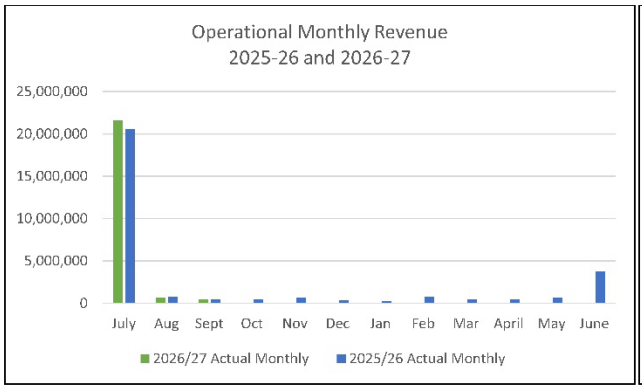
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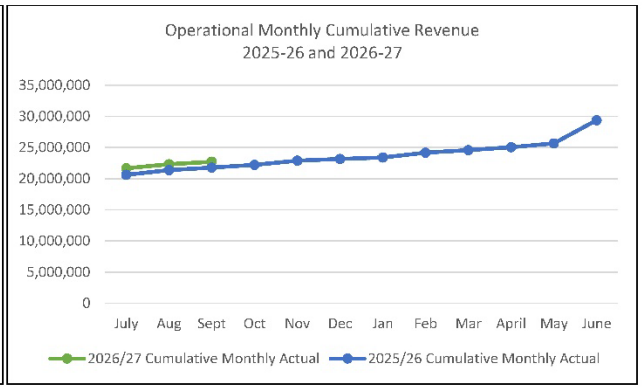
The most significant graphical variances displayed below relate to Grants operating and User fees. Grants Operating is below budget by $215k and disclosed in further detail in the Grants Variance Analysis report for the month (f). User fees is above budget by $128k. While the budget assumed a downturn in applications resulting from interest rate increases, this trend has not yet shown in actual results.





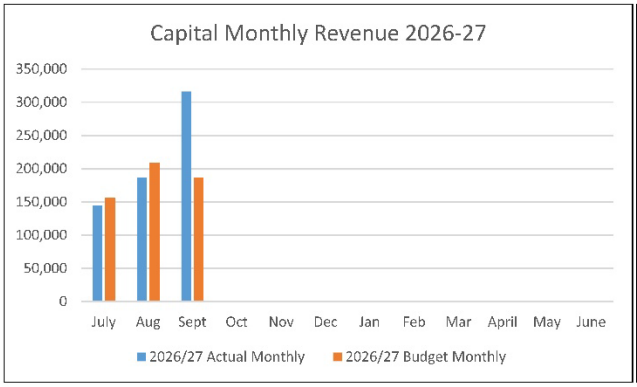


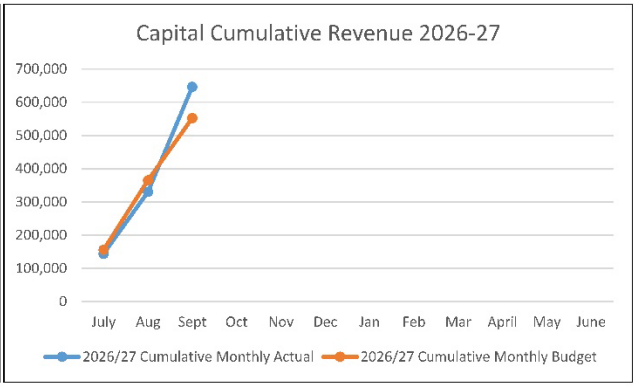


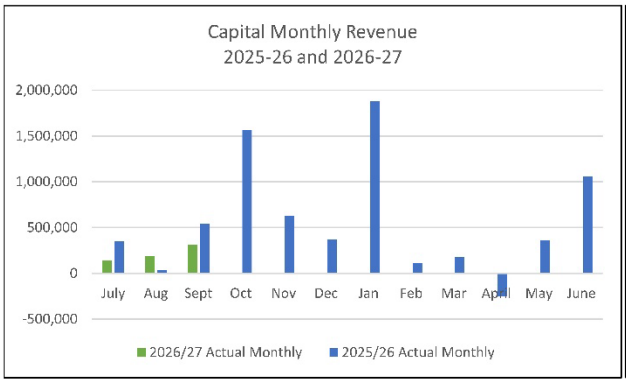


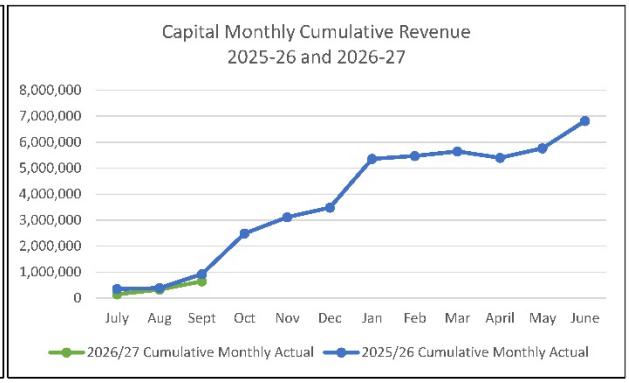
REVENUE – CAPITAL

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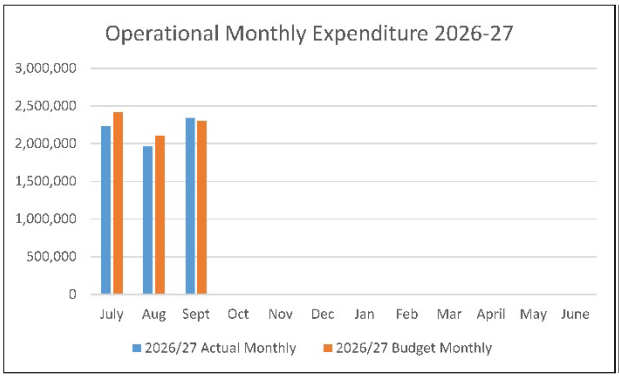


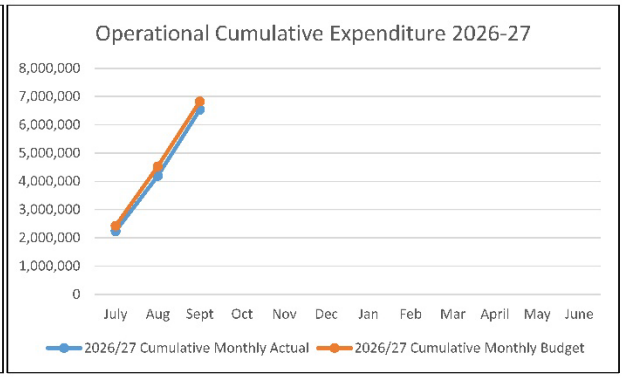


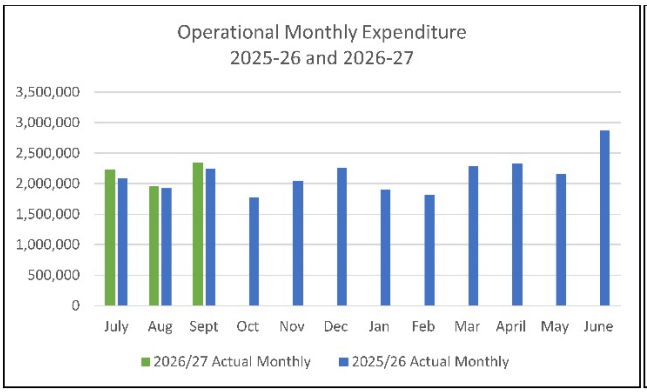


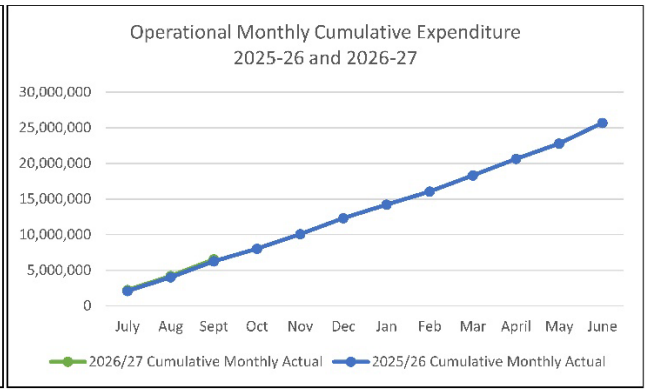
EXPENDITURE

The most significant graphical variances displayed below relate to Employee benefits, Materials & services and Other expenses. Employee benefits is below budget by $186k, primarily due to a number of vacant positions. Materials & services is below budget by $294k. These underspends are not expected to be permanent variances, as they are a result of delays in work and project schedules which are still expected to be completed before the end of the financial year. Other expenses is above budget by $206k. Government Fire Contributions has been paid in September. This is budgeted in October.

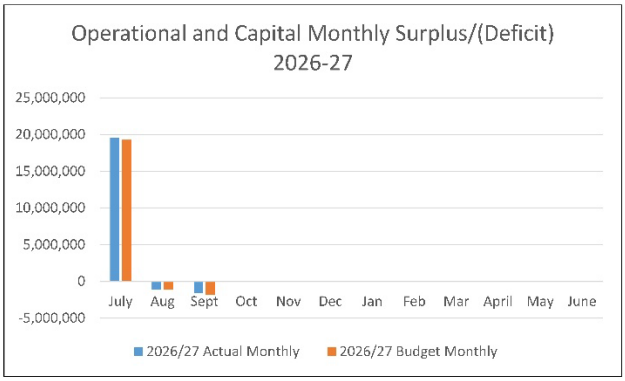


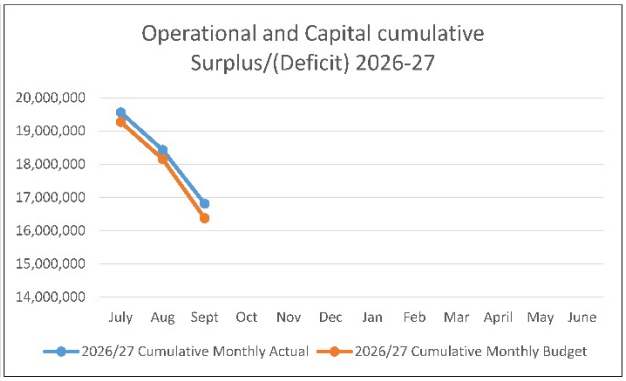


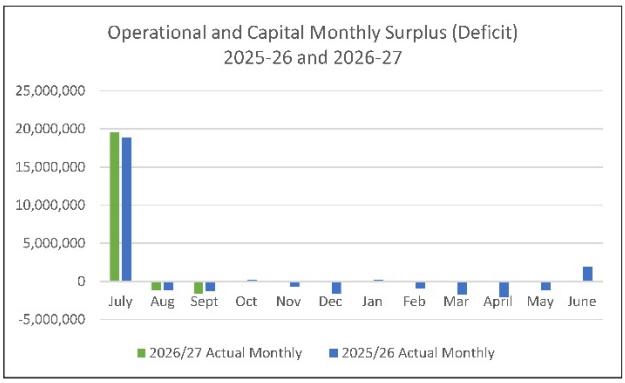


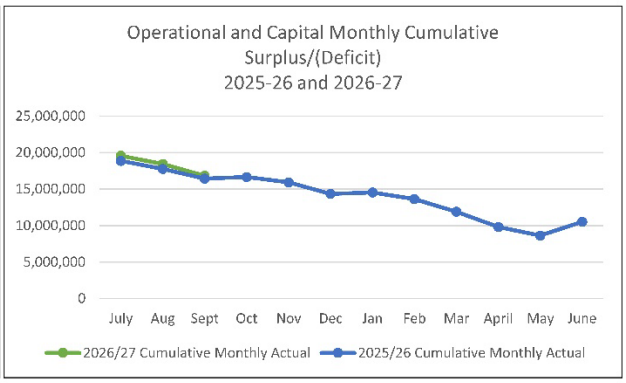


SURPLUS/DEFICIT









SORELL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
For the period September 2026

	NOTES	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	VAR	FULL YEAR BUDGET
INCOME					
RECURRENT INCOME					
Rates and Charges	1	21,631,807	21,564,813	66,995	21,819,510
Statutory fees and fines	2	245,465	218,619	26,846	734,545
User Fees	3	268,274	139,767	128,507	633,285
Grants Operating	4	156,637	371,406	(214,769)	3,080,016
Contributions received	5	129,215	37,500	91,715	150,000
Interest	6	123,028	97,414	25,614	1,126,316
Other income	7	143,251	146,292	(3,041)	663,821
Investment income from TasWater	8	0	70,000	(70,000)	280,000
		22,697,677	**22,645,812**	**51,866**	**28,487,493**
EXPENSES					
Employee benefits	9	1,964,654	2,151,104	186,450	9,071,607
Materials and services	10	1,819,557	2,113,237	293,680	8,900,223
Depreciation and amortisation	11	1,894,250	1,910,432	16,182	7,568,524
Finance costs	12	(9,422)	(9,422)	0	87,168
Other expenses	13	864,091	658,113	(205,978)	2,320,365
TOTAL EXPENSES		**6,533,131**	**6,823,465**	**290,334**	**27,947,886**
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**16,164,547**	**15,822,347**	**342,200**	**539,607**
CAPITAL INCOME					
Grants Capital	14	641,957	552,122	89,835	3,972,888
Contributions - non-monetary assets	15	0	0	0	1,827,829
Net gain/(loss) on disposal	16	4,294	0	4,294	365,000
Share of Interests in JVs	17	0	0	0	0
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME		**646,251**	**552,122**	**94,129**	**6,165,717**
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**16,810,797**	**16,374,468**	**436,329**	**6,705,324**

SORELL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As At September 2026

	Notes	Actual 2026/2027	Actual 30 June 2026	Movement
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents		20,465,374	16,656,738	3,808,636
Investments		7,889,388	7,776,158	113,230
Trade and Other Receivables		14,238,301	1,304,451	12,933,850
Inventories		73,605	73,605	-
Other Assets		14,581	874,430	(859,849)
Total Current Assets		**42,681,248**	**26,685,382**	**15,995,867**
Non-Current Assets				
Trade and Other Receivables		2,000	2,100	(100)
Assets Held for Sale		0	0	-
Intangible Assets		231,504	233,745	(2,241)
Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment		436,585,508	438,477,517	(1,892,009)
Work in Progress		5,370,482	3,555,092	1,815,390
Investments		37,396,001	37,396,001	-
Other Non-Current Assets		27,209	27,209	-
Total Non-Current Assets		**479,612,704**	**479,691,665**	**(78,961)**
TOTAL ASSETS		**522,293,952**	**506,377,047**	**15,916,906**
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Trade and Other Payables		855,363	1,053,678	(198,315)
Trust Funds and Deposits		498,963	445,099	53,864
Interest Bearing Loans & Borrowings		224,381	224,381	-
Provisions		1,456,476	1,453,723	2,752
Contract Liabilities		424,624	1,176,817	(752,193)
Other Current Liabilities		6,973	6,973	-
Total Current Liabilities		**3,466,781**	**4,360,672**	**(893,891)**
Non-Current Liabilities				
Interest Bearing Loans & Borrowings		2,034,995	2,034,995	-
Provisions		133,062	133,062	-
Contract Liabilities		-	-	-
Other Current Liabilities		20,532	20,532	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		**2,188,589**	**2,188,589**	**-**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**5,655,370**	**6,549,261**	**(893,891)**
Net Assets		**516,638,582**	**499,827,786**	**16,810,797**
EQUITY				
Accumulated Surplus		183,553,872	166,743,076	16,810,797
Reserves		333,084,710	333,084,710	-
Total Equity		**516,638,582**	**499,827,786**	**16,810,797**

SORELL COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION
As At September 2026

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Opening Balance Cash at Bank & Investments	24,432,896
Closing Balance Cash at Bank & Investments	28,354,762
Cash Movement Year to Date	**3,921,867**

Represented by:

Net Surplus / (Deficit)	16,810,797
Add: Depreciation	1,894,250
Net Cash Surplus / (Deficit)	18,705,047
Loan Repayments	0
Capital Expenditure (per capital report)	(1,815,390)
Capital Expenditure - Asset (Purchases) / Disposals	(2,241)
Balance Sheet Movements	(12,965,551)
Cash Movement Year to Date	**3,921,867**

Sorell Council - Investments as at 30/09/26						
Financial Institution	**Product**	**Deposit Date**	**Maturity Date**	**Value**	**Interest rate**	**Credit Rating S&P Short Term**
MyState Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	16/07/2026	16/07/2027	$ 1,054,305	5.21%	F2
ANZ Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	3/08/2026	3/08/2027	$ 3,000,000	5.34%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	12 Month Term Deposit	28/08/2026	30/08/2027	$ 2,000,000	5.37%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	8 Month Term Deposit	23/02/2026	23/10/2026	$ 1,500,000	4.79%	A1+
Westpac Term Deposit	9 Month Term Deposit	27/02/2026	23/11/2026	$ 1,000,000	4.81%	A1+
MyState Term Deposit	4 Month Term Deposit	7/08/2026	7/12/2026	$ 1,798,233	5.05%	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	8 Month Term Deposit	21/08/2026	21/04/2027	$ 1,700,000	5.26%	A1+
CBA Term Deposit	11 Month Term Deposit	25/06/2026	21/05/2027	$ 1,000,000	5.28%	A1+
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	25/06/2026	25/06/2027	$ 1,042,267	5.30%	F2
CBA Special Purpose Account	At Call			$ 4,162,619	4.60%	A1+
CBA Bonds Account	Non-Interest Bearing			$ 486,955	0.00%	A1+
CBA Operating Account	Current			$ 5,543,019	4.60%	A1+
Various Petty Cash and Floats	In house			$ 1,100	N/A	A1+
Various Halls Bank Balances				$ 29,414	N/A	A1+
Total Investments				**$ 28,354,762**		

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+	$ 23,423,107	83%	100%
A1	$ -	0%	50%
A2	$ 4,931,656	17%	30%
	$ 28,354,762	**100%**	

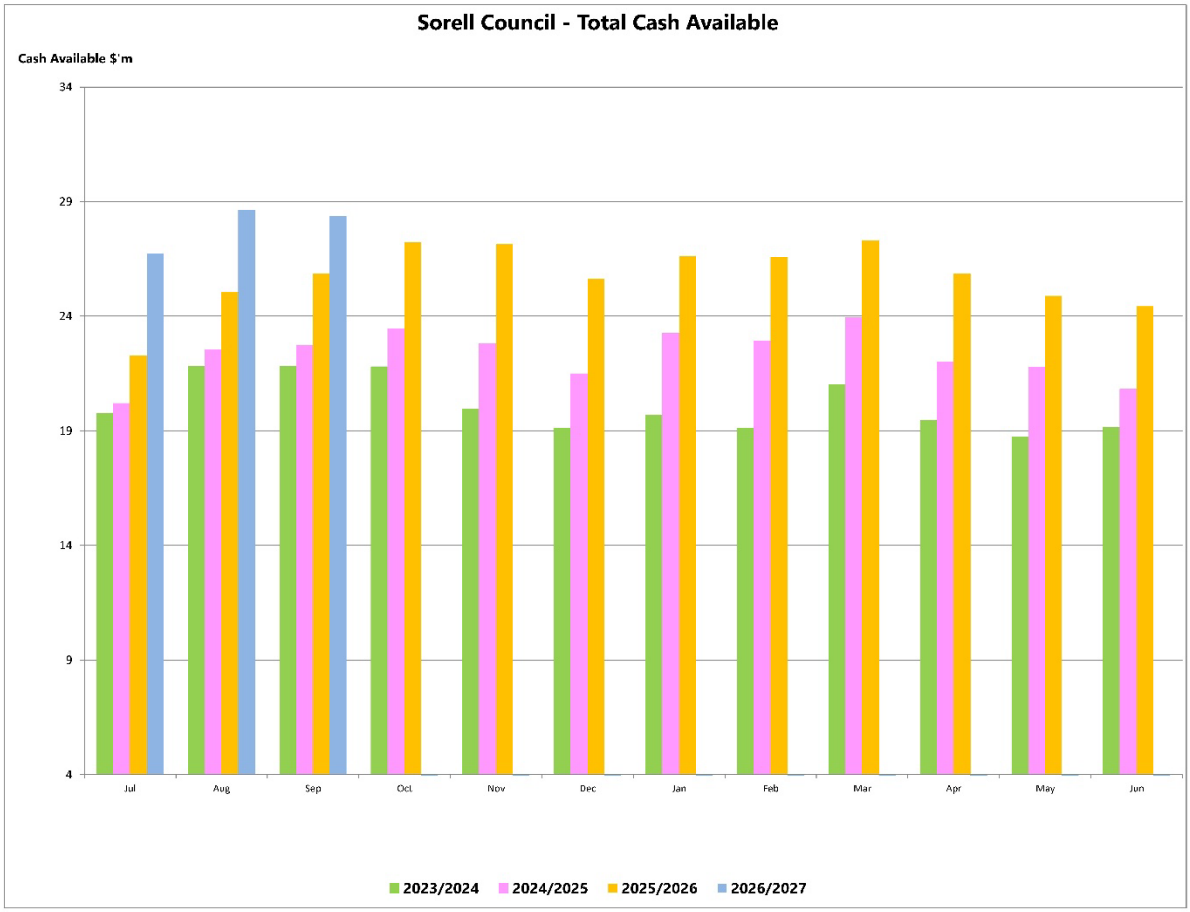
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Financial Institution Percentage of Total Investment			Benchmarks
CBA (A1+)	$ 11,223,107	40%	50%
Westpac (A1+)	$ 9,200,000	32%	50%
ANZ (A1+)	$ 3,000,000	11%	50%
Bendigo Bank (A2)	$ 1,036,850	4%	30%
MyState (A2)	$ 3,894,805	14%	30%
	$ 28,354,762	**100%**	

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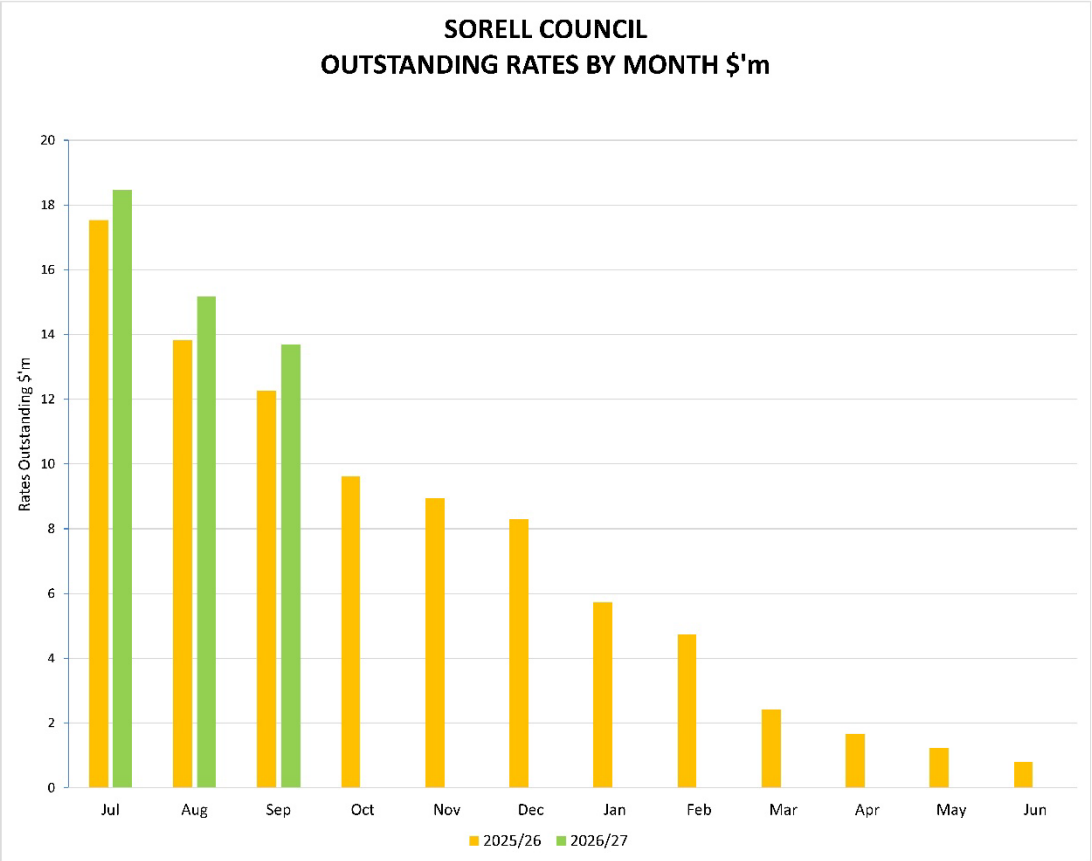
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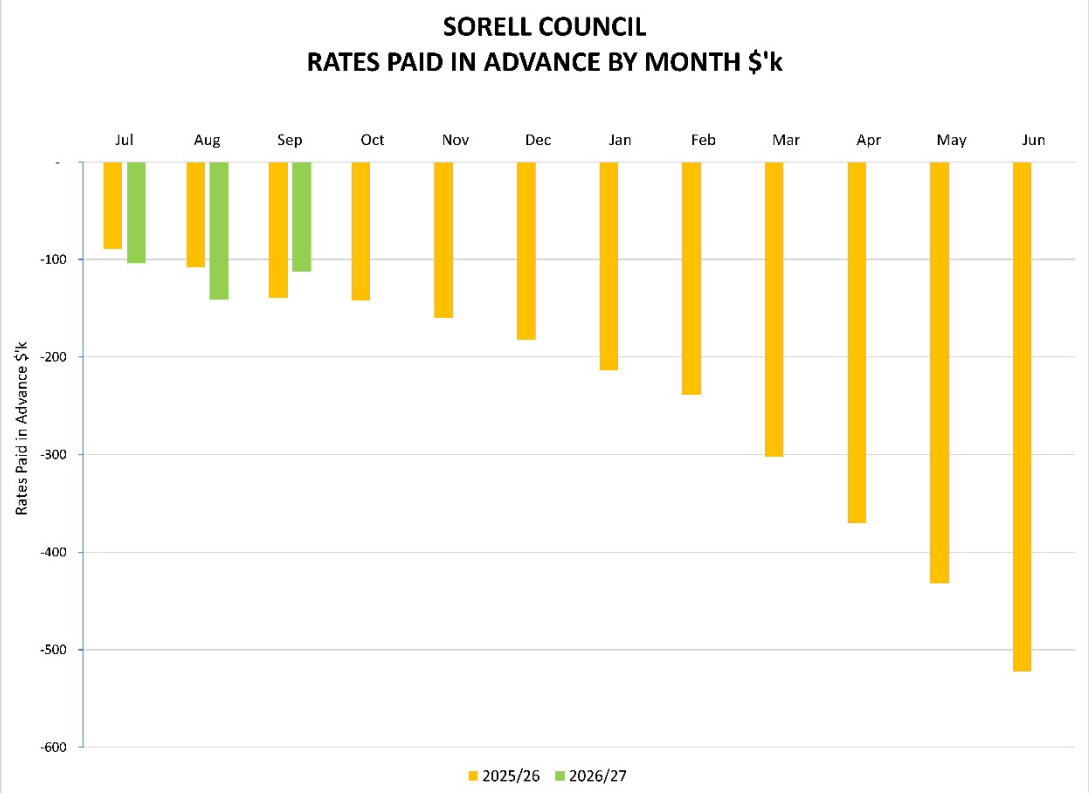
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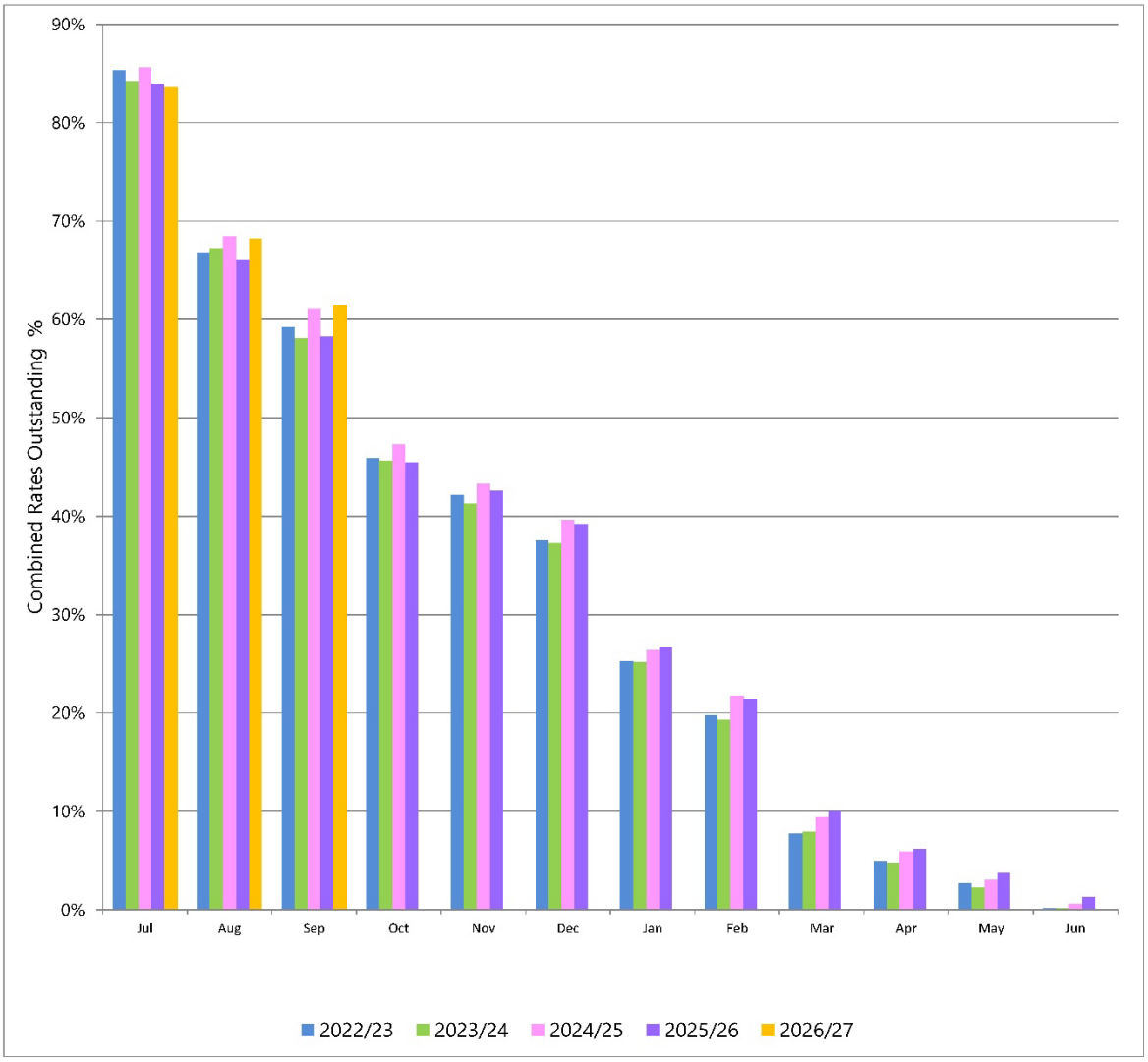
Sorell Council - Borrowings as at 30/09/26							
Financial Institution	**Product**	**Borrowing Date**	**Maturity Date**	**Face Value**	**Interest rate**	**Principle Repayments YTD**	**Interest Payments YTD**
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	29/06/2021	29/06/2031	$ 657,920	2.12%	$ -	$ -
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	18/05/2022	18/05/2032	$ 1,058,291	4.41%	$ -	$ -
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	28/06/2024	28/06/2034	$ 220,659	5.53%	$ -	$ -
TASCORP	Fixed Term Loan	7/04/2025	7/04/2035	$ 322,506	5.19%	$ -	$ -
Total Borrowings				**$ 2,259,376**			

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


SORELL COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING RATES BY MONTH $'m
Rates Outstanding $'m
20
18
16
14
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
2025/26
2026/27


SORELL COUNCIL
RATES PAID IN ADVANCE BY MONTH $'k
Rates Paid in Advance $'k
-100
-200
-300
-400
-500
-600
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
2025/26
2026/27

SORELL COUNCIL
OUTSTANDING COMBINED RATES BY MONTH %



GRANT VARIANCE ANALYSIS - 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

Grant Details	Actual	Budget	Variance	Comments
GL 1405 Grants Operating - C/wealth Financial Assist Grant (FAG)				
FAG	$ 156,637	**$ 371,406**	-$ 214,769	- our advance for 2026/2027 paid in June 2026 was higher than expected. Meaning that amount received this finacial year is lower.
TOTAL GL 1400 (above) -	$ 156,637	**$ 371,406**	-$ 214,769	
GL 2110 Grants Capital - Commonwealth Grants				
C-26-B-006 Solar Smart Upgrade	$ 7,875	**$ 48,198**	-$ 40,322	- behind schedule but expected to be completed in October which is ahead of schedule.
TOTAL 2110 -	**$ 7,875**	**$ 48,198**	-$ 40,322	
GL 2115 Grants Capital - State Grants				
C-25-T-017 Sorell Park & Ride - bus stop upgrades	$ 6,935	**$ 12,869**	-$ 5,934	- behind schedule
C-24-S-CERMP-A/B/C Southern Beaches, Coastal & Estuarine Risk Mitigation Project	$ 156,055	**$ 156,055**	$ -	- complete
C-26-B-004 Sorell Men's Shed and Sorell Lion's Club dual purpose facility	$ 338,560	**$ 335,000**	$ 3,560	- on budget
C-26-LI-003/004 Carlton Beach & Dodges Ferry Park Beach viewing platforms	$ 112,532	**$ -**	$ 112,532	- carried fwd 2025/26 is now completed
C-26-LI-013 Harvesting and Resilient Landscape Upgrade	$ 20,000	**$ -**	$ 20,000	- carried fwd 2025/26 is now completed
TOTAL 2115 -	**$ 634,082**	**$ 503,924**	**$ 130,158**	
	$ 641,957	**$ 923,528**	**-$ 124,934**	

SORELL COUNCIL
DEPARTMENTAL PROFIT & LOSS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED September 2026
FOR COST CENTRE - All Cost Centres

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR	FULL YEAR BUDGET
0100	**Profit & Loss**				
0500	**INCOME**				
1000	**RECURRENT INCOME**				
1100	**Rates and Charges**				
1105	Rates - General/Ordinary/Residential	(16,710,552)	(16,684,695)	25,857	(16,791,487)
1110	Rates General Written Off	4,589	1,750	(2,839)	7,000
1115	State Grant Rates Remission	(973,834)	(937,887)	35,948	(1,042,096)
1120	Rates Pensioner Concession	1,059,198	1,042,096	(17,101)	1,042,096
1125	Domestic Waste Annual Charge	(4,252,530)	(4,236,546)	15,984	(4,276,958)
1130	Fire Rates Levy Income	(771,444)	(762,550)	8,893	(770,253)
1150	Other Remissions	13,296	13,296	0	13,296
1160	AWTS Maintenance Fee Received	(531)	(277)	253	(1,109)
1199	**Rates and Charges Total**	**(21,631,807)**	**(21,564,813)**	**66,995**	**(21,819,510)**
1200	**Statutory Fees and Charges**				
1210	132 & 337 Certificate Fees	(48,315)	(51,366)	(3,051)	(205,462)
1220	Town Planning Fees	(189,673)	(163,594)	26,079	(507,101)
1225	Animal Infringements & Fines	(960)	(785)	176	(3,138)
1230	Other Infringements Fines & Penalties	(2,681)	(2,500)	181	(12,000)
1235	Licences & Permits	(2,442)	0	2,442	(5,344)
1240	Street Stall Permit Fee	(1,394)	(375)	1,019	(1,500)
1299	**Statutory Fees and Charges Total**	**(245,465)**	**(218,619)**	**26,846**	**(734,545)**
1300	**User Fees**				
1303	Animal Management Sundry Income -collars,signs etc	0	0	0	0
1306	Building Assessment Fees	(44,715)	(25,500)	19,215	(98,000)
1318	Caravan Licences	333	0	(333)	(22,172)
1327	Dog Impounding & Release Fees	(288)	(500)	(212)	(2,000)
1330	Dog Registration & Renewal	(44,840)	(36,000)	8,840	(117,712)
1331	Kennel Licences	(1,183)	0	1,183	(1,500)
1333	Driveway Approval and Inspection Fees	(3,905)	(1,017)	2,888	(4,068)
1335	Engineering Inspections & 1% Approval Fee	0	(7,500)	(7,500)	(30,000)
1336	Fire Abatement Charges	533	0	(533)	(15,000)
1342	Food Licences	(13,679)	0	13,679	(48,833)
1351	Photocopy Charges	0	0	0	0
1354	Plumbing Application Fees	(72,332)	(33,750)	38,582	(135,000)
1357	Plumbing Inspection	(83,823)	(30,000)	53,823	(120,000)
1360	Amended Plan Fees	(325)	(1,250)	(925)	(5,000)
1363	Recreational Vehicle Income	(4,049)	(4,250)	(201)	(34,000)
1369	Building Administration Fee (0.1%)	0	0	0	0
1372	TBCITB Training Levy (0.2%)	0	0	0	0
1399	**User Fees Total**	**(268,274)**	**(139,767)**	**128,507**	**(633,285)**
1400	**Grants Operating**				
1405	Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant	(156,637)	(371,406)	(214,769)	(3,064,860)
1410	Comm'th Grants & Subsidies	0	0	0	0
1415	State Grants & Subsidies	0	0	0	(15,156)
1420	Other Grants & Subsidies	0	0	0	0
1430	Training Incentive Payment	0	0	0	0
1499	**Grants Operating Total**	**(156,637)**	**(371,406)**	**(214,769)**	**(3,080,016)**

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DEPARTMENTAL PROFIT & LOSS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED September 2026
FOR COST CENTRE - All Cost Centres

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR	FULL YEAR BUDGET
1500	**Contributions Received**				
1505	Public Open Space Contributions	(35,100)	(37,500)	(2,400)	(150,000)
1506	Car Parking Cash in Lieu Contributions	0	0	0	0
1507	Subdiv Traffic Management Treatment Contributions	0	0	0	0
1508	Stormwater Contributions	(94,115)	0	94,115	0
1510	Contributions Received Other	0	0	0	0
1549	**Contributions Received Total**	**(129,215)**	**(37,500)**	**91,715**	**(150,000)**
1550	**Interest**				
1560	Rates Interest Penalty	(46,755)	(39,100)	7,655	(163,422)
1565	Rates Interest Written Off	53	150	97	1,500
1570	Rates Legal Costs Recovered	(639)	(1,431)	(792)	(5,723)
1575	Interest Received Banks & Other	(75,687)	(57,034)	18,653	(958,671)
1599	**Interest Total**	**(123,028)**	**(97,414)**	**25,614**	**(1,126,316)**
1600	**Other Income**				
1605	Bad Debts Recovered	0	0	0	0
1610	Diesel Fuel Rebate	(4,538)	(5,623)	(1,085)	(33,740)
1615	Donations Received	0	0	0	0
1620	Hall Hire	(11,925)	(13,776)	(1,851)	(76,640)
1625	Lease/Rent Fees Received	(39,881)	(38,906)	975	(182,327)
1627	Lease Fees - Copping Tip	(14,977)	(36,876)	(21,900)	(110,000)
1630	Other Facility Hire	(28,751)	(38,932)	(10,181)	(166,568)
1635	Other Sundry Income	(28,608)	(685)	27,923	(44,740)
1637	Insurance Recoveries	(3,061)	0	3,061	0
1645	Vehicle FBT Recoveries	(8,653)	(11,494)	(2,840)	(49,805)
1655	Workers Compensation - Reimbursement	(1,613)	0	1,613	0
1656	Copping Public Cemetery Trust Net Income	0	0	0	0
1660	Dunalley Public Cemetery Trust Net Income	(1,244)	0	1,244	0
1662	Wheelie Bin Stabiliser Income	0	0	0	0
1689	**Other Income Total**	**(143,251)**	**(146,292)**	**(3,041)**	**(663,821)**
1690	**Investment Income**				
1694	TasWater Interim Dividend	0	(70,000)	(70,000)	(280,000)
1695	SWS Interim Dividend	0	0	0	0
1699	**Investment Income Total**	**0**	**(70,000)**	**(70,000)**	**(280,000)**
1999	**Recurrent Income Total**	**(22,697,677)**	**(22,645,812)**	**51,866**	**(28,487,493)**
2000	**Capital Income**				
2100	**Grants Capital**				
2105	Roads to Recovery Funding	0	0	0	(735,865)
2110	Comm'th Grants new or upgraded assets	(7,875)	(48,198)	(40,322)	(2,442,791)
2115	State Grants for new or upgraded assets	(634,082)	(503,924)	130,158	(744,232)
2120	Other Grants for new or upgraded assets	0	0	0	(50,000)
2199	**Grants Capital Total**	**(641,957)**	**(552,122)**	**89,835**	**(3,972,888)**
2200	**Contributions - Non-monetary Assets**				
2205	Developer Contributions for assets	0	0	0	(1,827,829)
2299	**Contributions - Non-monetary Assets Total**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**(1,827,829)**
2300	**Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal**				
2305	(Profit) / Loss on Disposal of Assets	(4,294)	0	4,294	(365,000)
2320	Recognition / De-recognition of Assets	0	0	0	0

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		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR	FULL YEAR BUDGET
2399	**Net (Gain) / Loss on Disposal Total**	**(4,294)**	**0**	**4,294**	**(365,000)**
2400	**Share of Interests in Joint Ventures**				
2410	Fair value adjustment - Investment in Associate	0	0	0	0
2420	Revenue from Investment in Associates	0	0	0	0
2499	**Share of Interests in Joint Ventures Total**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
2899	**CAPITAL INCOME TOTAL**	**(646,251)**	**(552,122)**	**94,129**	**(6,165,717)**
2999	**TOTAL INCOME**	**(23,343,928)**	**(23,197,933)**	**145,995**	**(34,653,210)**
3000	**Expenses**				
3100	**Employee Benefits**				
3102	ADO Expense	4,103	0	(4,103)	918
3103	Annual Leave	149,500	157,801	8,301	644,457
3109	Conferences	3,030	5,350	2,320	11,960
3111	Drug and Alcohol Testing	820	600	(220)	3,000
3112	FBT Expenses - Gift Cards / Gifts	602	500	(102)	2,500
3114	Entertainment	(13)	1,095	1,108	5,700
3115	Fringe Benefit Taxes	0	0	0	38,704
3118	Health and Well Being	528	2,520	1,992	4,920
3124	Long Service Leave	66,923	72,190	5,267	208,151
3127	Medicals	2,000	990	(1,010)	3,960
3139	Overheads Recovered	(18,447)	(10,514)	7,932	(81,979)
3145	Payroll Tax	88,123	97,102	8,979	426,810
3148	Protective Clothing & Accessories	18,342	12,438	(5,905)	34,250
3151	Recruitment Costs	0	1,000	1,000	2,000
3154	Salaries	1,349,847	1,431,047	81,200	6,531,373
3156	Salaries transferred to WIP	(54,044)	(29,955)	24,088	(255,735)
3163	Staff Training	6,877	20,645	13,768	70,679
3166	Superannuation - Council Contribution	229,379	245,315	15,937	1,082,252
3169	Temp Staff Employed Through Agency	42,254	41,767	(488)	123,210
3172	Travel and Accommodation	0	375	375	1,500
3175	Uniforms / Clothes Purchased	4,339	1,800	(2,539)	14,400
3181	Workers Compensation Expense Claims	0	0	0	500
3184	Workers Compensation Insurance	70,489	99,039	28,550	198,078
3199	**Employee Benefits Total**	**1,964,654**	**2,151,104**	**186,450**	**9,071,607**
3200	**Materials and Services**				
3201	Abandoned Cars & Dumped Rubbish Disposal Costs	1,482	2,250	768	9,000
3202	Advertising	14,389	13,609	(780)	84,743
3204	AWTS Maintenance Charge	348	208	(140)	832
3206	Cleaning	57,868	62,893	5,025	377,295
3208	Computer Hardware / Hardware Maintenance	590	2,667	2,077	10,000
3212	Computer Software Maint and Licenses	159,684	217,449	57,765	415,691
3214	Consultants Other	25,188	163,694	138,506	619,433
3216	Contractors	71,151	134,957	63,806	633,958
3220	Mornington Park transfer station disposal costs	11,487	27,754	16,267	166,523
3222	Electricity	45,865	49,224	3,359	267,172
3223	Emergency Management	0	1,000	1,000	2,000
3224	Fire Hazard Reduction (Private Land)	0	0	0	12,421
3226	Fuel	44,731	48,796	4,065	262,822

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DEPARTMENTAL PROFIT & LOSS
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		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR	FULL YEAR BUDGET
3227	FOGO Mobile Garbage Bin Collection	50,328	78,607	28,279	340,630
3228	FOGO Mobile Garbage Bin Disposal	13,866	28,129	14,263	191,222
3232	Internet, Telephone & Other Communication Charges	14,314	15,980	1,665	80,573
3234	Land Survey Costs	0	1,250	1,250	5,000
3236	Legal Fees (Advice etc)	23,415	31,875	8,460	103,500
3237	Line Marking - Transport Infrastructure	0	0	0	30,000
3239	Mobile Garbage Bin Replacement	19,859	20,920	1,061	83,680
3241	Operating Capital	2,054	6,750	4,696	23,000
3244	Plant & Motor Vehicle Repairs & Services	41,079	39,654	(1,425)	156,615
3246	Plant Hire - External	10,427	10,628	201	36,494
3248	Plant Hire - Internal Usage	3,199	4,548	1,349	18,252
3250	Plant Hire Recovered	(3,329)	(5,143)	(1,814)	(65,122)
3252	Plant Registration Fees	41,000	42,266	1,266	42,266
3254	Printing	4,125	8,343	4,219	43,623
3256	Recycling Centres	27,303	32,252	4,948	193,510
3257	Recycling Hub	368	1,000	632	4,000
3258	Registrations, Licenses and Permits	4,893	4,834	(59)	4,834
3260	Repairs and Maintenance	512,313	418,867	(93,446)	1,959,559
3261	Road Kill Collection Fees	1,528	802	(726)	4,812
3262	Kerbside Green Waste Collection	0	0	0	80,000
3263	Kerbside Green Waste Disposal	0	0	0	10,460
3264	Kerbside Hard Waste Collection	65,573	81,500	15,928	163,000
3265	Kerbside Hard Waste Disposal	21,227	25,534	4,307	51,069
3266	Kerbside Recycling Collection	90,511	93,263	2,751	373,051
3267	Kerbside Recycling Disposal	(6,106)	37,482	43,588	224,890
3268	Kerbside Garbage Collection	173,489	176,791	3,302	707,165
3269	Kerbside Garbage Disposal	73,019	77,195	4,175	463,169
3270	Security	6,009	5,956	(53)	22,789
3273	Signage & Guide Posts	18,966	21,532	2,566	85,127
3276	Settlement Costs ONLY	0	0	0	5,000
3278	Stationery & Office Consumables	7,613	8,197	585	35,234
3279	Street Bin Collection Contract	45,454	53,328	7,874	319,969
3280	Tools/Equipment Expensed (under $1,000)	13,235	3,500	(9,735)	16,000
3282	Tyres	1,255	4,401	3,146	17,604
3284	Valuation Expenses	70,805	21,450	(49,355)	50,450
3290	Water Charges (Works Order)	38,981	37,046	(1,936)	156,910
3292	Wheelie Bin Stabliser Expenses	0	0	0	0
3299	**Materials and Services Total**	**1,819,557**	**2,113,237**	**293,680**	**8,900,223**
3390	**Impairment of Debts**				
3399	**Impairment of Debts Total**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
3400	**Depreciation and Amortisation**				
3405	Depreciation Expense	1,892,009	1,908,191	16,182	7,563,712
3410	Amortisation Expense	2,241	2,241	0	3,710
3415	Amortisation Expense (Right of Use Asset)	0	0	0	1,101
3499	**Depreciation and Amortisation Total**	**1,894,250**	**1,910,432**	**16,182**	**7,568,524**
3500	**Finance Costs**				
3505	Interest on Loans	(9,422)	(9,422)	0	87,136

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		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VAR	FULL YEAR BUDGET
3515	Interest on Overdue Accounts	0	0	0	0
3521	Interest Expense (Lease Liability)	0	0	0	31
3599	**Finance Costs Total**	**(9,422)**	**(9,422)**	**0**	**87,168**
3600	**Other Expenses**				
3604	Audit Fees	39,900	41,000	1,100	77,400
3606	Audit Panel Expenses	2,450	2,537	87	10,148
3608	Bad & Doubtful Debts	0	0	0	0
3612	Bank Fees & Charges	11,130	10,233	(897)	40,932
3616	Bank Fees Recovered	(1,043)	(1,137)	(94)	(4,548)
3620	Cashiers Rounding Adjustments	1	3	2	12
3624	Commissions Paid	6,494	7,463	968	30,133
3636	Councillor Allowances	43,452	43,452	0	179,139
3640	Councillor Expenses	0	500	500	2,000
3644	Councillor Vehicle Allowance	1,190	1,850	660	7,400
3656	Deputy Mayors Allowance	4,586	4,586	0	18,907
3660	Dog Pound & Other Animal Management Expenses	4,106	1,750	(2,356)	7,000
3661	Dog Home & Vet Fees	483	750	267	3,000
3664	Donations and Section 77 Expenses	16,118	13,200	(2,918)	65,000
3668	Election Expenses	17,643	0	(17,643)	162,890
3672	Employee Sub, Licences and Memberships	77,699	82,189	4,489	98,503
3676	Functions & Programs	7,905	26,938	19,033	135,500
3680	Insurance Claims Related Expenses	1,532	3,750	2,218	15,000
3688	Food & Beverages	856	1,927	1,071	7,788
3692	General Insurance	201,245	211,266	10,021	211,266
3704	Government Fire Contributions	184,861	0	(184,861)	739,443
3712	Immunisations	6	0	(6)	3,975
3720	Land Tax	0	0	0	111,553
3724	Mayor's Allowance	12,069	12,069	0	49,758
3731	NRM Expenses	6,702	3,500	(3,202)	47,200
3732	Motor Vehicle Insurance	49,344	51,101	1,757	51,101
3736	Other roundings	1	6	5	25
3740	Other Sundry Expenses	527	505	(22)	7,085
3744	Photocopier Leases & Operating Costs	3,563	3,214	(349)	7,920
3748	Postage	15,032	12,145	(2,888)	70,298
3752	Public Liability Insurance	121,015	123,078	2,063	123,078
3768	Sampling, Testing and Monitoring	7,560	0	(7,560)	13,500
3770	Storage Costs	239	239	0	1,460
3784	Contributions (SES)	27,425	0	(27,425)	26,500
3799	**Other Expenses Total**	**864,091**	**658,113**	**(205,978)**	**2,320,365**
3990	**EXPENSES TOTAL**	**6,533,131**	**6,823,465**	**290,334**	**27,947,886**
3995	**(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT**	**(16,810,797)**	**(16,374,468)**	**436,329**	**(6,705,324)**

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."

Capital expenditure to the end of September 2026 is $1,841,111 (as per Capital Works Budget run on 6 October 2026).

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

Below is a summary of the requested adjustments.

Original Budget approved in June 2026 Council meeting	**$15,024,286**
Budget approved in September 2026 Council meeting	**$16,820,399**
Budget adjustments requested for approval in October 2026 Council meeting:	
Total adjustments on capital jobs with variances of over 10%	$13,328
Total adjustments on completed capital jobs with variances of over 10%	-$178,273
Total adjustments on new capital jobs	$57,577
Budget requested for approval in October 2026 Council meeting	**$16,713,031**

Below is a detailed explanation of the requested adjustments.

The following capital job adjustment has been requested because the job has variance of over 10%, or is expected to have variance of over 10% in the 2026/2027 financial year:

Job Name and No.	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Adjustment
C-26-PRELIM-002 Sorell Pawleena Road Design			$13,328
Total Adjustments	**$20,000**	**$33,328**	**$13,328**

- C-26-PRELIM-002 Sorell Pawleena Road Design – Additional design work is required to reach an appropriate drawing standard (issued for construction stage) to ensure the project is shovel ready for construction.

The following capital job adjustments have been requested because the jobs are completed and have variances of 10% or greater in the 2026/2027 financial year:

Job Name and No.	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Adjustment
C-27-P-012 Depot TerraTrips			-$2,000
C-26-T-003 Penna Shark Point Road Reconstruction			-$176,273
Total Adjustments	**$227,148**	**$48,875**	**-$178,273**

- C-27-P-012 Depot TerraTrips – Items have been expensed to operating costs and do not require capital funding.
- C-26-T-003 Penna Shark Point Road Reconstruction – The original design included substantial fill and sub-grade improvement works. Following excavation and additional proof rolling, the required treatment areas and quantities were significantly reduced. This resulted in a cost saving.

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-006 Midway Point Lady Gowrie Deck Treatment and Roof			
C-27-S-003 South East Sports Complex Junior Oval Drainage			
Total Adjustments	**$0**	**$57,577**	**$57,577**

- C-27-B -006 Midway Point Lady Gowrie Deck Treatment and Roof – Deck treatment and roof replacement works are required at the childcare centre.
- C-27-S-003 South East Sports Complex Junior Oval Drainage – Drainage works at South East Sports Complex Junior Oval were completed under a work order. The expenditure exceeds the applicable capitalisation threshold with identifiable assets available

for cost attribution. Additional works are required and will be a FY27/28 candidate due to cost and timing of installation during the 2027 spring renovations.

ATTACHMENTS

a) Capital Works Budget for the period ending 30 September 2026 (Pages 11)

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ACTING MANAGER FINANCE

SALLY FANG
ACCOUNTANT

Date: 12 October 2026
Attachments (11 pages)

6/10/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027				
Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
CARRY OVERS - LAND					
Pawleena, Pawleena Road and Arthur Highway Roundabout	Land acquisition costs.			$ 8,000	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Land		**$ -**	**$ 8,500**		
LAND IMPROVEMENTS (PARKS & RESERVES)					
Dodges Ferry Boat Ramp carpark	2 x picnic tables and shelters - overlooking beach. Use common design from Play Street.			$ 63	$ -
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.			$ 667	$ -
Primrose Sands Beach	Playspace Action - New playground at northern end of beach			$ 2,652	$ -
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.			$ 63	$ -
Dodges Ferry Rec Ground / School	Installation of (cricket) ball net / fence between school / oval. Include installation of surface upgrade in front of interchange benches.			$ 267	$ -
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			$ 141	$ -
Sorell Memorial Hall	Neil Davis memorial area / seating			$ 87	$ -
Primrose Sands Beach	Seating and shelter x 2 at southern end of beach entrance / carpark. Use common design from PlayStreet.			$ 63	$ -
TOTAL Land Improvements (Parks & Reserves)		**$ 1,720,500**	**$ 1,740,500**		

6/10/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027				
Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
CARRY OVERS - LAND IMPROVEMENTS (PARKS & RESERVES)					
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Irrigation, soil rehab and turf for Madison Lyden Park, Sorell			$ 37,274	$ -
Red Ochre Beach, Dodges Ferry	Foreshore access steps / ramp			$ 1,003	$ -
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.			$ 505	$ -
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	Portable seating x 6 bays = 100 capacity. As per prior purchase type - can be used indoors or outdoors.			$ 25,129	$ -
SLSC Viewing Platform, Carlton Beach	SLSC viewing platform at northern end of carpark			$ 111,689	$ -
Park Beach Viewing Platform, Dodges Ferry	Park Beach viewing platform at carpark			$ 77,815	$ -
Pump Track, Vancouver Park, Midway Point	Vancouver Park Pump Track			$ 78,216	$ 4,340
St Georges Square and/or Gordon St, Sorell	Provision for tree lighting x 6			$ 305	$ -
Old Forcett Road Quarry	Fencing for land at Old Forcett Road Quarry.			$ 441	$ -
Sorell	Sorell Streetscape upgrades			$ 610	$ -
Boat Park	Boat Park additional wastewater disposal area			$ -	$ -
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Madison Lyden Rainwater Harvesting and Resilient Landscape Upgrade			$ 22,797	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Land Improvements (Parks & Reserves)		**$ 790,979**	**$ 1,000,643**		

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Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
BUILDINGS					
Community Precinct, Sorell	Makers workshop building with Toilets			$ 34,212	$ 2,731
Primrose Sands Beach	Double Cubicle DDA Toilet & disposal area at northern end of beach			$ 174	$ -
Sorell Memorial Hall	Installation of sliding doors between the Supper Room and Hall and modify the corner alcove for better storage and overall tidiness.			$ 4,417	$ -
Sorell Memorial Hall	Neil Davis Memorial/Statue			$ -	$ -
Sorell Memorial Hall	Memorial Hall Kitchenette			$ 18,322	$ -
Lady Gowrie, Midway Point	Deck treatment and new laser lite roof over deck at Lady Gowrie.			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Buildings		**$ 2,213,250**	**$ 2,203,133**		
CARRY OVERS - BUILDINGS					
11 Fitzroy St, Sorell	Upgrade / fitout to youth space to create an appropriate indoor / outdoor area at rear of building			$ 15,619	$ -
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.			$ 11,028	$ -
Hobart Vintage Machinery Club site, Penna	Sorell Men's Shed Facility			$ 338,560	$ 3,531
CAC & South East Stadium, Sorell	Sorell Smart Solar Upgrades			$ 7,875	$ 339,210
Dunalley Canal	BBQ shelter - cost based on RC			$ -	$ -
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Toilet for POS / Lyden Park - triple cubicle DDA & change table.			$ 138,859	$ -
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		**$ 1,296,279**	**$ 1,410,987**		
CARRY OVERS - LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS					
20 Marion Bay Road, Copping	Land easement costs			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Leasehold Improvements		**$ 11,025**	**$ 11,025**		

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Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
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.			$ -	$ 164,171
Depot	Pressure Washer for footpath etc cleaning			$ -	$ -
CAC & Depot	Light Fleet Replacement			$ -	$ -
Depot	Slide in Water Tank for new Volvo Truck HF-XX-089			$ 53,000	$ -
Depot	Zero Turn Commercial Mower			$ -	$ -
Depot	Tipper Truck			$ -	$ -
Depot	Bobcat 24" (600mm) Planer Attach			$ -	$ -
Depot	Tri Axle Trailer			$ -	$ -
Depot	4x4 supercab ute fitted with flat tray, towbar and bullbar.			$ -	$ -
Depot	Dynapac Roller 1000cc			$ -	$ -
Depot	TerraTrip x 2			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Plant & Equipment		**$ 978,280**	**$ 1,019,751**		
CARRY OVERS - PLANT & EQUIPMENT					
CAC & Depot	Light fleet replacement.			$ 66,096	$ -
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**		

6/10/2026	SORELL COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET FOR 2026/2027				
Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
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.			$ 13,100	$ -
CAC, Sorell	Physical phone handsets and headsets.			$ -	$ -
CAC, Sorell	Plotter Poster Printer			$ -	$ 9,470
TOTAL Computers & Telecommunications		**$ 106,750**	**$ 120,750**		
CARRY OVERS - COMPUTERS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
South East Stadium	Renew South East Sports Stadium access control hardware and configure software.			$ 0	$ 14,131
TOTAL Carry Overs - Computers & Telecommunications		**$ 21,631**	**$ 21,631**		
RECONSTRUCTION (ROADS)					
Carlton River Road, Carlton	Reconstruction			$ 6,888	$ -
Nugent Road, Wattle Hill	Reconstruction - segment 15 only			$ 5,368	$ -
Hurst Street, Lewisham	Reconstruction			$ 17,464	$ -
Mary Street, Lewisham	Reconstruction - segment 3 only (and junction portion of segment 2)			$ 8,058	$ -
Edith Close, Forcett	Reconstruction			$ 11,208	$ -
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)		**$ 2,673,288**	**$ 2,673,288**		

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Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
CARRY OVERS - RECONSTRUCTION (ROADS)					
Shark Point Road, Penna	Road recon from Wolstenholme Dr to new bridge.			$ 48,875	$ -
Penna Road, Penna	Road recon from Olympic Av to Kirabati Rd plus footpath and drainage.			$ 414,503	$ -
Delmore Road / White Hill intersection, Forcett	Partial reconstruction and reseal.			$ 189	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Reconstruction (Roads)		**$ 260,488**	**$ 903,578**		
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				$ 1,752	$ -
Nonesuch Road					
Nugent Road					
Imlay St Dunalley					
TOTAL Resheeting		**$ 545,855**	**$ 545,855**		

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Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
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			$ 3,006	$ 2,694
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**		
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.			$ -	$ 6,400
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		**$ 1,476,150**	**$ 1,476,150**		

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Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
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			$ 39,611	$ 151,686
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.			$ 22,171	$ -
Carlton River Road, Carlton	Between Dodges Hill Road and Convoy Road			$ 26,563	$ 102,858
Pawleena Road, Sorell	Pawleena Roundabout Footpath			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Footpaths & Cycleways		**$ 510,660**	**$ 1,207,554**		
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.			$ -	$ -
South East Sports Complex, Sorell	South East Sports Complex Junior Oval Drainage			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Stormwater		**$ 483,000**	**$ 483,000**		
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.			$ 98,383	$ -
Southern Beaches, Blue Lagoon				$ 500	$ -
Southern Beaches, Carlton Estuary				$ 2,235	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Stormwater		**$ 360,602**	**$ 348,871**		

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Location	Detailed Description	Original Approved Budget 2026/2027	Adjusted Budget Approved by Council	This Financial year	Commitments
OTHER TRANSPORT					
Penna Road, Penna	Penna rd at Barilla Court intersection Guardrail			$ -	$ 18,007
Grevillea Street, Primrose Sands	Grevillea St Guardrail - 38m			$ -	$ 18,007
Carlton River Road, Carlton	Carlton river road Guardrail - 170m			$ 17,245	$ 35,512
Carlton Beach Rd - opp shops	35 Carlton Beach Rd			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Other Transport		**$ 141,702**	**$ 141,702**		
CARRY OVERS - OTHER TRANPSORT					
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.			$ 6,935	$ -
Municipality - Various	Replacement signs for rural towns / districts / areas.			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Other Transport		**$ 335,079**	**$ 329,016**		

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Location	**Detailed Description**	**Original Approved Budget 2026/2027**	**Adjusted Budget Approved by Council**	**This Financial year**	**Commitments**
PRELIMINARY WORK		-			
Sugarloaf Road, Carlton River	Reconstruction below Sugarloaf Quarry (design completed)			$ 883	$ -
The Circle, Sorell	Reconstruction			$ 498	$ -
Shark Point Road, Penna	Reconstruction near Brooklyn Drive			$ 498	$ -
Greens Road, Orielton	Reconstruction - seg 1 & 6 TBC			$ 498	$ -
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.			$ 355	$ -
Community Hall, Primrose Sands	Dog exercise area behind Primrose Sands Community Hall, upgrade existing bike track with a professionally designed / constructed pump track and upgrade the existing playground.			$ -	$ -
Madison Lyden Park, Sorell	Playspace Action - Madison Lyden Park - staged over 2 years - shelters, seating, fencing, plantings.			$ 1,130	$ -
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.			$ 2,890	$ -
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.			$ 450	$ -
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 7, 8,9			$ 545	$ -
Depot	Renewal scope for Depot Admin Building and Crib Room			$ -	$ -
TOTAL PRELIMINARY WORK		**$ 240,750**	**$ 240,750**		

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CARRY OVERS - PRELIMINARY WORK					
Parnella Road, Dodges Ferry	Stage 2. Address SW pipe capacity (under capacity) between 19 Parnella - 5 Parnella Rd			$ -	$ 8,609
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			$ 890	$ -
Valleyview Close, Sorell	5 Valleyview Close Detention basin.			$ -	$ -
Jacob Court, Dodges Ferry	SW design.			$ -	$ 8,706
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.			$ 32,473	$ -
Tasman Highway, Sorell	Corner Tasman Highway and Devenish upgrade Pipe and intake headwall (Headworks upgrade)			$ -	$ -
TOTAL Carry Overs - Preliminary Work		**$ 49,498**	**$ 125,195**		
	Total Capital Jobs Carried Over to 2026/2027	**$ 3,814,595**	**$ 5,545,354**		
	Total 2026/2027 New Jobs	**$ 11,209,691**	**$ 11,275,045**		
	TOTAL 2026/27 CAPITAL BUDGET	**$ 15,024,286**	**$ 16,820,399**	**$ 1,841,111**	**$ 890,064**

19.0 PLANNING

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Nil reports.

20.0 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE

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20.1 RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to receive the Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Report 2025–26, attached as Appendix 1, and agree to continue monitoring the eight existing sites, including the two at Primrose Beach."

Community Strategic Plan

Consistent with Objective 2 – Responsible Stewardship and a Sustainable Organisation and Objective 3 – To Ensure a Liveable and Inclusive Community.

Operational Plan

Funding for additional water quality monitoring and a feasibility study on treating stormwater seepage is included in the 2026-27 budget.

Policy

- *Public Health Act 1997*
- *Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines*

Asset Management Implications

No asset management implications for FY26/27, however, if it is feasible to capture and treat seepage from the Carlton Bluff area that discharges onto the beach, a project plan will be prepared for Council consideration as part of the FY27/28 budget.

Risk Management Implications

Recreational water quality monitoring classifies swimming beaches to determine if they are suitable for swimming or other recreational activities.

If water quality is not suitable for swimming warning signage is erected in accordance with the *Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007*.

Community Implications

Appropriate signage at beaches potentially affected by poor water quality provides guidance for the community on minimising risk of exposure to pathogens of faecal origin. Symptoms include diarrhoea, skin rashes, ear pain, cough or congestion and eye pain.

Water quality at the western end of Primrose Beach (based on the last 5-years) has declined in the last two-years. However, the eastern (shop end) of the Primrose Beach has 'good' water quality and is suitable for swimming.

If seepage water discharging onto the western end of Primrose Beach can be both captured and treated, it is likely that water quality will improve in coming years. However, other factors such as high rainfall can also impact on recreational water quality.

Local property owners in the Carlton Bluff area with 'older' septic tank systems, particularly near the coastline will need to upgrade to 'secondary treatment' when these systems fail which will progressively improve water quality.

TasWater has recently advised that they have no plans to establish a sewerage scheme in the Southern Beaches area.

Report

The Recreational Water Quality program runs from December to April each year. The program provides weekly water monitoring at Sorell's recognised swimming beaches. Our beaches mostly returned a 'good' rating with two sites classed as moderate.

The *Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines*, made under the *Public Health Act 1997*, require Council to undertake weekly water quality sampling at recognised swimming beaches from December until the end of March.

The Tasmanian Guidelines consider recreational water quality is 'good' if the 95th percentile enterococci per 100mls is <200, 201-500 is 'moderate' and >500 is 'poor'. If the water quality is 'poor' Council must advise the community that the water is a threat to public health and is not suitable for swimming.

The classification of water quality is based on a 5-yearly rolling data set. Even though the water quality at Primrose Beach (boat ramp) was better in

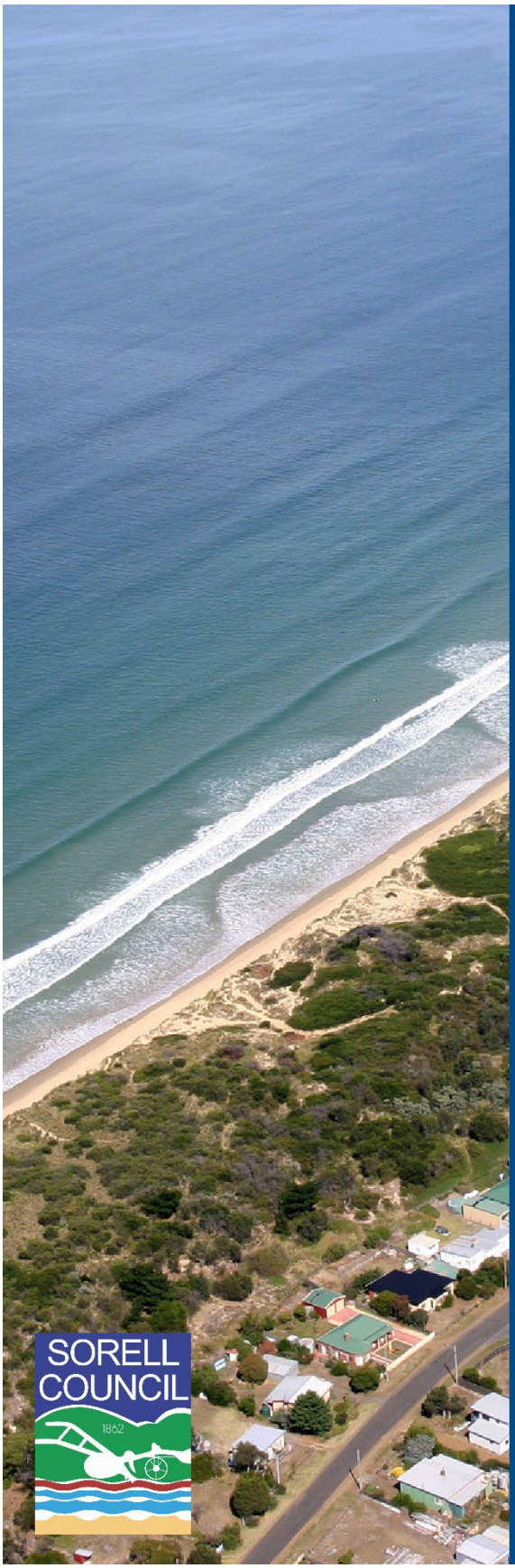
2025/26 than the previous year (24/25) the higher results from the previous year combined with several elevated results from this season have resulted in the 95th percentile enterococci increasing to 430, which is just under the 500 level for 'poor' water quality. A 'standardised' 95th percentile calculation (Enterotester) was used for Primrose Beach this year because it is more reliable than the Hazen method for smaller data sets, particularly when an occasional extremely high result occurs.

Concerns regarding water quality impacts from on-site wastewater management systems in the Carlton Bluff area identified last year in the Primrose Beach water quality investigation. Details of the investigation were included in my report presented to the June 2026 Council meeting. Further water quality monitoring and investigations are continuing.

A feasibility study has commenced to assess capturing seepage discharged onto the beach and directing it to a land-based treatment system. A land survey and geotechnical investigation are underway. The next stage is an engineering assessment of the drainage and treatment system. The final feasibility report is expected to be received in March 2027.

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"Sorell Council pays their respects 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".

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A -1 NAME AND LOCATION OF NATURAL WATER BODY AND PURPOSE.

Recreational water sampling undertaken by Sorell Council focuses on the broader Southern Beaches area between Connelly's Beach and Midway Point shown in Figure 1. Appendix 1 provides greater detail of all seven sampling locations. The Environmental health Team sample beaches that are considered primary contact beaches with additional secondary contact such as fishing, boating and diving occurring at all sites. Primrose Beach is habitat for the Red Spotted Hand fish currently listed as critically endangered adding greater emphasis on monitoring the recreational water body for human induced pollutants. An additional two sites have been added at Primrose Sands Beach due to the higher than usual bacterial loads recorded over the summer. Investigations have been undertaken by Sorell Council EHO's to attempt to identify sources of contamination. Monitoring results from seepage and groundwater suggests that seepage discharging onto the beach contains contaminants likely associated with septic tank systems in the Carlton Bluff area. The results are consistent with a broader impact, rather than associated with one or several nearby septic tank systems close to the beach.

Red Ochre Beach North and South along with Tiger Head Beach are points where the ocean water is channeled and concentrated into Barilla Bay and Orielton Lagoon, both world renowned RAMSAR wetlands and home to oyster farming activities attached to a worldwide export industry. This highlights the importance of monitoring the recreational water bodies along this coastline due to the multi-faceted layers of public health safety and the unique world class environmental values.

Table 1 Sorell Council's Location and recreational purpose for water body use. All sites are primary contact sites.

Name and location of water body	Recreational Purpose for water body use
Connellys Marsh Knights Road	Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Snorkelling
Primrose Sands Beach: Petrel St. Boat Ramp	Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Snorkelling
Primrose Sands Beach: Middle section (NEW)	Swimming, fishing, diving
Primrose Sands Beach: Southern end (Shop) (NEW)	Swimming, fishing, diving
Park Beach: Park Beach Road Dodges Ferry	Swimming, Surfing, Fishing
Red Ochre South: Parnella Road Dodges Ferry	Swimming, Boating, Fishing
Red Ochre North: Tiger Head Rd Dodges Ferry	Swimming; Boating, Fishing, Environmental Values
Tigerhead Beach: Seventh Ave Dodges Ferry	Swimming, Boating, Fishing
McKinly Street Beach Access Midway Point	Swimming, Boating, Fishing
Blue Lagoon	Secondary contact point (stormwater collection point)

A -2
DATE AND TYPE OF SAMPLING UNDERTAKEN AND RESULTS

Beaches and pools microbiological sampling were conducted in accordance with AS/NZS 5667, Water Quality -Sampling. Samples are collected in sterile containers provided by the Public Health Laboratory. Grab samples were used to collect water from a depth of approximately 300mm below the surface in water 600-1000mm deep. Aseptic techniques were used to avoid sample contamination.

The Compliance Officer collected water samples. Greg Robertson conducted sanitary surveys at the start of the summer sampling period and noted any changes throughout the season shown in table 5. Sanitary surveys were conducted by Environmental Health Officers randomly throughout the summer season in and around Primrose Beach Boat Ramp.

Weekly samples were collected, in accordance with the *Public Health Act 1997* and *Tasmanian Water Quality Guidelines* during the four-month summer period from 1 December 2025 until 31 March 2026 as detailed. No sampling was undertaken over the Christmas-New Year period. Samples were stored and transported under refrigeration (iced esky) to the Laboratory, arriving within three hours of collection.

A -3
BEACH SAMPLING -TESTS AND ANALYSES PERFORMED

A -3.i MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTING

Samples were tested for Enterococci (Faecal streptococci); results obtained were presumptive unless a presumptive result indicated an exceedance of the 140 organisms/100mL. Risk classifications are based on Table 5.10 of the NH&MRC Guidelines for Recreational Water and Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007.

A -3.ii SANITARY SURVEY

In the context of recreational water quality, a sanitary survey is a systematic investigation of a beach, river, estuary or other recreational waterway to identify and assess actual and potential sources of faecal contamination that could affect water quality and public health.

Sanitary surveys show the influences that each Beach has in relation to tidal influence, housing density, stormwater infrastructure, geomorphology and land use (i.e. agriculture, grazing, cropping, residential, land clearing). Table 2 refers to the sanitary surveys performed at the start of each sampling season (December). The Southern Beaches sanitary surveys are performed annually to determine if any changes/influences/causative effects can be identified that may affect water quality of the recreational beach.

Variables to consider during the sampling season are wind, tides, temperature, population, stormwater outlets, concentration of onsite waste management systems, rainfall, animals and wildlife, intensive land clearing and agriculture.

Urban expansion and increasing medium-density development near waterways can result in greater areas of impervious surfaces and fragmentation of native vegetation. These factors, among others, may contribute to changes in water quality within the Southern Beaches area.



Table 2 Sanitary survey of all beaches

Location	Sanitary Survey Risk	Risk
Connellys Marsh Beach	Minimum of 10 Boatsheds, yacht moorings, onsite wastewater management systems (OSWMS) on nearby properties, river at southern end of beach running through heavily grazed farms with livestock grazing within the riparian zone and river proper.	**Moderate-high (trending towards low risk)
Primrose Sands Beach	Potential failing OSWMS above western end of the beach, active landslip along the foredune of Carlton Bluff Road, vehicle movement on beach (prohibited activity), concentrated ground water seepage and old stormwater infrastructure.	Moderate -poor
Primrose Sands Beach Shop	OSWMS above dune area Onsite Waste management systems, carpark, dogs, stormwater outfall.	Good (first season)
Park Beach Carlton	High density OSWMS large dune system for protection against seepage, toilet block nearest to sample site. High energy beach	Low
Red Ochre South Beach	Stormwater outfalls: birdlife habitat protected area Spectacle Head, boatsheds, gravelly beach, higher density housing with OSWMS, greater threat of nutrient enrichment from OSWMS	High
Red Ochre North Beach	Bird life, OSWMS, medium density housing Spectacle Head a known rookery for shorebirds. Blue lagoon in the back of the dune and playground.	Moderate
Tiger Head Beach (Seventh Ave)	Large Stormwater outfalls, unsewered area, high density residential with Onsite waste management systems.	High
McKinly St Midway Point	Large stormwater outfalls onto beach, Orielton Lagoon RAMSAR wetland protected area. Highest density urbanisation with increased gross litter being washed into waterway. Hard surface land clearing. History of sewerage failure from pump station situated above the beach.	High
Blue Lagoon	Secondary contact point monitoring for stormwater quality	High

***Moderate also known as fair*

A -4
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF SAMPLING ANALYSIS

Rainfall data collected from the Sorell abattoirs rain gauge located at Ingham's Processing factory. The following table (table 3) shows the relationship between water quality results and rainfall during the 2025-2026 season using the Pearson's r correlation. The 2023-2024 summer sampling period showed four beaches had some relationship between rainfall and enterococci results, while the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 seasons did not show any correlations. This suggests that there are still catchment issues to be addressed. Only 115.7mm of rain fell during the monitoring period, below the summer average.

Appendix 8 provides The Tasmanian climate summary for summer 2025-26.

Table 3 Pearson's r correlation for 2025-2026 summer sampling season

Name and location of water body	Pearson r Correlation result.
Connellys Marsh Knights Road	-0.27 weak
Primrose Sands Beach: Petrel Street	*0.14 negligible*
Park Beach: Park Beach Road Dodges Ferry	*-0.14 negligible*
Red Ochre South: Parnella Road Dodges Ferry	*0.183 negligible*
Red Ochre North: Tiger head Rd Dodges Ferry	*-0.21 weak*
Tigerhead Beach: Seventh Ave Dodges Ferry	*0.142 negligible*
McKinly St Beach Access Midway Point	*0.066 negligible*

Pearson's r Correlation

This year Sorell Council have included analysis using the number of exceedances beyond the prescribed trigger level of 140mpn 100ml-1 set by the Tasmanian Recreational Water Guidelines 2007. This aids in determining whether other activities within the catchment may be contributing to water quality.

Table 4 list of number of swimming sites from the last five RWQ seasons triggering a retest under the Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines by exceeding enterococci >140 MPN 100mL^{-1} (DOH, 2007)

RWQ Season	Number of exceedances
2019-20	1
2020-21	1
2021-22	4
2022-23	4
2023-24	5
2024-25	14
2025-26	5

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Compared to last season the number of exceedances was three times lower. One site being Primrose Sands Boat Ramp exceeded the trigger level twice, compared to nine times last season. Showing an improvement in water quality.

However, the results provide further evidence of the need for Council to continue informing and educating the Southern Beaches community about the importance of regular maintenance of onsite wastewater management systems. Where appropriate, upgrading systems to secondary treatment may also be necessary to address pollution at its source and reduce the risk of contaminants entering local waterways and the broader environment.

Table 5 uses a rolling five-year dataset for determining the 95th Hazen percentile (nonparametric). As determined by NHMRC and Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines. A different method was used to calculate the 95th percentile for Primrose Beach, that being the 'Enterotester' from WA Health Department, this calculates a 'standardized' 95th percentile (parametric) that is more appropriate for smaller data sets with several very high readings which tend to 'skew' results.

Statistical analysis performed on the water quality of the sites showed four of the seven beaches slightly improved, two were stable, and one declined. Primrose Beach (Boat Ramp) declined but remained 'fair' water quality. However, the Primrose Beach (shop end) was 'good' water quality. The reduction in for the Boat Ramp end of the Beach was due to the 95th Hazen Percentile being determined over a five-year rolling data set. The results for 2025/26 were better than in 2024/25 but were worse than in 2020/21 which were included in the 5-year calculation period last year. In addition, in 2025/26 calculations included 're-samples' (taken when a routine sample doesn't comply with 'trigger' values) in the data. The very high result in 2024/25 of over 15000 was 'smoothed out' using the 'Enterotester' calculator.

The new site (Primrose Beach shop end) has an additional recreational water quality alert sign at the southern end of Primrose Beach (figure 2) indicating that the water quality in this area.

Figure 2 New installed RWQ sign at the Southern end Primrose Beach (Shop).



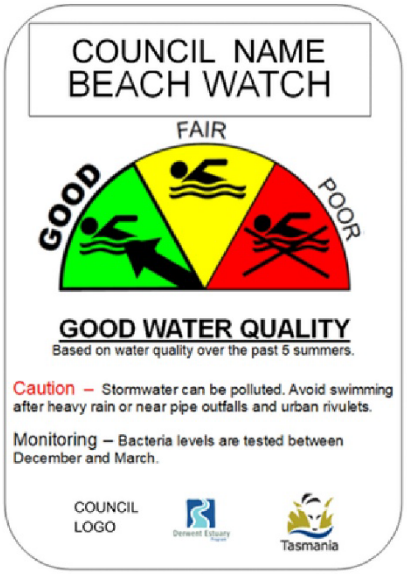


Table 5. 95th Hazen percentile figures from previous 5yrs 2021 - 2026

Site	Connellys Beach	Primrose Sands	Park Beach	Red Ochre South	Red Ochre North	Tiger Head Beach	McKinly Beach
Percentile	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
Minimum data points needed	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Number data points you have	98	107	98	99	97	98	100
Data minimum	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Data maximum	187	15531	146	2924	187	529	2247
Hazen result	54.2	430***	32.5	100.3	106.4	96.2	272.15
***TRWQG category**	A	D	A	A	A	A	C
****NHMRC category**	B	D	A	B	B	B	C
**Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007*							
*** National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) 2006 to be used with classification matrix for faecal pollution of recreational v*							
**** Calculated using the EnteroTester standardised 95th percentile*							

Table 6 represents the variation from the 2024-2025 season. Six sites were stable with minimal changes in water quality except for Primrose Sands Beach (Boat Ramp) declining. The shop end of Primrose Beach had good water quality as it is less affected by seepage than the Boat ramp end.

Table 6 Recreational Beaches monitored by Sorell Council. Red denotes Poor quality (>500MPN100mL/1), amber Denotes moderate quality (200-500MPN 100mL-1) and green denotes good water quality (<200MPN 100mL-1).

	Beaches/River	Status 2024-2025 based upon 5-year 95th Hazen percentile for Enterococci	Trend based upon 5-year 95th Hazen percentile for Enterococci
1	Connellys Marsh	Good B	Declining water quality from 41 (2019-2024) to 80 (2020-2025) and 52.2 in 2025-2026
2	Primrose Sands (Boat Ramp)	Fair (C)	Declining water quality from 63 (2019-2024) to 367 (2020-2025) and 430* in 2025-2026
3	Park Beach	Good A	Slight decline in water quality from 20 (2019-2024) to 33 (2020-2025) and 32.5 in 2025/2026
4	Red Ochre South	Good B	Stable water quality from 72.7 (2019-2024) to 80 (2020-2025) and100.3 in 2025/2026.
5	Red Ochre North	Good B	Water quality improvement from 140.3 (2019-2024) to 110 (2020-2025) and 106.4 in 2025/2026.
6	Tigerhead Beach	Good B	Stable water quality from 78.95 (2019-2024) to 77.5 (2020-2025) and 96.15 in 2025/2026.
7	McKinly Beach	Moderate C (fair)	Stable water quality from 294.35 (2019-2024) to 285.75 (2020-2025) and 272.15 in 2025/2026.

- *In 2025/26 95th percentile calculated used standardized method (EntroTester) not Hazen.*



Dodges Ferry - Red Ochre Beach

A -5
SWIMMING BEACH CLASSIFICATION FOR START OF 2025-2026 SWIMMING SEASON (Dec-April).

The water quality classification for Recreational Beaches is based on Table 5.13 – Classification matrix for faecal pollution in recreational water environments taken from the NHMRC – Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Water. The Sorell Environmental Health Officer uses the Tasmanian Recreational Water Guidelines (green column) classification for the 2025-2026 summer season.

Sorell Council continue to provide immediate action when failed recreational water quality samples occur during the summer season. This is done by Sorell Council's Facebook page and by flipping signs at the affected beach alerting public to not swim during times of poor water quality. Sorell Council continues to recommend not swimming for two to three days after rainfall events to ensure the safety of bathers at recreational water monitoring sites.

Table 7 Sorell Council Beach classifications based on 2025-2026 summer sampling season. New sites omitted until one samples have been collected for a full season.

Location	Sanitary survey risk	Water quality category based on 95% hazen percentile - 5year indicator organisms results	Combined Category NHRMRC	Tasmanian Rec Water Guidelines classification
Connellys Beach	Moderate-high	B	Fair	Good
Primrose Beach	Moderate	C	Poor	Moderate (Fair)
Park Beach	Low	A	Very Good	Good
Red Ochre Beach (South)	High	B	Fair	Good
Red Ochre Beach (North) aka Blue Lagoon	Moderate-High	B	Good	Good
Tigerhead Beach (Seventh Ave)	High	B	Fair	Good
McKinly St, Midway Point	High	C	Poor	Moderate (Fair)

Changes to classification status this season. Primrose Beach Boat Ramp.

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NATURAL WATER BODY DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION

The catchment areas of each of the Southern beaches sampling sites (excluding McKinly St, which is serviced by reticulated sewerage) contain significant numbers of septic tanks and other on-site wastewater management systems. Some of which suffer varying levels of malfunction during periods of wet weather. Stormwater systems or creeks may convey pollutants discharged from on-site wastewater management systems to beach areas. Stormwater outfalls discharge in the vicinity of each of the recreational sampling sites, except for Park Beach. Figure 3 shows multiple factors that influence the quality of our recreational Water quality.

Dodges Ferry Lagoons. TasWater commissioned a Dodges Ferry Sewerage Technical Due Diligence Report in 2018. The report investigated the status of the lagoons. This included the potential impacts from the 25yo sewage lagoon system to environment and public health. One finding concluded that a 'relatively high' risk of seepage within the underlying aquifers can potentially cause groundwater contamination and therefore increase the risk of pathogen contamination in nearby recreational waters. Increased nitrification has been recorded in nearby groundwater testing. A development application has been approved for the Dodges Ferry School re-development which involves a new wastewater treatment plant to replace the lagoons. Works on the treatment plan are expected to start in 2027.

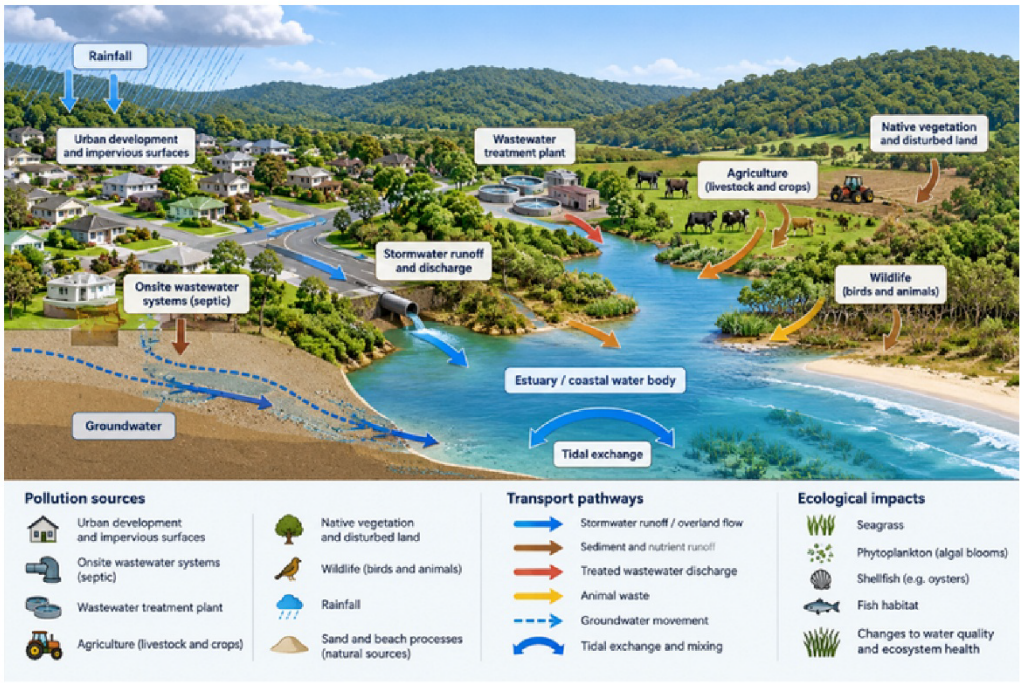


Figure 3 Pollution Sources affecting water bodies source;

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RECENT ADVANCEMENTS AND SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS WORKING TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY SITES.

Onsite Waste Management systems continue to play a significant role in recreational water quality due to the abundance and increased urbanisation of the Southern Beaches. The growing popularity of the Southern Beaches results in increased development, particularly residential dwellings. This has seen haphazard land clearing, replacement of pervious natural landforms for impervious hard surfaces, increased population, and higher visitation within the area.

The introduction of the Southern beach On-site wastewater and Stormwater Management Specific area plan has provided Council with a means to assess proposed onsite wastewater management systems. Secondary water treatment via aerated waste treatment systems and raised sand filter beds aids in improving the wastewater quality prior to entering the landscape. Both treatments provide nutrient reduction through evapotransipiration and uptake of excess nutrients through planting and filtered sand beds.

Sorell Council has engaged specialist wastewater experts to provide a contemporary wholistic plan for the Southern Beaches onsite wastewater management. Which includes recommendations on changes to the Specific area plan, inspection and management of existing onsite wastewater management systems and education of homeowners and wastewater designers.

The Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program (CERMP) – Protecting our Coastline. The Natural Resource Management Officer Dibas Pantas along with the stormwater engineer upgraded a number of high-priority stormwater outfall in Dodges Ferry and Primrose Sands which will improve water quality.

TasWater. In addition, recent upgrades in storage capacity of the TasWater owned Midway Point Sewerage network included Mc Kinley St SPS and Reynolds rd. SPS new storage. The Mc Kinley Street beach remained stable at Fair.

TasWater have improved their sewerage infrastructure maintenance program, cleaning of pipe work to reduce blockages and overflows. It is hoped that the improved network and maintenance will reduce the amount of raw sewage overflows during rainfall events and the site will benefit with improved water quality.The Tasman Highway sewage pump station upgrade is still in progress at the time of the report being written.

A -8
NATURAL WATER BODY CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Five sites are categorized as 'good' according to the Tasmanian Recreational Water Guidelines with McKinly Beaches classified and Primrose Beach (Boat Ramp end) as 'moderate' (Fair).The 2025-2026 recreational water quality remained stable overall with little changes shown in the sanitary surveys conducted. Micro bacteriological sampling results showed lower contamination than the previous year.

Council is currently undertaking an investigation into the feasibility of collected and treating seepage and groundwater discharging onto Primrose Beach near the boat ramp. This work is expected to be completed in March 2027 for Council to consider water quality improvement works for the 2027/28 financial year. Diverting seepage from the beach is an important measure Council can take to reduce pollution impacts. Unfortunately, TasWater has advised that a sewerage scheme is not likely in the foreseeable future.

Major stormwater pipes should never be channeled directly to oceans unless a series of treatment ponds, and filtering systems have been implemented upstream prior to discharge. Onsite wastewater must be treated while remaining within property boundaries. This would create an uncontaminated clean environment for a safer and healthier future for the Southern Beaches residents, visitors and the unique fauna and flora.

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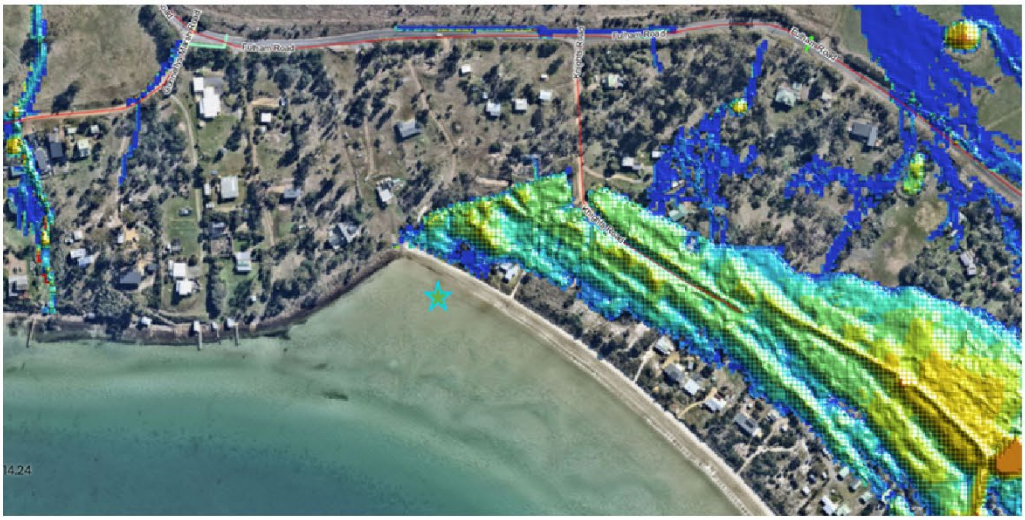


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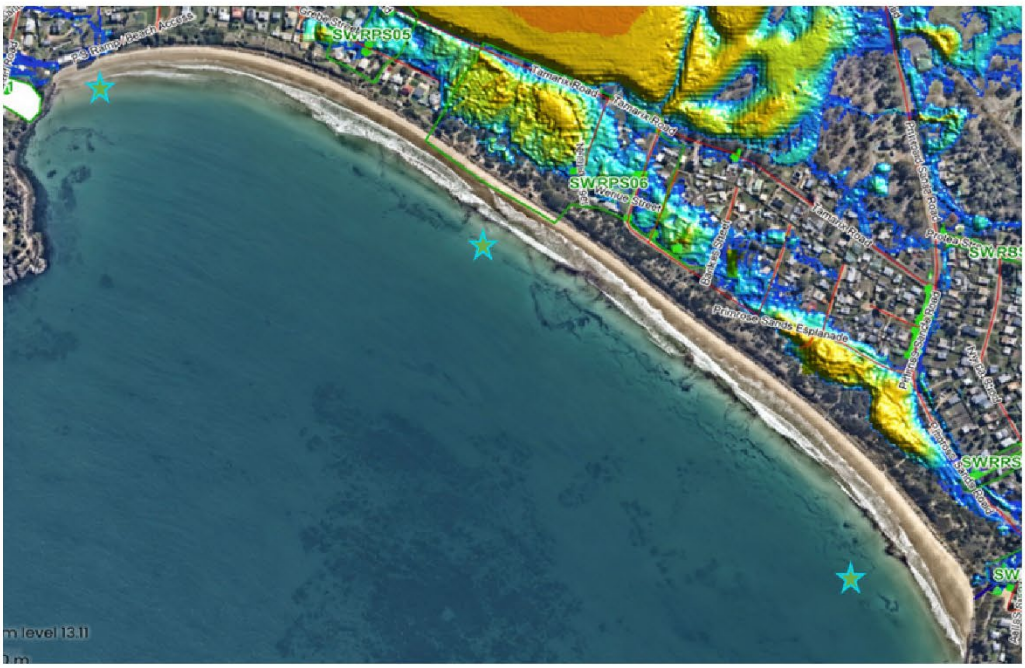


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Figure 5 Park Beach Carlton showing flood extent and stormwater infrastructure



Figure 6 Red Ochre Beach South showing flood extent and stormwater infrastructure

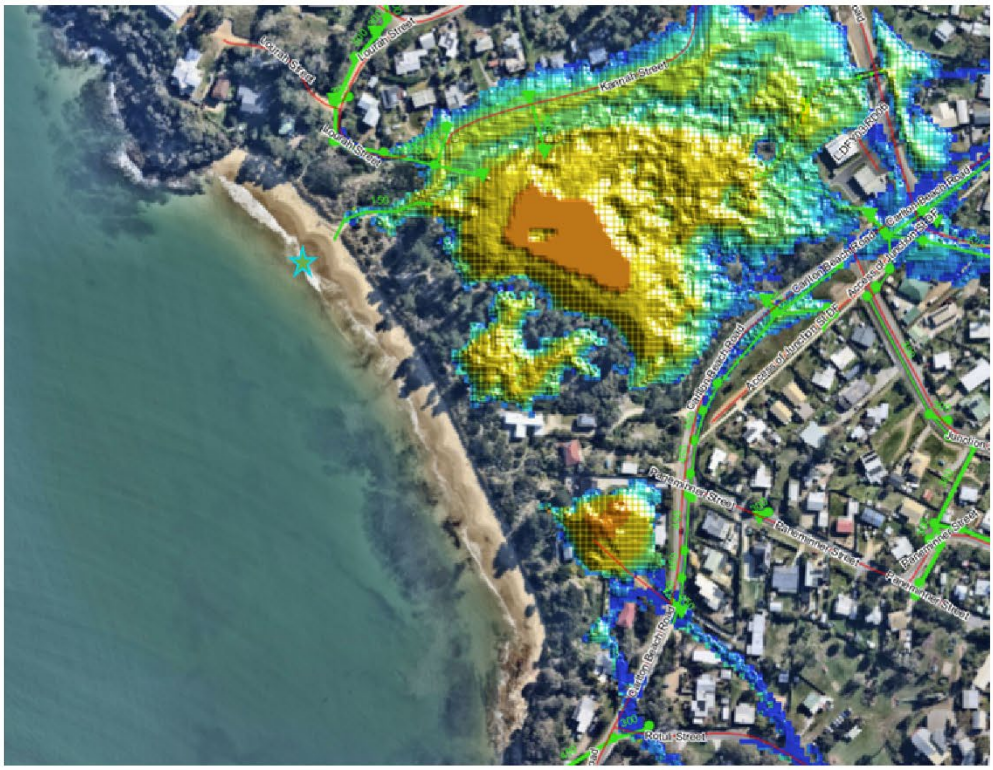


Figure 7 Red Ochre Beach North showing flood extent and stormwater infrastructure



Figure 8 Tiger Head Beach 7th Ave showing flood extent and stormwater infrastructure



Figure 9 McKinly St Beach sewer in red; stormwater in green, flood risk and waterway shown

APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF RECREATIONAL WATER BODY SAMPLING RESULTS 2025-2026

Table 8 data results from 2025-2026 summer season. Red denotes a failed water result, amber some contamination and pink minor reading.

2024-2025 sample Date	Connellys Beach	Primrose Beach Boat Ramp Petrel St	Park Beach Carlton	Red Ochre - South Dodges Ferry	Red Ochre - North-Dodges Ferry	Tigerhead - Seventh Avenue Dodges Ferry	McKinley St Midway Point
02/12/2025	10	85	10	10	10	10	10
08/12/2025	10	20	10	481	10	20	10
10/12/2025				10			
16/12/2025	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
22/12/2025	10	31	10	10	10	108	41
06/01/2026	10	134	20	41	10	52	10
12/01/2026	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
20/01/2026	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
27/01/2026	10	41	20	10	10	10	10
03/02/2026	10	10	10	10	10	10	52
10/02/2026	10	10	41	10	10	10	10
17/02/2026	10	63	10	10	10	10	10
24/02/2026	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
02/03/2026	10	10	31	10	10	75	97
11/03/2026	10	780	10	10	10	20	10
16/03/2026	120	20	10	41	31	74	10
18/03/2026		10					
24/03/2026	10	565	10	10	10	158	10
26/03/2026		86	86				

Table 9 Additional Primrose sample points middle beach and Shop end of beach

2025-2026 sample date	Primrose Sands Beach South (Shop end)
02/12/2025	10
08/12/2025	189
10/12/2025	10
16/12/2025	85
22/12/2025	10
06/01/2026	10
12/01/2026	10
20/01/2026	10
27/01/2026	10
03/02/2026	10
10/02/2026	20
17/02/2026	10
24/02/2026	10
02/03/2026	10
11/03/2026	10
16/03/2026	52
24/03/2026	10
26/03/2026	10

APPENDIX 3 - RAINFALL DATA

Table 10 Rainfall data taken from Sorell Abattoir's rain gauge manually read by a volunteer Weather Observer. BOM has not quality controlled this rain gauge. 72 hour cumulative Rainfall measurements preceding the sample day.

2025-2026	Total Rainfall(mm) for preceding 3 days Taken from Sorell Abbatoirs.
02/12/2025	7.8
08/12/2025	4
10/12/2025	4
16/12/2025	2
22/12/2025	1
06/01/2026	0.2
12/01/2026	3.6
20/01/2026	0.3
27/01/2026	0
03/02/2026	0
10/02/2026	1.4
17/02/2026	0
24/02/2026	3.8
02/03/2026	2.6
11/03/2026	0
16/03/2026	0
18/03/2026	0
24/03/2026	5.2
26/03/2026	20.5

APPENDIX 4 - GUIDELINE VALUES FOR MICROBIAL QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL WATERS

For marine waters, only faecal streptococci (Enterococci) showed a dose-response relationship for both gastrointestinal illness and Acute Febrile Respiratory Infection (AFRI). A recent reanalysis of this data using a range of contemporary statistical tools has confirmed that the relationships originally reported are robust to alternative statistical approaches.

The cut-off or bounding values (40, 200, and 500) are expressed in terms of the 95th percentile of numbers of faecal streptococci per 100 mL, and represent readily understood levels of risk, based on the exposure conditions of the key studies.

For the purpose of water-quality monitoring, the terms 'faecal streptococci', 'intestinal Enterococci' and 'Enterococci' are considered to be synonymous. Exposure to recreational waters with these measured indicators refers to body contact that is likely to involve head immersion, such as swimming, surfing, white-water canoeing, scuba diving and dinghy-boat sailing.

95th Percentile value of intestinal Enterococci / 100ml (rounded Values)	**Basis of derivation**	**Estimated risk per exposure**
≤40 A	This range is below the NOAEL in most epidemiological studies.	<1% GI illness risk <0.3% AFRI risk The upper 95th percentile value of 40/100ml relates to an average probability of less than one case of gastroenteritis in every 100 exposures. The AFRI burden would be negligible.
41-200 B	The 200/100 ml value is above the threshold of illness transmission reported in most epidemiological studies that have attempted to define a NOAEL or LOAEL for GI illness	1-5% GI illness risk 0.3-1.9% AFRI risk The upper 95th percentile value of 200/100 ml relates to an average probability of one case of gastroenteritis in 20 exposures. The AFRI illness rate at this upper value would be less than 19 per 1000 exposures, or less than approximately 1 in 50 exposures.
201-500 C	This range represents a substantial elevation in the probability of all adverse health outcomes for which dose-response data are available.	5-10% GI illness risk 1.9-3.9% AFRI risk This range of 95th percentiles represents a probability of 1 in 10 to 1 in 20 of gastroenteritis for a single exposure. Exposures in this category also suggest a risk of AFRI in the range of 19-39 per 1000 exposures, or a range of approximately 1 in 50 to 1 in 25 exposures.
>500 D	Above this level, there may be a significant risk of high levels of minor illness transmissions.	>10% GI illness risk >3.9% AFRI risk There is a greater than 10% chance of gastroenteritis per single exposure. The AFRI illness rate at the 95th percentile point of >500/100ml would be greater than 39 per 1000 exposures, or greater than approximately 1 in 25 exposures.

Notes:

1. Abbreviations used: A-D are the corresponding microbial water quality assessment categories used as part of the classification procedure; AFRI = acute febrile respiratory illness; GI = gastrointestinal; LOAEL = lowest-observed-adverse-effect level; NOAEL = no-observed-adverse-effect level.

2. The "exposure" in the key studies was a minimum of 10 minutes of swimming involving three head immersions. It is envisaged that this is equivalent to many immersion activities of similar duration, but it may underestimate risk for longer periods of water contact or for activities involving higher risks of water ingestion (see also note 8)

3. The "estimated risk" refers to the excess risk of illness (relative to a group of non-bathers) among a group of bathers who have been exposed to faecally contaminate recreational water under conditions similar to those in the key studies.

4. The functional form used in the dose-response curve assumes no further illness outside the range of data (i.e., at concentrations above 158 intestinal enterococci/100ml). Thus, the estimates of illness rate reported above this value are likely to be underestimates of the actual disease incidence attributable to recreational water exposure.

5. The estimated risks were derived from sewage-impacted marine waters. Different sources of pollution and more or less aggressive environments may modify the risks.

6. This table may not relate to children, the elderly or the immunocompromised, who could have lower immunity and might require a greater degree of protection. There are presently no adequate data with which to quantify this, and no correction factors are therefore applied.

7. Epidemiological data on fresh waters or exposures other than swimming (e.g., high-exposure activities such as surfing, dinghy boat sailing or white-water canoeing) are currently inadequate to present a parallel analysis for defined risks. Thus, a single series of microbial values is proposed, for all recreational uses of water, because insufficient evidence exists at present to do otherwise. However, it is recommended that the length and frequency of exposure encountered by special interest groups (such as bodysurfers, board riders, windsurfers, sub-aqua divers, canoeists and dinghy sailors) be taken into account.

8. Where disinfection is used to reduce the density of index organisms in effluent and discharges, the presumed relationship between intestinal Enterococci (as an index of faecal contamination) and pathogen presence may be altered. This alteration is, at present, poorly understood. In water receiving such effluents and discharges, intestinal Enterococci counts may not provide an accurate estimate of the risk of suffering from gastrointestinal symptoms or AFRI.

9. Risk attributable to exposure to recreational water is calculated after the method given by Wyer et al. (1999), in which a log 10 standard deviation of 0.8103 for faecal streptococci was assumed. If the true standard deviation for a Beach is less than 0.8103, then reliance on this approach would tend to overestimate the health risk for people above the threshold level, and vice versa.

Note that the values presented in this table do not take account of health outcomes other than gastroenteritis and AFRI. Where other outcomes are of public health concern, then the risks should also be assessed and appropriate action taken.

10. Guideline values should be applied to water used recreationally and at the times of recreational use. This implies care in the design of monitoring programs to ensure that representative samples are obtained.

Page 70-71, Guidelines for Safe Recreational Water Environments – Vol 1 – Coastal and Fresh Waters – World Health Organisation, Geneva, 2003.

APPENDIX 5 - CLASSIFICATION MATRIX FOR FAECAL POLLUTION OF RECREATIONAL WATER ENVIRONMENTS

Table 5.13 Classification matrix for faecal pollution of recreational water environments[a]

		Microbial water quality assessment category (95th percentiles — intestinal enterococci/100 mL)				Exceptional circumstances[c]
		A ≤ 40	B 41–200	C 201–500	D > 500	
Sanitary inspection category (Susceptibility to faecal influence)	Very low	Very good	Very good	Follow up[b]	Follow up[b]	ACTION
	Low	Very good	Good	Follow up[b]	Follow up[b]	
	Moderate	Good[d]	Good	Poor	Poor	
	High	Good[d]	Fair[d]	Poor	Very poor	
	Very high	Follow up[b]	Fair[d]	Poor	Very poor	
	Exceptional circumstances[c]	ACTION				

a Indicates possible discontinuous/sporadic contamination (often driven by results such as rainfall). This is most commonly associated with the presence of sewage – contaminated stormwater. These results should be investigated further, and initial follow-up should include verification of the sanitary inspection category and ensuring that samples recorded include 'event' periods. Confirm analytical results, review possible analytical errors.

b Implies nonsewage sources of faecal indicators (eg livestock), which need to be verified.

c Exceptional circumstances are known periods of higher risk such as during an outbreak involving a human or other pathogen that may be waterborne (eg avian botulism — where outbreaks of avian botulism occur, swimming or other aquatic recreational activities should not be permitted), or the rupture of a sewer in a recreational water catchment area etc. Under such circumstances the classification matrix may not fairly represent risk/safety.

d In certain circumstances there may be a risk of transmission of pathogens associated with more severe health effects through recreational water use. The human health risk depends greatly on specific (often local) circumstances. Public health authorities should be engaged in the identification and interpretation of such conditions.

Figure 10 NH&MRC Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Water

APPENDIX 6 - TASMANIAN RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY GUIDELINES

The Tasmanian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines, (the "Tasmanian Guidelines") adopted, by reference, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) "Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Waters 2006", (the "new NHMRC Guidelines"); provide a range of guideline values in respect of Enterococci sample statistics, which should be considered in combination with sanitary survey results, in assessing the suitability of recreational water bodies for primary contact recreation.

Whilst monitoring for Enterococci or Thermotolerant Coliforms is considered to provide evidence of faecal contamination in a water body; it does not provide anything more than an indication of the likely presence of viral contamination. Enteric viruses such as Hepatitis A, Norovirus, and Adenovirus may be present in wastewater and are all capable of causing illness in humans, often requiring very low infective doses to actually cause infection. These viruses represent the most likely risk to public health from primary contact recreation in water contaminated by wastewater effluents, even when the more easily detectable bacteria, such as Enterococci or Thermotolerant Coliforms are only detected at levels which are unlikely to result in direct bacterial infections.

This is especially significant where such recreational waters are known to be impacted by point sources of urban wastewater from unsewered areas and consequent high risk of human faecal contamination. To summarise, where otherwise low levels of faecal contamination are detected, there may well be a significant risk of transmission of viral infections, especially if the source of this faecal contamination is thought or known to be of human origin, rather than, for example, from native wildlife such as shore birds.

The NHMRC Guidelines are based in part upon a World Health Organisation publication (WHO, 2003, Guidelines for Safe Recreational Water Environments – Vol 1 – Coastal and Fresh Waters, Geneva) which provide an A to D risk management classification, based on 95th Percentile figures derived from monitoring program results. The classifications are based on the actual observed risk of developing illness such as Gastro Intestinal Illness (GI illness) and/or Acute Febrile Respiratory Infection (AFRI) after primary contact recreation in waters contaminated with a given range of Enterococcus bacteria of human faecal origin. This risk management classification is adopted by both the NHMRC and Tasmanian Guidelines. The NHMRC Guidelines provide in principle for a risk-based approach to recreational water quality classification, linking the decision making process to sanitary survey results combined with microbiological surveys, however neither the NHMRC Guidelines nor the Tasmanian Guidelines provide a clear and objective means of achieving this. The Tasmanian guidelines classify waters in the B category as "Good" despite studies elsewhere which demonstrate significant risks of infection in swimmers using waters in this category.

Cat. A – 95th Percentile <40 orgs/100mL equates to <1% GI illness risk & =<0.3% AFRI risk

Cat. B – 95th Percentile 41-200 orgs/100mL, equates to 1-5% GI illness risk & 0.35-3.95% AFRI risk

Cat. C – 95th Percentile of 201-500 orgs/100mL, equates to 5-10% GI illness risk & 1.9-3.9% AFRI risk

Cat. D – 95th Percentile of >500 orgs/100mL equates to >10%% GI illness risk & >3.9% AFRI risk.

The Tas Guidelines combine Categories A and B (i.e. 0-40 and 41-200) into a single "Good" Water Quality Indicator, with Category C described as "Moderate" and Category D as "Poor". They also provide for a requirement to resample within 48 hours of a sample returning a result greater than 140 Enterococci per 100mL and to "close" Beaches where two consecutive water results exceed 280. The NHMRC Guidelines by contrast define waters in both the C and D Categories as "Poor".

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21.0 MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

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Nil reports.

22.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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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.

23.0 CLOSED MEETING

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

Reference	Item
23.1	Confirmation of the Closed Council Minutes of the Council Meeting of 15 September 2026 and Special Council Meeting of 6 October 2026- *Regulation 40(3)*
23.2	Disclosure of confidential information – *Regulation 17(7)*

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 23.1 - 23.2 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 General Manager 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.

23 ACRONYMNS

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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