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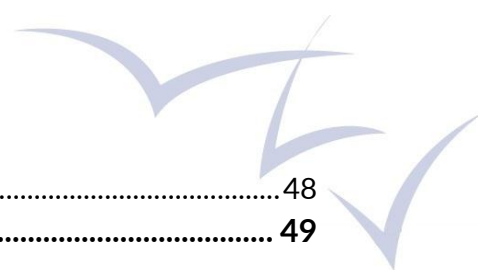


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FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – AGENDA

1 Attendance

Venue	Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre
Commencing	1.00pm – 3.06pm

Elected Members

Position	Name	Attendance
Mayor	Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor	Vanessa Grace	1.00pm – 1.31pm, 1.37pm – 3.06pm
Councillor	Garry Blenkhorn	1.00pm – 1.31pm, 1.37pm – 3.06pm
Councillor	Aaron Burke	Yes
Councillor	Carol Cox	Yes
Councillor	Ken Stockton	Yes

Apologies

Sue Mythen	Executive Officer (Minute Taker)	Apology
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Staff and Consultants

Officer Name	Position	Item Attendance
Warren Groves	General Manager	1.00pm – 2.21pm 2.24pm – 3.06pm
Jade Boyes	Corporate Services Manager	1.00pm – 3.06pm
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Engagement Manager	1.00pm – 3.06pm
Richard Harley	Airport Operations Coordinator	2.00pm – 3.06pm
Jacci Smith	Development Services Manager	1.00pm – 3.06pm
Oliver Ward	Works and Services Manager	1.00pm – 3.06pm
Marissa Walters	Contract Accountant	1.00pm – 2.05pm
Jo Brzeska	Governance and Corporate Service Officer (Minute Taker)	1.00pm – 3.06pm

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

All persons in attendance were advised that in accordance with Section 8, *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*:

- a video recording was being made of the meeting;
- all persons attending the meeting were to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and
- language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, was not acceptable.

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2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor began by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today, the palawa people of the Trawulwai Nation. She recognised their connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and paid respects to Elders past, and present.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 29 June 2026

Annexures Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary and Closed Council Meetings held on 29 June 2026 be confirmed.

DECISION:

139.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Minutes from the Ordinary and Closed Council Meetings held on 29 June 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

4 Public Question Time

Question One: Margaret Goss

Can we please have an update and timeline on where we are at with obtaining a vet to the island?

Question One: Mayors Response

Council are imminently awaiting a proposal from the contracting Vet we've been negotiating with for some time. Once this has been received, it will need to be discussed at the next available Council Workshop, followed by the Council meeting for consideration.

Question Two: Melinda Little

My concern regards the veterinary clinic. What are we doing to advertise and attract a vet? With a veterinarian shortage in the country and limited housing on the island, this will be particularly difficult. As such, are we able to combine resources e.g. the vet also performs the biosecurity and dog catcher positions? Are we promoting the veterinary attraction and retention package when advertising, and are we applying to State Growth to provide an enticing package? Is there currently any diagnostic equipment and if not has it been budgeted for? Also, we have known that we have two ageing vets for quite a while, and We've known we have two ageing vets for quite a while, and we've now got the building, and we're now sitting around wondering? Are there any discussions that can be had with the airlines about discounted pet transportation to get to veterinary care?



Question Two: Mayors Response

Unfortunately, combining the veterinarian role with the biosecurity role is not possible, due to Biosecurity no longer holding that position within their organisation. Council are working with an off-island Veterinary business to deliver a service on the island, however it will not be a full-time on-island service. We are collaborating with them to ascertain what services they are able to provide, and how often they will be able to be on the island. It's possible that they will be able to be on the island once a fortnight or every few weeks, there is also the possibility of having a part-time vet nurse on-island on a more frequent basis. They are putting together a proposal and we are exploring all options. A lot of advocacy work with various levels of government has been done as well.

The Vet business we are working with have also assisted us with developing the list of equipment (including diagnostic) required for the services to operate, and the costs associated with procuring the equipment and making the facility operational (\$100,000) are included in the 2026-27 budget which will be considered today.

Regarding the query around knowledge of the vets being of retirement age for some time, I can share that one of the current vets came to Council and advised that they would be retiring soon and Council commenced advocating for funding and exploring options at that time. Through various funding advocacy efforts, we were able to obtain a modular building to be delivered to the island. Before we started the building, an initial Expression of Interest was put out, and there were many interested veterinarians who enquired. A second expression of interest went out when the building project was near completion. However, the services the enquiring vets were able to offer were insufficient to the community's needs. There was also concern that there was no established business or client records for an incoming vet to step into. This is when Council engaged with the off-island vet in Tasmania to help develop a client base and business records for a period of 12 – 24 months, which will make it more enticing for a future vet to move to the island and come into an already established business. We are expecting the proposal from the Vet business any day now, so it's possible that it will be able to be considered in the August Council Meeting. After that, there will be finetuning with the service provider about the actual terms of the contract.

Regarding discounted pet travel, these are discussions that are being had about this also.



5 Response to Public Questions

No public questions were asked at the 29 June Council Meeting.

6 Councillors' Questions on Notice

6.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Nil Received

7 Councillors' Questions Without Notice

Question One: Cr Aaron Burke

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to formally request that the council contact Telstra in writing regarding ongoing and severe network issues affecting our area.

Connectivity has been a long-standing issue for the Furneaux Islands, but it has become extremely unstable over the past four weeks, frequently leaving residents with no coverage at all.

This persistent downtime is making it incredibly difficult to conduct day-to-day business, as important emails and messages are failing to send or receive correctly.

Given the significant impact on our local economy and community well-being, we would appreciate it if the council could advocate on our behalf. Additionally we request that Telstra consider offering community grants or compensation to offset the severe inconvenience caused by this prolonged service failure.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this urgent matter

Sincerely

Cr Aaron Burke

Question Two: Mayors Response

We share the community's concern regarding the recent deterioration in Telstra mobile and data services across Flinders Island and recognises the significant impact this is having on residents, businesses and essential services.

Council has already raised these concerns directly with Telstra. Discussions have been held with Telstra's Service Difficulties team, where the ongoing nature and severity of the connectivity issues were outlined. Telstra has advised that the matter has been referred to its Network Advisor, who has access to undertake further testing and investigate the reported faults. Council is awaiting the outcome of those investigations.

The General Manager has also spoken directly with Michael Patterson, Telstra State Manager for Tasmania and South Australia, to emphasise the extent of the issues being experienced by our community. Mr Patterson advised that a national-level investigation has been established to determine the cause of the ongoing outages. Preliminary information suggests that recent



high winds may have caused radio antennas servicing Flinders Island to become misaligned, although investigations are continuing.

Mr Patterson has undertaken to provide Council with further updates as more information becomes available. He also advised that Telstra has planned upgrades to the radio link infrastructure servicing Flinders Island during the current financial year.

Council will continue to liaise with Telstra to advocate for a timely resolution to these issues. In light of the concerns raised by the community, Council will write formally to Telstra to reinforce the impact these service disruptions are having on the island and to seek information regarding remediation, future network reliability and any assistance that may be available to affected customers.

Question 3: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

Regarding the roller door at the new Whitemark Waste Facility waste shed that was recently damaged, was this due to a design fault, has the engineer been contacted, and will the cost of the repairs be at Council's cost or the insurance company's cost?

Question 3: Response

The General Manager provided the following response:

The damage was not due to a design fault; there had been an incident which resulted in damage to the South Eastern (SE) facing door and it was stuck open. The door in question (North Western facing) being closed, along with very strong winds, resulted in the damage. In normal circumstances, both doors would be open during hours of operation, or both would be shut when the facility was closed. It is worth noting that during periods of operation with strong winds, either both doors should be shut, or both should be open.

8 Responses to Councillors' Questions Without Notice

8.1 Responses to Councillors' Questions Without Notice from 29 June 2026

No Councillor questions without notice were asked at the 29 June Council Meeting.

9 Late Agenda Items

Nil

10 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

11 Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Summers declared a Conflict of Interest for items 22.2 2026-27 Community Grants and 22.3 2026-27 Gunn Bequests in Closed Council.

Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace declared a Conflict of Interest for items 22.2 2026-27 Community Grants and 22.3 2026-27 Gunn Bequests in Closed Council.

Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace declared a Conflict of Interest for item 16.2 Coastal Special Area Plan (SAP) Amendment (Am) 2025.01-Post Exhibition.

Cr Garry Blenkhorn declared a Conflict of Interest for item 16.2 Coastal Special Area Plan (SAP) Amendment (Am) 2025.01-Post Exhibition.

Cr Aaron Burke declared a Conflict of Interest for item 22.3 2026-27 Gunn Bequests in Closed Council.

Cr Carol Cox declared a Conflict of Interest for item 22.2 2026-27 Community Grants in Closed Council.

12 Workshops and Information Forums

Action For Information
File Reference COU/0205 Workshops and Information Forums

Council Workshop – Wednesday 8 July 2026

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 2.1 Quasi-Judicial Policy
- Item 2.2 Uniform Policy
- Item 2.3 Annual Plan Final Draft
- Item 2.4 Community Grants
- Item 2.5 Gunn Bequests
- Item 2.6 Drought Resilience Grant - Seed Bank
- Item 2.7 Strategic Plan - Review submission
- Item 2.8 Lions Lodge Whitemark
- Item 2.9 Whitemark Boat Ramp Discussion
- Item 2.10 Lunch
- Item 2.11 Code for Tenders and Contracts – Review Submission
- Item 2.12 Sharp Airlines Fuel Price Considerations
- Item 2.13 Airport Grant Opportunity
- Item 2.14 General Manager's Update

Councillors	In Attendance
Mayor Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace	Yes
Councillor Garry Blenkhorn	Apology
Councillor Aaron Burke	Apology
Councillor Carol Cox	Apology
Councillor Ken Stockton	Apology

Staff and Consultants		In Attendance
Warren Groves	General Manager	Item 2.1 – 2.14
Jade Boyes	Corporate Services Manager	Item 2.1 – 2.14
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Engagement Manager	Item 2.3– 2.14
Richard Harley	Airport Operations Coordinator	Item 2.12-2.13
Jacci Smith	Development Services Manager	Item 2.1 – 2.14
Oliver Ward	Works and Services Manager	Apology
Sue Mythen	Executive Officer (Note Taker)	Item 2.1 – 2.14

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Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshop held on 8th July 2026 be noted.

DECISION

140.07.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That the Council Workshop held on 8th July 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

13 Publications and Reports Tabled For Information

Nil.

14 Councillors' Reports

14.1 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) Attendance - Canberra

Action	For Information
Councillor	Mayor Rachel Summers
File Reference	COU/0600 Mayor's Report
Annexures	Nil

Councillor's Report

Each year the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly brings together representatives from every local government across Australia. It provides an opportunity to hear directly from Federal Ministers, debate national issues affecting councils, learn from experts and, perhaps most importantly, spend time talking with people facing many of the same challenges we are.

For me, those conversations are one of the most valuable parts of attending. Every council is different, but small and remote councils tend to understand each other's challenges in a way that larger metropolitan councils simply cannot.

I commenced the week by attending the 2026 Australian Council of Local Government Forum at Parliament House. The forum brought together local government representatives from across Australia with Federal Ministers to discuss national priorities and strengthen the relationship between the Australian Government and local government.

The afternoon provided direct access to Ministers responsible for many of the issues currently affecting our municipality, including housing, the environment, infrastructure, regional development, emergency management and local government. Presentations were delivered by the Hon Clare O'Neil MP, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, the Hon Catherine King MP and the Hon Kristy McBain MP, followed by networking opportunities with Ministers, Members of Parliament and local government representatives from around Australia.

I found this forum particularly valuable as it provided useful context for many of the discussions that followed throughout the National General Assembly. Hearing directly from Ministers about the Government's priorities helps shape future advocacy and provides a better understanding of where opportunities may exist for Flinders Council.

Following the Forum, I attended the ALGA Regional Forum, which focused on issues affecting regional and remote Australia, including disaster resilience, regional productivity, local roads, renewable energy transition and regional health.

One of the recurring themes throughout the week reinforced something I have believed for some time. While Flinders Council is often grouped with "regional" councils, our challenges as a very remote island municipality are quite different. Freight costs, transport connectivity, workforce attraction, housing and the cost of delivering essential services all present challenges that many mainland regional councils simply do not experience to the same extent. Continuing to advocate for recognition of those differences remains an important part of representing our community.

Throughout the week I took every opportunity to advocate directly for Flinders Council, both through discussions with Federal representatives and by contributing to debate on motions before the National General Assembly.

I spoke informally with Senator Katy Gallagher, Senator Helen Polley, Minister Kristy McBain, Rebecca White MP and Jamie Chaffey MP regarding a range of Council priorities, including housing, infrastructure and the ongoing challenges facing very remote island communities. While I was unable to meet directly with Housing Minister Clare O'Neil, I ensured that her office received a written question together with information outlining Flinders Council's priority projects and advocacy priorities.

None of these conversations solve our challenges overnight, but every conversation helps keep the Flinders Municipality on the radar. Advocacy is not usually about one big meeting that changes everything. It is about consistently building relationships, reminding decision-makers that we exist, and making sure they understand the realities of governing a very remote island community.

The Assembly itself included a number of presentations that I found particularly worthwhile. Sessions on financial sustainability, respectful communication in an increasingly online world and successful grant writing all contained practical ideas that can be applied back home.

The Assembly also included debate on policy motions submitted by councils from across Australia. I took the opportunity to speak in support of three motions that I believe have particular relevance to communities like ours:

- **Motion 226:** supporting increased investment in community swimming pools, recognising their importance as essential community infrastructure, particularly in regional and remote areas;
- **Motion 228:** supporting the establishment of a publicly owned postal bank to improve access to banking services in regional and rural Australia; and
- **Motion 229:** calling for greater investment in aged care services in regional and remote communities to ensure older Australians can continue to access appropriate care close to home.

Whilst these motions were national in scope, each reflected issues that are highly relevant to the Furneaux Group, and I was pleased to contribute to the debate in support of their adoption.

One of the most significant outcomes of the Assembly was the unanimous support for an emergency motion calling on the Australian Government to provide fairer funding for local government by increasing untied Financial Assistance Grants.

Delegates from councils across Australia endorsed a joint letter to every Member of Parliament and Senator, highlighting the growing gap between councils' responsibilities and the funding available to deliver essential infrastructure and services. The motion recognised that while the challenges facing metropolitan, regional and remote councils may differ, councils across Australia are united in calling for a stronger and more sustainable funding partnership with the Commonwealth.

For small councils such as Flinders, untied funding is particularly important. Unlike competitive grant programs, Financial Assistance Grants allow councils to respond to local



priorities and make decisions based on the needs of their own communities. As costs continue to rise and councils are increasingly expected to deliver more services and maintain ageing infrastructure, restoring a fairer level of untied funding is critical to the long-term sustainability of local government.

I was pleased to support this emergency motion, which aligns closely with the advocacy Flinders Council has consistently undertaken regarding the financial sustainability of small and remote councils.

One presentation that really stood out was Michael Theo's keynote on community inclusion. His message was not about creating more policies or bigger programs. It was about genuinely valuing people, recognising different strengths, and creating communities where everyone feels they belong. It was simple, authentic, and one of the highlights of the conference.

I also attended the 75th anniversary celebration of the Australian Local Government Women's Association at Government House, hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia.

It was a wonderful event celebrating the women who have helped shape local government over the past 75 years. While there, I took the opportunity to invite Her Excellency to visit Flinders Island. That conversation has since progressed, and I intend to present a motion to Council seeking endorsement of a formal invitation for Her Excellency to visit the Furneaux Group.

As always, one of the greatest benefits of attending the Assembly was the opportunity to connect with representatives from other small and remote councils. We swapped ideas, compared challenges and discussed practical approaches to housing, workforce attraction, financial sustainability and infrastructure.

While the formal sessions provide valuable professional development, it is often these informal conversations over coffee, between sessions or after dinner that leave the biggest impression. They build relationships with people who understand the realities of governing small communities and often provide practical ideas that can be adapted back home.

Some key outcomes from attending were:

- strengthened relationships with Federal representatives;
- provided further opportunities to advocate for Flinders Council's priority projects;
- contributed to national debate on policy issues affecting regional and remote communities;
- identified ideas and examples from other small and remote councils;
- reinforced the need for continued advocacy for remote island communities;
- provided valuable professional development relevant to Council's strategic priorities; and
- supported a united national call for increased untied Financial Assistance Grants to strengthen the financial sustainability of local government;

More broadly, the week reinforced that the challenges facing Flinders Council are shared by councils across Australia. The unanimous support for increased untied Financial Assistance Grants demonstrated that, while our circumstances may differ, local government is united in seeking a more sustainable funding partnership with the Commonwealth.

I returned home with a notebook full of ideas, a longer contact list than when I left, and renewed confidence that while our challenges are unique, there are many others working to solve similar problems.

The costs associated with attendance at the 2026 Australian Council of Local Government Forum, ALGA Regional Forum and National General Assembly were as follows:

Paid by Flinders Council	Amount
Virgin Australia Flights	\$446.38
ALGA Conference Registration	\$1,458.00
Total Council Contribution	\$1,904.38

Personally Funded by the Mayor	Amount
Sharp Airlines	\$500.00
Accommodation	\$936.00
Car Hire	\$120.00
Link Airways	\$370.00
Incidentals (Uber, meals etc.)	\$300.00
Total Personal Contribution	\$2,226.00

Total cost of attendance: \$4,130.38

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the report provided on Mayor Rachel Summers attendance at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra, during June 2026.

DECISION:

141.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That Council notes:

1. The comprehensive report provided on Mayor Rachel Summers' attendance at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra, during June 2026; and
2. Acknowledges the personal contribution that Mayor Summers made to attend, both financially and in time committed, and records a huge thank you to her for her dedication and advocacy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

14.2 Lady Barron Special Committee - 10th February to 14th July 2026

Action	For Noting
Councillor	Cr Carol Cox
File Reference	CDV/0701 Lady Barron Community Gym
Annexures	1. Lady Barron Special Committee Report to Council 20260714 [14.2.1 - 1 page]

Councillor's Report

The report from Councillor Cox at Annexure 1 to this meeting outlines what the Lady Barron Special Committee has been working on during the period 10 February 2026 to 14 July 2026 and can now be noted by Council.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillor Carol Cox's Report from the Lady Barron Special Committee on activity from 10th February 2026 to 14th July 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item be noted.

DECISION:

142.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace
That Councillor Carol Cox's Report from the Lady Barron Special Committee on activity from 10th February 2026 to 14th July 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

15 Mayor's Report

15.1 Mayor's Report For June/July 2026

Action	For Information
Councillor	Cr Rachel Summers
File Reference	COU/0600 Mayor's Report
Annexures	Nil

Appointments

Date	Description
19/06/2026	Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation (NTDC) Management Representative Group (MRG) Meeting
22/06/2026	Australian Council of Local Government Forum – Parliament House
23/06/2026	Australian Local Government Women's Association Breakfast
23/06/2026	Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Regional Forum
23/06/2026	ALGA National General Assembly Welcome Reception
24/06/2026	ALGA National General Assembly
24/06/2026	Australian Local Government Women's Association 75 th Anniversary Celebration – Government House
24/06/2026	Regional Development Tasmania, Local Government Association Tasmania, Northern Tasmania Development Corporation, Cradle Coast Authority Event
25/06/2026	ALGA National General Assembly
25/06/2026	ALGA Evening Event
26/06/2026	Tas Audit - Auditee Information Session
29/06/2026	Ordinary Council Meeting
01/07/2026	General Manager's Performance Review Committee Meeting
01/07/2026	Meeting – ABS 2026 Census
02/07/2026	Meeting with Community Member
02/07/2026	Governance Meeting
05/07/2026	NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony, Wybalenna – Tasmanian Aboriginal Council
06/07/2026	NAIDOC Flag Raising, Lady Barron – Flinders Island Aboriginal Association
07/07/2026	Citizenship Ceremony
07/07/2026	AusAlert Overview
08/07/2026	Social Media Defence for Elected Local Government Leaders
08/07/2026	Council Workshop
09/07/2026	ALGWA – Connecting with Constituents under 40
10/07/2026	Meeting - NTDC
11/07/2026	Councillor Information Session - Emita
15/07/2026	Meeting Telstra – Connectivity Issues
18/07/2026	Councillor Information Session – Lady Barron

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Correspondence In

Date	From	Subject
19/06/2026	The eSafety Commissioner	Social Media Self-Defence for Elected Local Government Leaders – public session
19/06/2026	Kim Philips-Haines	[Press Release] Caution to the wind: Minister Dismisses Power Line Dementia Warning
21/06/2026	Ken Stockton Flinders Island Lions Club	Lions Club Lodge/Whitemark Gym
22/06/2026	Narelle Miragliotta Politics and International Relations School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Murdoch University	Interview Request: Research on Local Government Councillors
22/06/2026	Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP)	June 2026 CCYP Newsletter
24/06/2026	Katinka Smith Principal Policy Analyst Transport Systems and Policy Department of State Growth	Bass Strait Islands Transport Strategy – consultation engagement
24/06/2026	Ben Morris Policy Director Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT)	Development Manager, Strategic Planner, or Planning Team - LGAT survey short stay visitor accommodation - by 3 July 2026
24/06/2026	Danelle King Chief Executive Officers Personal Assistant Central Coast Council	Alternative Motions for TasWater Representatives Meeting Thursday 25 June – Correspondence from Mayor Cheryl Fuller – Central Coast Council – For attention of Tasmanian Mayors and CEO's/General Managers
24/06/2026	Karen Hall Director, Media and Communications Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)	ALGA Media Release Councils cast emergency vote at national assembly: Govt must restore funding levels to 1 percent
25/06/2026	Gerry Willis Lady Barron	Submission - Code of Tenders and Contracts
25/06/2026	Monique Langridge Director of Practice Management and Financial Audit Tasmanian Audit Office (TAO)	Flinders Council - Annual audit outcomes report - Year Ending 30 June 2026
25/06/2026	Gerry Willis Lady Barron	Submission on Strategic Plan, 2021-2031
25/06/2026	Dailius Wilson CRO & Chief Economist Payble	2026 ALGA Payble National Arrears Report

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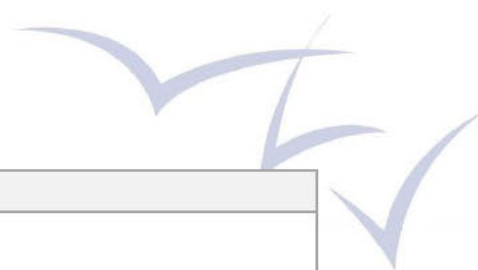
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Date	From	Subject
26/06/2026	Isabel Clements Economist Deloitte Access Economics	Consultation request Evaluation of EL3 initiative
30/06/2026	Sarah Ebbelaar Regional Engagement Manager Telstra	Progress of Actions from Connectivity Meeting
01/07/2026	Craig Perkins Stakeholder Relations Lead TasWater	FY27 TasWater PSP5 Pricing Changes
01/07/2026	Antony Gibson Chief Development Officer Pacific Bio	Regen Aqua Tertiary Wastewater Treatment
01/07/2026	Kate Crawford General Manager, Governance and Assurance, General Counsel and Company Secretary TasWater	Letter from Chair to Owners – Corporate Planning process
01/07/2026	The Hon Kristy McBain MP Minister for Emergency Management Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Member for Eden-Monaro	Australian Government's proposed reforms to Australia's disaster management system.
01/07/2026	Senator Wendy Askew Liberal Senator for Tasmania	Senator Wendy Askew to retire from the Senate
01/07/2026	Kaitlin Farrell Indigenous State Manager (TAS) Australian Bureau of Statistics	Follow up from today's Council + ABS 2026 Census meeting
02/07/2026	Marcus Blackie Mayor King Island Council	Statement on King Island Mayor Candidacy for the upcoming Tasmanian Council elections
02/07/2026	Rachel Thomas Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Regional Tech Hub	An update on the Regional Tech Hub
02/07/2026	Sarah Ebbelaar Regional Engagement Manager Telstra	Lady Barron – desired new coverage and improved capacity area
03/07/2026	Kate Crawford General Manager, Governance and Assurance, General Counsel and Company Secretary TasWater	TasWater – Draft minutes of General Meeting – 25 June 2026
03/07/2026	Secretariat, ALGA	2026 NGA Communique and Follow up information
06/07/2026	The Hon Kristy McBain MP	Correspondence from Minister McBain – Letter to LGA Mayors

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Date	From	Subject
	Minister for Emergency Management Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Member for Eden-Monaro	
06/07/2026	David Heap Flinders Island	Physical Health Worker Program on Flinders Is.
06/07/2026	Penny School Food Matters Organisation	School Food Matters
07/07/2026	The Hon Gavin Pearce MP Minister for Primary Industries and Water Minister for Veterans' Affairs Liberal Member for Braddon	Letter – Minister Pearce to Councillor Rachel Summers Flinders Island Council – H5 avian influenza (bird flu)
08/07/2026	Telstra Regional Notifications	Telstra Mobile Outage – Regional Australia Stakeholder Advice #1
08/07/2026	David Hughes CSC Official Secretary Office of the Governor Government House Tasmania	Official Vice-Regal Visits to Tasmanian Municipalities
08/07/2026	Honourable Bridget Archer MP Liberal Member for Bass	Progress of the Flinders Island Boat Ramp Upgrade
10/07/2026	Mollie Hill Chief Stakeholder and Communications Officer Recycle Rewards	Recycle Rewards Briefing Pack x Flinders Council
13/07/2026	Kate McGougan Executive Assistant Shire of Lake Grace	Update on the activities of the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance to local governments classified as Modified Monash Model 6 or 7.
14/07/2026	Ben Morris Policy Director Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT)	Multiple Reviews - Economic Strategy, Quad Bikes, Knives, Guns and Foreign Interference

Correspondence Out

Date	To	Subject
29/06/2026	Isobel Clements Economist, Deloitte Access Economics	Consultation Request – Evaluation of EL3 initiative
01/07/2026	Flinders Council Councillors	Vacation of Office – Cr Chris Rhodes
15/07/2026	Gerry Willis Lady Barron	Submission – Code of Tenders and Contracts
15/07/2026	Gerry Willis Lady Barron	Submission – Strategic Plan 2021-2031

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Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report for 22 July 2026 be received.

DECISION:

143.07.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That the Mayor's report for 22 July 2026 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



16 Development Services

16.1 Development Application Report for June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Jacci Smith - Development Services Manager
File Reference	PLN/0105 Development
Annexures	1. June 2026 DA Report to Council [16.1.1 - 1 page]

Introduction

This report provides Councillors with an overview of the applications for the current period as per motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24 September 2015 Council Meeting.

Permitted applications are assessed under section 58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) and are not advertised. If applications classified as Permitted meet all development and use standards within the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Flinders*, they must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

Discretionary applications are assessed under section 57 of the Act and are exhibited for a 14-day period. During this period, representations may be received from the public. If a representation is received, that application is tabled at a meeting of Council where Councillors will consider the matter whilst acting as the Planning Authority. Where there are not any representations received, or the application is permitted, authorisation is delegated to the General Manager for completion of the matter.

Under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Flinders*, Use and Development may be deemed as Exempt or No Permit Required (NPR). These applications will also be reported to Council on a monthly basis. As per Councillor's request, matters of Minor Amendment or extensions to planning permits will also be reported.

Previous Council Consideration

Some items may have been considered at meetings of Council while the remainder have been approved under delegation by the General Manager.

Officer's Report

Refer to Annexure 1 to this item, Development Applications Report – June 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Department Application Report – June 2026 be received.

DECISION:

144.07.2026 Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Planning Department Application Report – June 2026 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace and Cr Garry Blenkhorn left the meeting at 1.31pm due to declaring Conflicts of Interest for item 16.2.

At 1.31pm, Pursuant to Section 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the Council acted as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

16.2 Coastal Special Area Plan (SAP) Amendment (Am) 2025.01 - Post Exhibition

Action	For Decision
Officer	Jacci Smith - Development Services Manager Town Planning Solutions - Strategic Planning Consultant
File Reference	PLN/0108 Structure Plans
Annexures	1. 1. Flinders - draft amendment A M-2025-01 - Decision and reasons for substantial modification, 15 Ap [16.2.1 - 25 pages]

Introduction

This Agenda Item provides for the Planning Authority to consider the submissions that were received during the exhibition of the Direction issued the Tasmanian Planning Commission (Commission) in relating to planning scheme amendment AM2025-01 to the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Flinders* (Scheme) and Flinders Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) to:

- remove FLI-3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan (SAP) from selected properties at Palana, Killiecrankie, Whitemark, Lady Barron, Samphire Creek and Bootjack Flats; and
- insert a definition of site coverage within the SAP;
- replace the objective of FLI-S3.2 Site Coverage; and
- establish a new performance criteria P1 for FLI-S3.7.2 Site coverage - Performance Criteria.

Previous Council Consideration

161.06.2025	25 June 2025
241.09.2025	24 September 2025

Previous Council Discussion

06 November 2024	Council Workshop
11 June 2025	Council Workshop
09 July 2025	Council Workshop
13 August 2025	Council Workshop
10 September 2025	Council Workshop
16 February 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

The Flinders Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) saw FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas SAP (SAP) applied around almost all of the perimeter of Flinders Island.

The SAP mapping was incorrectly applied over the towns of Killiecrankie and Palana as well as over the inland extents of some rivers, thereby affecting land that was either subject to the provisions of another Specific Area Plan, for settlements, or the inland extents of rivers that were not part of the visible coastline. This included land to the west of Lady Barron that was rezoned Low Density Residential as a result of the LPS hearings.

AM2025-01 was initiated by the Planning Authority in June 2025 and sought to remove FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan (Coastal Areas SAP) from:

- Properties at Killiecrankie and Palana within the Low Density Residential zone that are also subject to FLI-S1 Coastal Settlement Specific Area Plan (Coastal Settlements SAP);

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- Pats River, Whitemark Airport and properties at Bluff Road;
- Pot Boil Road, Lady Barron; and
- Samphire River at Badger Corner.

The purpose for the requested amendments was to:

- prevent conflicts between the primary purpose of the Low Density Residential Zone and restrictions established under the provisions of the Coastal Areas SAP;
- prevent unintended restrictions on development for significant infrastructure at Whitemark Airport, and
- remove the Coastal Areas SAP from inland areas of rivers, where it was not intended to be applied and application is contrary to the stated purpose of the Coastal Areas SAP.

AM2025-01 was submitted and assessed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, who ultimately determined that the original AM2025-01 required substantial modifications to also:

- remove the overlay from the inland extents of the Bootjack Flats drain, and
- make other revisions to the ordinance in response to representations to:
 - insert a definition of site coverage within the SAP;
 - replace the objective of FLI-S3.2 Site Coverage; and
 - establish a new performance criteria P1 for FLI-S3.7.2 Site coverage - Performance Criteria.

A copy of the Commission decision is provided at Annexure 1 to this report.

The process for amendments to Local Provisions Schedules is established at Part 3B of the *Land Use and Planning Approvals Act 1993* (Act). Due to the requirements of section 40P of the Act, the original application for AM2025-01 was refused and the Commission directed the Planning Authority to renotify the substantially modified AM2025-01.

This decision meant:

- the original application for AM2025-01 had to be refused because the provisions of the Act left the Commission with no other decision to make;
- the Direction means that the provisions within the Direction commenced operation on 22 April 2026, even though they did not appear on any of the websites that provide information on planning schemes (which are all managed by State Agencies or similar);
- the new AM2025-01 required the Commission to approve the new amendment document before exhibition could occur;
- the new AM2025-01 was exhibited for the required period of 28 days.

This report considers the merits of the submissions that were received to the exhibition of the Direction for AM2025-01 against the relevant statutory requirements.

Assessment of Representations

Representation 1 - 28/06/26

The representation requests review of FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan and removal from their property at [REDACTED] Badger Corner Road ([REDACTED]) citing the following:

- Inconsistency with the current draft amendment precedents and removal from other properties on the Island and at Badger Corner.
- Sufficiency of existing planning protections within the Rural Living Zone.
- Severe financial hardship and impact on family inheritance imposed by the SAP and the effective sterilisation of one title.

The subject titles are not located within the Low Density Residential Zone. Further they do not contain essential transport infrastructure, nor adjoin the inland extents of a waterway which were the premise upon which Council relied for removal of the SAP under AM2025-01.

The representation supports the existing controls within the Zone and assorted overlays that apply to their land. No change is proposed to those controls.

As noted through this process, the subject SAP was developed and ultimately implemented following community reactions against previous planning applications and approvals that had significant impact on the visual amenity of the coastal fringe. Review of the wider operation and application of the SAP requires consultation with the Community to inform that review and ensure compliance with the Resource Management and Planning System (RMPS) objectives, and not just a few selected property owners.

The representor cites the sterilisation of one of their titles and the impact this has on their future plans for estate planning. LISTmap indicates that the smallest title identified by the representor maintained an area of approximately 2,200 m² that was unencumbered by the subject SAP of the 8,900 m² title area (as identified on the Folio Plan).

The SAP establishes some standards for development within its area, which include site coverage. AM2025-01 establishes performance criteria for site coverage, based on assessment of impacts to the area. Claims of sterilisation as a result of the SAP are not supported by the SAP provisions or AM2025-01.

As a result of the assessment, no alterations were identified as necessary.

Recommendation: That the representation is determined to:

- not have merit as it raises matters that are either not consistent with or not relevant to the Council criteria for consideration of AM2025-01,
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and
- not require modifications to AM2025-01.

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

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Representation 2 - 26/06/26 [REDACTED]

The representation requests review of FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan and removal from their property at [REDACTED] Badger Corner Road, citing the following:

- The protections provided under existing provisions under the Rural Living Zone and other Codes that apply to the lands;
- The removal of the SAP from other properties in their immediate area, citing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Badger Corner Road.
- The restrictions imposed by the overlay across approximately 78% of their title.

The subject titles are not located within the Low Density Residential Zone. Further they do not contain essential transport infrastructure, nor adjoin the inland extents of a waterway which were the premise upon which Council relied for removal of the SAP under AM2025-01.

The subject property ([REDACTED] Badger Corner Road) is located approximately 1.3km south of the closest title proposed for removal of the SAP ([REDACTED] Badger Corner Road), which is in the Rural Zone, is affected by the inland extents of Samphire Creek and separated from the subject cluster of Rural Living zoned properties by the Landscape Conservation Zone.

AM2025-01 does not seek to alter the existing controls within the Zone and assorted overlays that apply to their land.

As noted through this process, the subject SAP was developed and ultimately implemented following community reactions against previous planning applications and approvals that had significant impact on the visual amenity of the coastal fringe. Review of the wider operation and application of the SAP requires consultation with the Community to inform that review and ensure compliance with the Resource Management and Planning System (RMPS) objectives, and not just a few selected property owners.

LISTmap identified that the subject title maintained an area of approximately 5,400m² that was unencumbered by the subject SAP of the 2.59 hectare title area.

The SAP establishes some standards for development within its area, which include site coverage. AM2025-01 establishes performance criteria for site coverage, based on assessment of impacts to the area. Claims of undue restrictions imposed as a result of the SAP are not supported by the SAP provisions or AM2025-01.

As a result of the assessment, no alterations were identified as necessary.

Recommendation: That the representation is determined to:

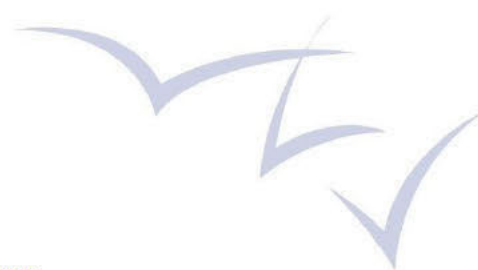
- not have merit as it raises matters that are not consistent with the Council criteria for consideration of AM2025-01 or the amendments proposed under it,
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and
- not require modifications to AM2025-01.

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

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Representation 3 - received 06/07/26 [REDACTED]

The representation opposes application of the SAP in its entirety, citing:

- The SAP is restricting the whole Island from further development;
- Removal from some properties is not a fair compromise; and
- Council forced them to build on the footprint of their old house.

The following response is provided to the issues raised.

The SAP applies to the first 100-metres of titles adjoining the coast or Crown coastal reserve and was removed from the urban areas at Lady Barron and Whitemark. The claim is not supported by the facts of the SAP or AM2025-01,

The SAP was implemented in response to community opposition to several planning applications and approvals that were issued for proposals that had significant visual impact on the coast. Removal of the SAP from selected properties that are in the Low Density Residential Zone, support critical infrastructure or adjoin the inland extents of waterways is preferred to the wholesale removal of the SAP outside of any strategic consultation with the community and consideration by the Planning Authority.

It is understood that the subject house was developed prior to commencement of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Flinders* and the SAP provisions. Matters related to the previous approval of the subject house under a prior planning scheme are not relevant to the assessment of AM2025-01.

As a result of the assessment, no alterations were identified as necessary.

Recommendation: That the representation is determined to:

- not have merit as it raises matters that are not consistent with the Council criteria for consideration of AM2025-01 or the amendments proposed under it,
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and
- not require modifications to AM2025-01.

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

Representation 4 - received 03/07/26 [REDACTED]

The representation supports amendment of FLI-S3.0 Coastal Areas Specific Area Plan and removal from selected properties, including:

- Removal from [REDACTED] own land at PID [REDACTED] near Red Bluff on Flinders Island;
- Measurement from high water mark and not from title boundaries;
- Acknowledging existing and naturally cleared areas in the SAP, and

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- Acknowledging the vast topography and varied shoreline as to screening, shielding, visual amenity and coastal protection.

The subject title is in the Environmental Management Zone, has an area of approximately 101 hectares and contains extensive areas covered by overlays for natural hazards and native vegetation values.

It is not in the Low Density Residential Zone, does not contain essential transport infrastructure, nor does it adjoin the inland extents of a waterway that is subject to the SAP. It does not meet the reasons that Council used for removal of the SAP under AM2025-01.

AM2025-01 does not seek to change the basis of application of the SAP, nor where it should be measured from.

The performance criteria proposed under AM2025-01 will enable an impact based assessment of development that is affected by the SAP, including the potential for existing vegetation, topography and shoreline to provide screening for proposals within the SAP.

Broad scale changes to the SAP should be assessed through a strategic engagement and consultation program for identification of the values the Flinders Community wishes to project and the subsequent review of the SAP provisions.

As a result of the assessment, no alterations were identified as necessary.

Recommendation: That the representation is determined to:

- Not have merit as it raises matters that are not relevant to consideration of AM2025-01,
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and
- not require modifications to AM2025-01.

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

Representation 5 - received 06/07/26 [REDACTED]

The representation contests the validity of FLI-S3.0 Coastal Area Specific Area Plan, citing:

- it was not part of the documents exhibited for the LPS during the statutory exhibition period, and not available from the Council website even if they were available from the Commission website;
- the unintended application to areas such as Whitemark Airport;
- the need and support for a broader review of the SAP as part of a separate process.

The availability of the documents for the Local Provisions Schedule was a contested issue through the LPS exhibition period, due to the relevant statutory process. Those claims and



allegations were a matter for the Planning Authority and the Tasmanian Planning Commission to consider through that process. They are not relevant to the current amendment.

As noted in response to many representations, a review of the SAP should be part of a wider strategic engagement process about the values the Flinders Community value and wish to protect through the Planning Scheme. The representation supports that process.

Recommendation: That the representation is determined to:

- Not have merit as it does not raise any matters relevant to the consideration of AM2025-01 by the Planning Authority;
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and
- not require modifications to AM2025-01.

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

Representation 6 - received 06/07/26 Flinders Council

The representation:

- supports the removal of the SAP from the identified properties; and
- contests parts 1 to 3 of AM2025-01 due to the lack of a strategic basis for the changes;
- requests that part 3 of AM2025-01 should be refused as it is without a strategic base and does not provide for achievement of objectives (a), (c), (f) and (g) in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Act;
- if part 3 of AM2025-01 is approved, the opening statement for P1 must be revised to *The site coverage must minimise impacts of development on the natural appearance of the area, must not be obtrusive and **must not** have an unreasonable impact on the visual amenity of the coast when viewed from public roads, the foreshore and coastal waters, having regard to:* and
- that a new criterion (h) is established to set an upper site area threshold of 400m².

The representation also seeks that there is a hearing into the representations, and that a hearing occurs on Flinders Island to ensure that locals and/or Council are not put to any undue physical, financial or procedural disadvantage for participation in the hearing process.

The support for parts 4 to 9 of AM2025-01 is noted and requires no response.

Absent a strategic engagement process to work through the community views on the SAP, it is difficult to justify the insertion of performance criteria under part 3 of AM2025-01. Noting this, the Commission directions provide a clear instruction to do otherwise, which suggests that Part 3 of AM2025-01 will be approved by the Commission.

Recommendation: That the representation is determined to:

- have merit as it raises matters that are relevant to assessment of AM2025-01,
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and

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- require the following modifications to AM2025-01:
 - that part 3 of AM2025-01 is refused; or
 - opening statement for P1 must be revised to
*The site coverage must minimise impacts of development on the natural appearance of the area, must not be obtrusive and **must not** have an unreasonable impact on the visual amenity of the coast when viewed from public roads, the foreshore and coastal waters, having regard to:* and
 - that a new criterion (h) is established to set an upper site area threshold of 400m².

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

Late Representations

Representation 7 Received 09/07

The representation was lodged following completion of the exhibition period. The Planning Authority is required to determine the status of this representation.

The representors reason for the late submission was that it sat in their outbox and did not send. There is no way to verify that claim.

Both the Planning Authority and the Planning Commission are required to undertake a hearing, review and assessment process as a result of the exhibition period. It is recommended that the representations are assessed as part of this process and that arguments regarding the validity of the representation are left to the Commission to resolve.

The representation seeks removal of the SAP from their client's properties at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Badger Corner Road, citing the following:

- they are zoned Rural Living and therefore within the residential suite of zones that should not be constrained by the SAP,
- the SAP fetters and/or hinders the residential use of the properties;
- arguments for removal of the SAP from properties in the Low Density Residential zone equally apply to the Rural Living zone, so its removal should be extended to additional rural living areas at Cooma, Blue Rocks and Sawyers Bay; and
- support for introduction of performance criteria for site coverage.

As noted in response to previous representations, the subject title does not meet the criteria that Council established for removal of the SAP, being that it is not in the Low Density Residential Zone, does not contain essential transport infrastructure nor is it adjacent to the inland extents of a waterway subject to the SAP.

As also noted in response to other representations, Council is required to engage with the Community to determine what it values as a collective and how that then impacts the development and review of the LPS. While the Commission may not have to undertake the same or similar process, Council's opposition to the insertion of performance criteria is noted.



Extension of AM2025-02 to apply to other communities will require a similar process to identify the values that the wider community wish to see maintained or changed through the LPS.

Recommendation: That the late representation is accepted and determined to:

- not have merit as it does not raise any matters relevant to the consideration of AM2025-01 by the Planning Authority;
- not alter the assessment of AM2025-01; and
- not require modifications to AM2025-01.

Effect on Draft LPS as a whole: The representation does not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines.

LPS Criteria: AM2025-01 remains consistent with the LPS criteria.

Statutory Requirement

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

- S.6 Delegation
- Division 3B Amendments to LPS's
- S.34 LPS Criteria
- S.40G Notice of Exhibition
- S.40H Exhibition
- S.40J Representations
- S.40K Report to Commission about draft Amendments
- 40P Substantial modification of draft amendments

Section 40DG & H identify requirements for exhibition of amendments to LPS. Section 40J allows representations to be submitted to amendments to LPS. These functions were completed.

Section 40K requires a report to be prepared on the assessment of the representations that were received to the exhibition of amendments to LPS and submitted to the Commission. This report and the annexed 40K-Report on Representations address the statutory requirements.

The process for amendments to Local Provisions Schedules was established at Part 3B of the Act. Due to the requirements of section 40P of the Act, the original application for AM2025-01 was refused and the Commission directed the Planning Authority to exhibit the substantially modified AM2025-01.

This decision meant:

- the original application for AM2025-01 had to be refused because the provisions of the Act left the Commission with no other decision to make;
- the Direction means that the provisions within the Direction commenced operation on 22 April 2026, even though they did not appear on any of the websites that provide information on planning schemes (which are all run by State Agencies or similar);
- the new AM2025-01 required the Commission to approve the new amendment document before exhibition could occur;

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- AM2025-01 was exhibited for the required period of 28 days.

Recommendations are provided on the merits of each representation, the need to modify AM2025-01, the impact on the LPS as a whole and potential impacts to compliance with the LPS criteria in response to the requirements of Section 40K of the Act. AM2025-01 can now be submitted to the Commission.

Existing delegations provide for the processing of that decision.

Strategic Alignment

The Supporting Report identified that AM2025-01 was consistent with the Focus Areas and Goals of the Flinders Strategic Plan 2021-2031.

Budget and Financial Implications

Budget implications of the current process form part of the Council's operational costs and statutory obligations as a planning authority.

Risk/Liability

Identified risks are considered to be addressed by the Planning Authority observing the statutory process.

A recommendation was provided to reflect the statutory process.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Authority determines, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, in respect of representations received to the statutory notification of AM2025-01:

1. Representations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are determined to:
 - not have merit as they raise matters outside the scope of AM2025-01,
 - not alter the assessment of AM2025-01;
 - not require modifications to AM2025-01;
 - not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and
 - not impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria.
2. Representation 7 is accepted for assessment and determined to:
 - not have merit as it raises matters outside the scope of AM2025-01,
 - not alter the assessment of AM2025-01;
 - not require modifications to AM2025-01;
 - not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and
 - not impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria:
3. Representation 6 is determined to:
 - have merit as it raises matters relevant to consideration of AM2025-01,
 - require modifications to AM2025-01 to either:
 - Approve all parts of AM2025-01 except part 3.0, which must be refused;

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Or

- revise the opening statement for P1 so that it includes the following words in bold:
The site coverage must minimise impacts of development on the natural appearance of the area, must not be obtrusive and must not have an unreasonable impact on the visual amenity of the coast when viewed from public roads, the foreshore and coastal waters, having regard to: and
- establish a new criterion (h) to set an upper site area threshold of 400m².
- not otherwise raise any matters that otherwise impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and
- not otherwise impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria.

In addition to the statutory responses that are required under the Act, that the various submissions supporting or alluding to the review of the Structure Plan are noted and addressed as soon as practicable.

DECISION:

145.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That the Planning Authority determines, under section 40K of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, in respect of representations received to the statutory notification of AM2025-01:

1. Representations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are determined to:
 - not have merit as they raise matters outside the scope of AM2025-01,
 - not alter the assessment of AM2025-01;
 - not require modifications to AM2025-01;
 - not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and
 - not impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria.
2. Representation 7 is accepted for assessment and determined to:
 - not have merit as it raises matters outside the scope of AM2025-01,
 - not alter the assessment of AM2025-01;
 - not require modifications to AM2025-01;
 - not raise any matters that impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and
 - not impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria:
3. Representation 6 is determined to:
 - have merit as it raises matters relevant to consideration of AM2025-01,
 - require modifications to AM2025-01 to:
 - revise the opening statement for P1 so that it includes the following words in bold:
The site coverage must minimise impacts of development on the natural appearance of the area, must not be obtrusive and must not have an unreasonable impact on the visual amenity of the coast when viewed from public roads, the foreshore and coastal waters, having regard to: and
 - establish a new criterion (h) to set an upper site area threshold of 400m².
 - not otherwise raise any matters that otherwise impact assessment or implementation of the policies and requirements of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Guidelines; and
 - not otherwise impact assessment of AM2025-01 against the LPS criteria.

In addition to the statutory responses that are required under the Act, that the various submissions supporting or alluding to the review of the Structure Plan are noted and addressed as soon as practicable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (4-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 1.36pm, Council concluded its meeting as a Planning Authority under Section 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

At 1.37pm, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace and Cr Garry Blenkhorn rejoined the meeting.

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17 Works and Services

17.1 Works and Services Update June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Oliver Ward - Works and Services Manager
File Reference	WOR/3000 Infrastructure
Annexures	1. Works Services Managers Report Template [17.1.1 - 5 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of monthly activities undertaken by the Works and Services department.

Officers Report

This report is provided on a monthly basis at the request of Council, please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Works and Services Manager's Report – June 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION:

146.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Works and Services Manager's Report – June 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 1.42pm Mayor Rachel Summers passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace.

18 Notices of Motions -

18.1 Formal Invitation to Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General

Action	For Decision
Councillor	Mayor Rachel Summers
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	PUB/0700 Parliamentary Visitors
Annexures	Nil

Notice Of Motion

That Council endorse the Mayor extending a formal invitation to Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, to undertake an official visit to the Furneaux Group.

Councillor's Report

I recently attended the 75th Anniversary celebrations of the Australian Local Government Women's Association at Government House, where I had the opportunity to meet Her Excellency, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia.

During a conversation, I extended a verbal invitation for Her Excellency to visit the Furneaux Group. Her Excellency indicated that a formal written invitation would be welcomed and advised that any potential visit would require significant planning in conjunction with the Office of the Governor-General.

Official visits by the Governor-General provide an opportunity to recognise the unique history, culture and contribution of communities throughout Australia.

The Flinders Municipality presents a distinctive opportunity to showcase life in one of Australia's most remote local government areas, including our rich Aboriginal heritage, resilient communities, volunteer organisations, innovative community initiatives and the opportunities and challenges of island living.

Potential opportunities during a future visit could include:

- Meeting with Aboriginal community representatives at Wybalenna;
- Visiting local schools and community organisations;
- Meeting volunteers and community leaders;
- Showcasing local initiatives in housing, food security and community resilience; and
- Attending significant community events where appropriate.

To the best of my knowledge, this would represent the first official visit to the Furneaux Group by a serving Governor-General.

Should Her Excellency accept the invitation, Council officers would work closely with the Office of the Governor-General to develop an appropriate itinerary that reflects the interests of Her Excellency while showcasing the unique characteristics of the Furneaux Group.



Potential dates identified within the invitation include:

- 15 October 2026 - Flinders Island Show; or
- 23-24 January 2027 - Furneaux Islands Festival; or
- Easter 2027 – Three Peaks Race

Should these dates not align with Her Excellency's commitments, an alternative visit could be arranged at another mutually convenient time.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil

Previous Council Discussion

Nil

Officer's Report

The recommendation is administrative in nature and seeks endorsement for the Mayor to formally extend an invitation to Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, to undertake an official visit to the Furneaux Group.

The proposed invitation does not commit Council to hosting a visit or incur any immediate financial obligation. Should the invitation be accepted, Council officers would liaise with the Office of the Governor-General to develop an appropriate itinerary, identify any resource implications, and coordinate arrangements in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Extending an invitation of this nature is considered an appropriate means of promoting the Municipality and recognising the significance of the Furneaux Group within the broader Australian community. Any future decisions relating to the conduct of the visit or associated expenditure would be subject to Council's normal governance and budgeting processes where required.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

LIVEABILITY

1.1 A viable population that enables the necessary services and activities required for the Community to prosper

1.1.2 Promote the islands' authentic lifestyle, business and entrepreneurial opportunities to attract 'working age' population and families.

ECONOMY/BUSINESS

3.1 Ongoing opportunities across all business sectors to future-proof the critical needs of the islands.

3.1.3 Advocate federal and state governments for improved availability of critical services and industries on the islands to benefit the Community and economy

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.2 Improve communication channels between Council and Community to foster greater community participation and outcomes.

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Budget and Financial Implications

A budget allocation may be required should Her Excellency accept the invitation.

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

MOTION LOST (3-3)

Moved: Mayor Rachel Summers Seconded: Cr Stockton

That Council endorse the Mayor to extend a formal invitation to Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, to undertake an official visit to the Furneaux Group.

Vote:

(For) Mayor Summers, Cr Burke, Cr Stockton

(Against) Cr Cox, Deputy Mayor Grace, Cr Blenkhorn.

At 1.48pm, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Passed the Chair back to Mayor Rachel Summers.

19 Finance

19.1 Quarterly Financial Report - April to June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Cloud 9 Consulting – Contract Consultant
File Reference	FIN/0100 Quarterly Finance Report
Annexures	1. Council Reports with Capex 30 June 2026 [19.1.1 - 14 pages]

Introduction

On a quarterly basis, Council is presented with a Financial Report.

This report, and the attached Quarterly Financial Report (Annexure 1, to this item) include high level operational reports and commentary for Council's information.

Previous Council Consideration

Not applicable.

Officer's Report

Annexure 1 to this item, with overview provides a summary of income and expenditure for the Council at the period ending 30 June 2026.

The report includes Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, Capital Works, and Department reports. Where there are variances greater than 10% and \$50,000, commentary is provided by way of notes.

By way of overall commentary based on the figures presented, Operating Income is up 14% on budget estimates. This is primarily due to receiving 80% of the Financial Assistance Grants for 2026/2027 in advance (\$1,667,264). Without this Operating Income would be in line with budget estimates. Original forecasts were to receive 50% in advance, similar to the prior year.

Operating Expenditure is down 1% on budget at this stage, however these figures are preliminary for 30 June with end of year adjustments still to be made.

Overall, the operating net profit/(loss) is significantly better than budget, with a current reported profit of \$29,381, \$1,079,515 better than the budgeted loss.

Council have made significant progress on the Capital Works program with the majority of projects completed and \$8.06m spent. The largest project still underway is the Airport Lighting upgrades project, with \$1.7m still to be spent on this multi-year, grant funded, project.

Council's cash position remains strong, with a balance at 30 June 2026 of \$13 million, including term deposits.

This report is for information only.



Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

Not Applicable for this report

Budget and Financial Implications

Budget affects all areas in Council's Annual Plan with the budget implications identified.

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Financial Report – 30 June 2026.

DECISION

147.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Financial Report – 30 June 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item, and that a copy of the departmental report for the Airport be shared with the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

19.2 Rates and Charges Resolution for 2026-2027



Action	For Decision
Officer	Cloud 9 Consulting - Contract Accountant Jade Boyes - Corporate Services Manager
File Reference	FIN/0701 Budget / FIN/1205
Annexures	1. Rates Resolution 2026 2027 v20260514 [19.2.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

The rates resolution has been prepared in line with the objectives of the Long-Term Financial Management Plan and the draft Budget 2026-2027.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil

Previous Council Discussion

11 March 2026	Council Workshop
15 April 2026	Council Workshop
05 May 2026	Council Workshop
13 May 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

Total operational income in this year's budget is \$8.0 million, an increase of \$603,567 from the 2025/2026 budget. Total rates income for 2026-2027 includes:

- General rates and charges \$2,883,429, an increase of \$115,966 on 2025-2026 budget
- Waste rates and charges \$257,088, an increase of \$10,488 on 2025-2026 budget.
- Fire levy \$97,332, an increase of \$7,581 on 2025-2026 budget

There has been a small amount of natural growth in the rate base for the past year of 0.5%.

This coming year is forecast to have higher than usual pressures on materials and services due to the flow on impact of rising fuel costs felt by all, this puts pressure on Council to raise rates to meet current regulatory obligations, service levels and needs of the community. However, Council have tried to contain the increases in the proposed rates as low as possible.

Overall, the increase in the combined general rates revenue and waste rates revenue is 4.2%, lower than the original forecast in the Long-Term Financial Management Plan of 8.4%.

Included in the rates resolution is an increase in the waste charge from \$200 to \$206, which applies to all rateable land on Flinders Island. The waste charges are currently covering only 20% of the forecast expenditure on waste management for 2026-2027.

The fire levy is determined and collected on behalf of the State Government. The minimum increase is \$2 per property and will apply to most properties, however the rate in the dollar that will impact higher valued properties has increased by 11.3%.



The proposed increase in the general charge is \$20, taking it to \$450, which applies to all rateable land in the municipality. The proposed increase spreads the load across all ratepayers and minimises or limits the need to increase the general rate in the dollar to higher levels.

The proposed increase in the general rate is 3.25%.

Given the mix of increases in both fixed and variable rates and charges, the increase at a property level in Council rates paid (general and waste) will vary between 3.3-4.1% per property.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

In accordance with s90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council is required to set the rates by 31 August of each year.

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

The rates presented in the Rates Resolution are in line with the draft Budget 2026-2027 presented to Council for consideration at this meeting and are also in line with the Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

Risk/Liability

If Council does not adopt the Rates Resolution at this meeting, the item will need to be deferred until the August 2026 meeting to adopt an alternative resolution no later than by 31 August 2026 to comply with the requirements of the Act.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, by absolute majority, adopts the Rates Resolution for 2026/27, as detailed in Annexure 1 to this item.

DECISION

148.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That Council, by absolute majority, adopts the Rates Resolution for 2026/27, as detailed below.

1. GENERAL RATE AND MINIMUM

Pursuant to Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (here referred to as the "Act"),

1.1 Council hereby makes the following General Rate for all rateable land within the municipal area for the financial year commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027:

- (a) Pursuant to Section 90(3)(c) of the Act, a General Rate of 7.234890 cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value (here referred to as "AAV") of the rateable land.
- (b) Pursuant to Section 91 of the Act, a General Charge of \$450 per rateable land.

1.2 Pursuant to Section 107(1) of the Act, Council hereby varies the General Rate of 7.234890 cents in the dollar (as previously made) as follows:

- (a) For land which is used or predominantly used for primary production purposes the General Rate is varied to 6.378558 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (b) For land which is used or predominantly used for residential purposes and non-use land (i.e. vacant residential) the General Rate is varied to 10.150232 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (c) For land which is used or predominantly used for commercial purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.222097 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (d) For land which is used or predominantly used for industrial purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.222097 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (e) For land which is used or predominantly used for quarrying or mining purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.222097 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (f) For land which is used or predominantly used for public purposes, the General Rate is varied to 8.222097 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (g) For land which is used or predominantly used for commercial purposes and non-use land (i.e. vacant commercial) the General Rate is varied to 8.222097 cents in the dollar of AAV;
- (h) For land which is used or predominantly used for transport-aviation purposes, the General Rate is varied to 9.532866 cents in the dollar of AAV; and
- (i) For all land which is used or predominately used for sporting or other purposes, the General Rate is varied to 7.152359 cents in the dollar of AAV.

SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – DIVISION 3

2. WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGE – SECTIONS 93 AND 94 OF THE ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 93 and 94 of the Act, Council by absolute majority makes a separate service charge for waste management of \$206.00 for all rateable tenements within the municipal area for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027.

a Pursuant to Section 93, 94 and 107 of the Act, Council hereby varies the Waste Management charge of \$206.00 (as previously made) as follows:

i For all land within the locality of Cape Barren or Outer Bass Strait Islands the Waste Management Charge is varied to \$0.

3. FIRE SERVICE RATE – SECTIONS 93(1)(F) AND 93A OF THE ACT

(a) Pursuant to Section 93 and Section 93A of the Act, Council makes the following fire protection service rates for the purpose of collecting a fire service contribution from all rateable land in the municipal area sufficient to pay the contribution that Council is required to make pursuant to the notice received by Council from the State Fire Commission given accordance with Section 81B of the Fire Service Act 1979 for the 2026-2027 financial year as follows:

General Land	0.214160 cents in the dollar of AAV
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(b) Pursuant to Section 93(3) of the Act and Section 81C(6) of the Fire Service Act 1979, the minimum fire service contribution payable in respect of the fire service contribution is the amount of \$52.00.

PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – DIVISION 9

4. Pursuant to Section 124 of the Act, for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027 all rates and charges payable to Council shall be payable by two (2) instalments in accordance with the following payment schedule:

- (a) The first instalment must be made on or before the 31st of October 2026; and
- (b) The second instalment must be made on or before the 28th of February 2027.

5. Pursuant to Section 128 of the Act:

- (a) Any amount of rates or instalments not paid by the due date will incur a penalty of 5%; and
- (b) Interest shall accrue on any amount of rates or charges that remain unpaid after the date upon which they are due. The rate of interest for the period commencing 1 July 2026 and ending 30 June 2027 will be the rate of 10.646% per annum, calculated daily.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



19.3 Budget Estimates 2026-2027

Action Officer	For Decision Cloud 9 Consulting - Contract Accountant Jade Boyes - Corporate Services Manager
File Reference	FIN/0701 Budget / FIN/1207
Annexures	1. DRAFT Budget Estimates 2026-2027 v 2 July Council meeting [19.3.1 - 5 pages]

Introduction

The current Budget for 2026-2027 has been prepared in line with a review of the current Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil – The budget is considered annually in accordance with s82 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

Previous Council Discussion

11 March 2026	Council Workshop
15 April 2026	Council Workshop
05 May 2026	Council Workshop
13 May 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

Council continues to work hard towards a position of financial sustainability in line with the long term financial management plan, over the long term, in an environment of increased cost pressures and regulatory requirements.

Council's allocation of the Financial Assistance Grants for 2025-2026 was received 50% in advance in June 2025. In June 2026 Council received 80% Financial Assistance Grants in advance for 2026-2027, up on the originally forecast of 50% in advance. This has had a significantly impact the expected profit/loss for 2025/2026.

The forecast position for the 2025-2026 is expected to be an operating loss of \$461,617 an improvement on the budgeted position of an operating loss of \$1,050,134.

The budgeted position for 2026-2027 is an operating loss of \$1,462,844.

Waste Management continues to be a growing cost area for Council with significant improvements required to ensure compliance and suitable services for the Island. Operating costs for waste are expected to increase to \$1,298,247 for 2026-2027. The Waste Management Charge will raise \$257,088, 20% of the operational costs. Council are conscious that this needs to reach full cost recovery over time to ensure that waste is not creating a generational issue into the future.

Council's cash position, including investments, is expected to remain fairly stable with a forecast \$10.37m balance at 30 June 2027. Council's cash position will remain in a healthy position above minimum requirements.

The Capital Works program for 2026-2027 consists of \$2.78m, plus \$2.97m in carried forward projects, a total of \$5.75m this includes \$3.44m in grant funded programs and \$2.31m in Council funded projects. Major items included in the capital works program include:

- Flinders Island Housing Strategy \$0.5m
- Other Buildings and Facilities projects of \$0.9m
- Upgrade to the Airport lighting & electricals \$1.73m
- Roads, footpaths & bridges program \$1.5m
- Waste projects \$0.6m

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

In accordance with s82 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), Council is required to set the budget estimates by 31 August of each year.

Strategic Alignment

Long-Term Financial Management Plan

Long-Term Asset Management Plan

Annual Plan

Strategic Plan

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

The budget has been prepared in line with a review of the Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

Risk/Liability

Corporate: There are a number of internal and external factors that influence the budget which are highly uncertain in the current times, like CPI and cost of fuel, materials and services and timing of major grant funds. It is therefore expected that a midyear budget review may be required, along with close monitoring of Council's financial performance to budget and cash position during the year.

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That by absolute majority, Council adopts the Budget Estimates 2026/2027, as presented in Annexure 1 to this item.

DECISION

149.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That by absolute majority, Council adopts the Budget Estimates 2026/2027, as presented in Annexure 1 to this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



20 Community and Economic Development

20.1 Community and Economic Development Report

Action	For Information
Officer	Sammi Gowthorp - Community Engagement Manager
File Reference	CDV/0300 - Community Events EDV/0100 - Economic Development
Annexures	1. Community and Economic Development Report Month Year [20.1.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on activities, projects and initiatives undertaken by the Community and Economic Development department during the reporting period.

Officers Report

This report will be provided monthly.

Please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Strategic Alignment

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Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Engagement Manager's Report – June 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION

150.07.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

That the Community Engagement Manager's Report – June 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



21 Governance

21.1 Airport Operations Report

Action	For Information
Officer	Richard Harley - Airport Operations Coordinator
File Reference	AER/1500
Annexures	1. Airport Operations Report Template [21.1.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of monthly activities undertaken by the Airport Operations Officers.

Officers Report

This report is provided on a monthly basis. Please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Airport Operations Coordinators Report – June 2026 be received and accepted by Council and a copy of the report at Annexure 1 to this item be shared with the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members.

DECISION

151.07.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace
That the Airport Operations Coordinators Report – June 2026 be received and accepted by Council and a copy of the report at Annexure 1 to this item be shared with the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.2 Quasi Judicial Policy

Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	ADM/0900, PLN/0105
Annexures	1. S G19 Quasi Judicial Policy 2026 07 16 [21.2.1 - 5 pages]

Introduction

Elected members assume the role of Planning Authority, under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA)*, for all matters relating to planning applications.

Elected members and staff have specific and legislated responsibilities when dealing with development applications under LUPAA. Elected Members assume a quasi-judicial role when acting as the Planning Authority. Failure to understand or follow the required process when acting in such a manner can expose Council, or elected members, to significant risk. The objectives of the policy are as follows:

- To assist Elected Members and employees of Council to recognise when they are performing quasi-judicial functions;
- To explain why special principles apply to the performance of quasi-judicial functions;
- To provide guidance as to the conduct appropriate to the performance of quasi-judicial function; and.
- To explain some of the possible consequences for Elected Members and employees of the failure to act appropriately when performing quasi-judicial functions.

Previous Council Consideration

183.06.2012	21 June 2012
229.07.2012	26 July 2012
109.05.2018	17 May 2018 (Rescinded)

Previous Council Discussion

01 March 2018	Council Workshop
03 May 2018	Council Workshop
10 June 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

As a small council it is acknowledged that elected members are very close to the community. As such those wishing to make development applications or those who seek to object to development are often able to exert influence directly upon those who are to assume quasi-judicial roles in matters of development.

While the principles of representation are a cornerstone to being an elected member, the responsibilities vested under Acts which require quasi-judicial decisions to be made can often convey very different responsibilities. It could be inferred that being closer to the community and subsequently more exposed to community sentiment does, in fact, create a situation where Council's quasi-judicial functions are heavily exposed to the risk of potential bias and questions around procedural fairness.



Where elected members have demonstrated bias or failed to recognise and follow the legal requirements expected, the decision may be challenged under the *Judicial Review Act 2000*. The outcomes of such a challenge may expose elected members to personal financial risk which is not covered by Councils insurances. Alternatively, a decision deemed not to uphold the local planning scheme and LUPAA, may be appealed to the TASCAT (Civil Administrative Tribunal).

While staff have no ability to direct elected members to adhere to the required processes within their roles, it is clear within existing case law that ignorance of ones legislated requirements is not a defence at law. While that may be the case, a policy which clearly outlines the requirements of elected members when acting in a quasi-judicial manner can only assist those who seek best practice governance outcomes from Council when delivering its legislated functions.

Following a review of Council's Policy Manual in May 2018 the Quasi-Judicial Policy was rescinded citing that it was *"Not required as this is covered by delegation. This information will be provided to Councillors as part of the induction process."*

This Policy has been the subject of further Council staff and Councillor discussion and review, and the Policy is now presented for reinstatement via a Council decision.

Statutory Requirement

Judicial Review Act 2000

Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

The policy presented has minimal impact on Councils budget. Failure to follow legislated quasi-judicial processes could have impacts on Councils budget if decisions are invalidated through a failure of process.

Risk/Liability

Adoption of this policy and ensuring that Management, Staff and Councillors are aware of and follow this policy will help to reduce Council's and Elected Members exposure to risk in this area.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Quasi-Judicial Policy at Annexure 1 to this item and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION

152.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That Council:

- approves the Quasi-Judicial Policy at Annexure 1 to this item with the following amendments:
 - at item 3. Scope, it be amended to read *"This policy applies to Elected Members when acting in their role as a Planning Authority member and Council Employees";* and
- allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.3 S-HR13 Uniform and Workwear Policy

Action	For Decision
Officer	Jade Boyes - Corporate Services Manager
File Reference	PER/0500 Human Resources
Annexures	1. S- H R 13 Uniform and Workwear Policy [21.3.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances, help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Previous Council Consideration

312.08.09 20	20 August 2009
405.10.09 22	22 October 2009
540.05.2013	16 May 2013
81.03.2015	26 March 2015
109.05.2018	17 May 2018
186.09.2020	22 September 2020

Previous Council Discussion

1 March 2018	Council Workshop
3 May 2018	Council Workshop
08 October 2025	Council Workshop
08 July 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

As one of the largest employers in the Flinders Municipality, Council has a responsibility to project a good corporate image to the ratepayers, residents, visitors and other organisations.

Council Officers have reviewed this policy and minor changes to the wording were affected to improve clarity of intent and readability.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.2 Skilled, committed and professional employees in a supportive environment

4.2.1 Maintain a framework for staff performance management, training and safety.

Budget and Financial Implications

Staff uniform and workwear are included in the annual Council budget.

Risk/Liability

Adoption of this Policy and ensuring that Management and Staff are aware of and follow the Policy will help to reduce Council's exposure to risk in these areas. The responsibility lies with the General Manager.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the revised Uniform and Workwear Policy at Annexure 1 to this item and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION

153.07.2026 Moved: Cr Aaron Burke Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That Council approves the revised Uniform and Workwear Policy at Annexure 1 to this item and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.4 Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2026



Action	For Noting
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	COU/0601
Annexures	1. Q 4 2025-26 Grants Report [21.4.1 - 5 pages]

Introduction

This report provides Councillors with an overview of grants received by Council and the progress towards grant acquittal, along with those grants that have been applied for and awaiting a result.

Previous Council Consideration

Provided as quarterly reports.

Previous Council Discussion

3 May 2022 Council Workshop

Officer's Report

At the 3 May 2022 Council Workshop, Councillors requested a quarterly report on grants. Please read Annexure 1 to this item, Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2026.

Statutory Requirement

There are no Statutory Requirements.

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

As with all capital projects there will be long term financial implications which will need to be incorporated into Council's long term financial and asset management plans.

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2026, be received.

DECISION

154.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That the Quarterly Grants Report April to June 2026, be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



21.5 Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	COU/0600
Annexures	1. Q 4 2025-26 Quarterly Report against Annual Plan [21.5.1 - 9 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with progress updates on the various Annual Plan actions undertaken by the whole of Council for the last quarter of the 2025 – 2026 financial year.

Previous Council Consideration

Provided as quarterly reports.

Officer's Report

Please read Annexure 1 to this item, Quarterly Report April to June 2026.

Statutory Requirement

There are no Statutory Requirements.

Strategic Alignment

Not Applicable for this report

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION

155.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Carol Cox
That the Quarterly Report Against the Annual Plan April to June 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.6 Use of the Flinders Council Common Seal April to June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	GOV/1000 Common Seal Register
Annexures	1. Q4 2025 26 Use of Common Seal Register [21.6.1 - 1 page]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal, as per the council motion 216.09.2016 passed at the 22 September 2016 Council Meeting.

Previous Council Consideration

Considered quarterly.

Officer's Report

The use of the Flinders Council Common Seal binds the Council to act in accordance with the provisions of the document to which it is attached, and it is important that Councillors know the details of those documents so that they are aware of commitments to which the Council has become obligated.

The Flinders Council Common Seal Register was created on 26 September 2016 and is available to Councillors on request at any time. A report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal will be included in Council Meeting Agendas on a quarterly basis.

Annexure 1 to this item details the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from April to June 2026.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

Not Applicable for this report

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Corporate: Minimum risk.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from April to June 2026 be received.

DECISION

156.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That the report on the use of the Flinders Council Common Seal from April to June 2026 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.7 Continuous Improvement Quarterly Report April to June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	GOV/1004 Continuous Improvement
Annexures	1. Q4 2025 26 Continuous Improvement Register [21.7.1 - 1 page]

Introduction

This register identifies the functional improvements and efficiencies that Council has developed and is documented as part of an organisational continuous improvement program.

Previous Council Consideration

The report is presented on a quarterly basis.

Officer's Report

Continuous improvement is essential within an organisation, and this has been ongoing within Council for many years. A continuous improvement program was formally developed in 2022. Continuous improvement activities are documented in a register which is brought to Council on a quarterly basis.

Please read Annexure 1 to this item – Continuous Improvement Register for the period of April to June 2026.

Statutory Requirement

There are no Statutory Requirements.

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Continuous Improvement Quarterly Report April to June 2026 be noted.

DECISION

157.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Carol Cox
That the Continuous Improvement Quarterly Report April to June 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



21.8 Quarterly Service Request Report April to June 2026

Action	For Noting
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	RMS/0200 Service Requests
Annexures	1. Q 4 2025-26 Service Requests [21.8.1 - 5 pages]

Introduction

This register identifies the service requests received, recommended actions and resolutions actioned by staff for the period ending 30 June 2026.

Previous Council Consideration

The report is presented on a quarterly basis.

Officer's Report

Please read Annexure 1 to this item - Service Request Register April to June 2026 Report.

Statutory Requirement

There are no Statutory Requirements.

Strategic Alignment

ACCESSIBILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

2.1 Quality public infrastructure, roads and footpaths

2.1.1 Maintain a network of safe roads and pedestrian pathways that recognises the changing needs of the Community.

2.1.2 Create townships that are attractive and welcoming through improvements to community infrastructure.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.2 Improve communication channels between Council and Community to foster greater community participation and outcomes.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Service Request Register April to June 2026 Report be noted.

DECISION

158.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That:

1. all recorded service requests focus solely on the actual issue or request without including personal or irrelevant details, and
2. the Service Request Register April to June 2026 Report be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.9 Quarterly Accident and Incident Report April to June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	RSM/0100 Accident / Incident Reports
Annexures	1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Q 4 Incident Summary and Trends report [21.9.1 - 5 pages] 2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Q 4 2025-26 Incident & Accident Register [21.9.2 - 1 page]

Introduction

This report provides a summary of workplace accidents, incidents and hazards reported during the quarter. It supports Council's oversight of workplace health and safety performance and assists in identifying trends, risks and opportunities for improvement.

Previous Council Consideration

Provided as quarterly reports to Council as from August 2021.

Officer's Report

Please read Annexure 1 to this item, Accident and Incident Quarterly Report April to June 2026. **These reports are for the information of Elected Members** only as they contain confidential personnel information.

Statutory Requirement

There are no Statutory Requirements.

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.3 Provide effective and timely incident and emergency management planning and response.

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accident and Incident Quarterly Reports April to June 2026 be noted.

DECISION

159.07.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke
That the Accident and Incident Quarterly Reports April to June 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.10 Risk Management Quarterly Report April to June 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	RMS/0600
Annexures	1. Q 4 25-26 Risk register [21.10.1 - 3 pages]

Introduction

Council operates within the framework of Local Government defined by the *Local Government Act 1993* and provides service, compliance and regulatory functions to the Community.

As part of this regulatory function, Council developed a Risk Management Framework that consists of an integrated suite of documents that demonstrates a commitment to Risk Management best practice.

Previous Council Consideration

120.06.2022	14 June 2022
154.05.2023	24 May 2023
131.05.2023	24 May 2023
194.06.2023	28 June 2023

Previous Council Discussion

26 April 2023	Council Workshop
31 May 2023	Council Workshop
12 July 2023	Council Workshop
13 September 2023	Council Workshop
24 January 2024	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

The Risk Management Framework (The Framework) was adopted at the 26 June 2023 Council Meeting and comprises of the following documents:

Section 1. Introduction;
Section 2. Risk Appetite Statement;
Section 3. Risk Management Policy
Section 4. Risk Management Framework Guidelines;
Section 5. Forms, including Council's Risk Register;
Section 6. Business Continuity Plan;
Section 7. Work Health and Safety Policy; and
Section 8. Municipal Emergency Management Plan.

The Risk Register, included at section 5 of The Framework, has been compiled using historical risk identification, with collaboration through Councillor input and Management Team contributions, linked to Council's risk appetite statement.

Included in The Framework are reporting parameters that require a quarterly Risk Management Report to be presented to Council.



A Risk Management Report for the quarter ending 30 June 2026 is presented at Annexure 1 to this item for Council information.

Statutory Requirement

AS/NZS ISO 31000 Risk Management

Local Government Act 1993

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012

Work Health and Safety (Transitional) Regulations 2012

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Risk Management Quarterly report for the period ending 30 June 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item.

DECISION

160.07.2026 Moved: Cr Aaron Burke Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That Council receives and notes the Risk Management Quarterly report for the period ending 30 June 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.11 Flinders Council 2021-2031 Strategic Plan Review

Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	ADM/0500 Strategic Plan
Annexures	1. 2021-2031 Strategic Plan 7.26 CM [21.11.1 - 16 pages]

Introduction

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare a Strategic Plan for the municipal area covering a minimum ten-year period. Progress against the Strategic Plan is reported each year through the Annual Plan and Annual Report.

The 2021–2031 Strategic Plan was developed following community consultation undertaken throughout 2020 and was formally adopted by Council in December 2020.

Following the election of a new Council in November 2022, a review of the Strategic Plan was considered timely to ensure it continued to reflect community priorities, respond to emerging opportunities and guide Council's future direction.

Council undertakes an annual community satisfaction survey to support the ongoing review of the Strategic Plan. The survey measures community sentiment, identifies issues of importance, informs decision making and highlights opportunities for improvement across the municipality.

Previous Council Consideration

252.12.2020	15 December 2020
227.07.2023	26 July 2023
245.08.2023	23 August 2023
273.09.2023	27 September 2023
141.05.2025	28 May 2025
110.05.2026	27 May 2026
118.06.2026	29 June 2026

Previous Council Discussion

11 February 2020	Council Workshop
10 March 2020	Council Workshop
24 March 2020	Council Workshop
5 May 2020	Council Workshop
12 May 2020	Council Workshop
19 May 2020	Council Workshop
2 June 2020	Council Workshop
9 June 2020	Council Workshop
23 June 2020	Council Workshop
30 June 2020	Council Workshop
14 July 2020	Council Workshop
4 August 2020	Council Workshop
8 September 2020	Council Workshop
6 October 2020	Council Workshop
10 November 2020	Council Workshop
1 December 2020	Council Workshop

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3 May 2023	Council Workshop
12 April 2023	Council Workshop
12 July 2023	Council Workshop
09 August 2023	Council Workshop
12 February 2025	Council Workshop
12 March 2025	Council Workshop
14 May 2025	Council Workshop
11 March 2026	Council Workshop
08 July 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

Following the annual Community Survey, the 2021–2031 Strategic Plan was reviewed and updated to reflect the community's thoughts, experiences and suggestions about living and working within the municipality.

Feedback from the survey helps identify areas for improvement, recognise what is working well and inform future planning and decision making.

The 2025/26 Community Survey results were presented at the 11 March 2026 Council Workshop and informed the May 2026 review of the 2021–2031 Strategic Plan.

Only minor changes were made to the existing Strategic Plan during this review. The revised Plan was adopted at the May 2026 Council meeting and laid on the table for public consultation for 28 days.

A late submission was received from a community member, and Councillors considered the feedback at the July 2026 Council Workshop. The 2021–2031 Strategic Plan, revised July 2026, was further updated to address points raised through the consultation process and is presented again for Council consideration at Annexure 1 to this item.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

The Strategic Plan guides Council's direction and provides the framework for developing the Annual Plan, setting long-term priorities and informing future budget allocations across Council operations and activities.

Risk/Liability

Nil

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Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- adopts the 2021-2031 Strategic Plan – revised July 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item:
and
- allows it to lay on the table for a further 28 days for public inspection, consideration and comment.

DECISION

161.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That Council:

- adopts the 2021-2031 Strategic Plan – revised July 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item:
and
- allows it to lay on the table for a further 28 days for public inspection, consideration and comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.12 Code for Tenders and Contracts

Action	For Decision
Officer	Jacci Smith - Development Services Manager Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	ADM/0900
Annexures	1. S- F 2- C Code for Tenders and Contracts 2026.07.08 [21.12.1 - 32 pages]

Introduction

Council's Policy Manual is an important document as it provides direction to staff, management and Councillors. Many of the policies and procedures are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances, help manage Council's exposure to risk and aid in the improved governance and management of the Municipality.

Within the Policy Manual sits the Code for Tenders and Contracts (the Code). Under s333B(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council is required to review the Code every 4 years.

The recently revised document is presented to Council to adopt in accordance with s333B of the Act.

Previous Council Consideration

80.03.2015	26 March 2015
160.08.2022	16 August 2022
272.09.2023	27 September 2023
296.12.2024	11 December 2024
108.05.2026	27 May 2026
118.06.2026	29 June 2026

Previous Council Discussion

2 February 2017	Council Workshop
5 April 2017	Council Workshop
6 July 2017	Council Workshop
3 August 2017	Council Workshop
7 September 2021	Council Workshop
13 September 2023	Council Workshop
15 April 2026	Council Workshop
13 May 2026	Council Workshop
08 July 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

The Code was reviewed for clarity and suitability and was presented to Council in May 2026 for adoption. Council adopted the Code and it then lay on the table for 28 days for public consultation.

A late submission was received from a community member; Councillors considered the feedback at the July 2026 Council Workshop. The Code was revised to take into account points raised through the consultation process and is presented again for Council consideration.

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Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

leadership and high-quality services, within our means
governance

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Adoption of a Code for Tenders and Contracts is a mandatory requirement under the *Local Government Act 1993* and will help to reduce Council's exposure to risk in this area.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- adopts the S-F2-C Code for Tenders and Contracts – July 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item.; and
- Allows the Code to lay on the table for a further 28 days for public consultation.

DECISION

162.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That Council:

- adopts the S-F2-C Code for Tenders and Contracts – July 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item; and
- Allows the Code to lay on the table for a further 28 days for public consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.13 Annual Plan 2026/2027



Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	ADM/0200 Annual Plan
Annexures	1. 2026-27 Annual Plan FINAL DRAFT for Review [21.13.1 - 28 pages]

Introduction

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare an Annual Plan for the municipal area each financial year. An Annual Plan is to be consistent with the Strategic Plan and include a statement of the manner which Council is to meet the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan. A summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to its public health goals and objectives, is also required.

Previous Council Consideration

Annually

Previous Council Discussion

13 May 2026	Council Workshop
10 June 2026	Council Workshop
08 July 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

The Annual Plan is the document upon which Council's operations and service delivery will be based for 2026/2027. The Plan sets out actions, tasks and projects to be undertaken in the year ahead and how these relate to Council's Strategic Plan.

Of utmost importance is that this document forms part of the budget process. The Annual Plan identifies Council's significant service delivery activities and provides the link between the budget, strategic objectives and measurement tools to track achievements towards these outputs.

The 2026/2027 year will see Council continue to provide cost-effective and community-focused service provision, through grant-funded projects and waste management strategy outcomes, as well as information technology improvements, ongoing advocacy for Council's Priority Projects.

Council has a statutory requirement to align its services and operations with our Strategic Plan. This Plan was reviewed in July 2026 to incorporate the annual Community Survey findings, Councillor feedback is critical to ensuring that the goals and aspirations of the Municipality are considered when Council sets its annual priorities, operational plans and budget allocations.

Adoption of the Annual Plan is recommended.

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Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

Minimal. Budget implications are contained in the Budget Estimates.

Risk/Liability

No foreseen risks based on the adoption of the Annual Plan.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and adopts the Flinders Council Annual Plan 2026/2027 and authorises the General Manager to:

- Include the 2026/27 Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Capital Works budget estimates as approved by Council earlier in this agenda at item 19.3 in the Annual Plan;
- Make a copy of the Annual Plan available for public inspection at the Council office during ordinary business hours; and
- Provide the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the Annual Plan.

DECISION

163.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That Council receives and adopts the Flinders Council Annual Plan 2026/2027 and authorises the General Manager to:

- Include the 2026/27 Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Capital Works budget estimates as approved by Council earlier in this agenda at item 19.3 in the Annual Plan;
- Make a copy of the Annual Plan available for public inspection at the Council office during ordinary business hours; and
- Provide the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the Annual Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.14 Non-Application of the Code for Tenders and Contracts - Whitemark Boat Ramp Repairs

Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	ASM/0100 Boat Ramps
Annexures	1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - 2026.07.09 - A Franklin Flinders Council - Storm Damage - Letter of Exchange - AGRN 1144 EPAR (002) [21.14.1 - 3 pages]

Introduction

The Whitemark Boat Ramp is a critical infrastructure asset for the community, servicing both recreational and emergency service users.

At the end of August 2024 storm structural damage occurred to the Whitemark Boat Ramp. Engineers assessed the the damage, and a claim was submitted to the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPaC) under the auspice that the boat ramp was deemed essential transport for our group of Islands.

Council has received confirmation of the Tasmanian Government's agreement to provide financial assistance to Council for Essential Public Asset Reconstruction (EPAR) resulting from damage during the August/September 2024 severe weather event referenced by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania as AGRN 1144, a (Confidential) copy of the agreement is provided at Annexure 1 to this item. The eligible funding model provides a substantial percentage of the cost of repairs; however, any additional project costs through time delays or price increases will further negatively impact on Council resources.

Previous Council Considerations

301.10.2025	29 October 2025
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Previous Council Discussions

09 October 2024	Council Workshop
06 November 2024	Council Workshop
12 March 2025	Council Workshop
09 April 2025	Council Workshop
11 March 2026	Council Workshop
08 July 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

In collaboration with the Marine and Safety Tasmanian (MAST) Project Manager, updated engineering drawings have been attained, see Annexure 2 to this item.

Due to the estimated value of the project, in accordance with the threshold table in Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts, a Public Tender process would ordinarily be required to be undertaken. This would include advertising in The Examiner, Island News and on Council's Website with full tender documents and contracts.

The timeframe to complete the works and meet the EPAR timeline of eligible expenditure is 30 June 2027. To ensure Council meets the timeline criteria and appropriately manages project costs, it would be prudent to expedite the procurement process through non-

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application of the tender process to allow two quotes to be obtained from appropriately qualified contractors.

Two local contractors with the expertise and qualifications to undertake the works have been identified.

Boat Ramp Rectification works include:

- Excavation and Demolition Works
- Form, reo, pour concrete approach slab, including joints and dowels of the 10m x 10m slab
- Form, reo, pour concrete approach slab, including joints and dowels of the 10m x 10m of the replacement existing concrete slab
- Supply and place armour rock

Retaining Wall works include:

- Form, reo and pour retaining wall
- Form, reo, pour concrete approach slab including joints and dowels of the retaining wall slab

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

Budget savings may be realised through the use of local contractors. Time delays may leave Council responsible for the full damage repair cost if the funding stream timeline is not met.

Risk/Liability

The Whitemark boat ramp is considered critical infrastructure, failure to address the damage may leave the facility unusable and a safety risk.

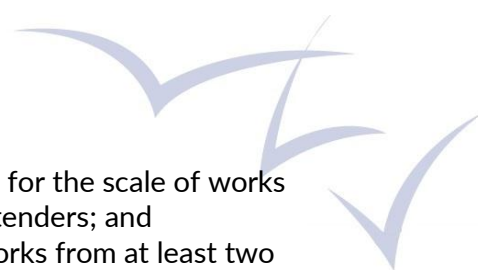
Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves:

- non-application of the Code for Tenders and Contracts per section 2.3i (i), (ii) and (iii) for the Whitemark Boat Ramp rectification works following the storm event damage of August 2024 for the following extenuating circumstances:
 - Time sensitive due to the funding criteria completion date of 30/6/2027;
 - Efficiency of using local contractors – cost and time minimisation through use of local contractors;
 - Local Contractors familiarity with the site and project works as they have previously undertaken works on the asset;

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- Remoteness - costs of attracting off-island contractors for the scale of works required, resulting in the unavailability of competitive tenders; and
 - Authorises the General Manager to seek quotations for the works from at least two local contractors to perform the scope of works.

DECISION

164.07.2026 Moved: Cr Aaron Burke Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That Council approves:

- non-application of the Code for Tenders and Contracts per section 2.3i (i), (ii) and (iii) for the Whitemark Boat Ramp rectification works following the storm event damage of August 2024 for the following extenuating circumstances:
 - Time sensitive due to the funding criteria completion date of 30/6/2027;
 - Efficiency of using local contractors – cost and time minimisation through use of local contractors;
 - Local Contractors familiarity with the site and project works as they have previously undertaken works on the asset;
 - Remoteness - costs of attracting off-island contractors for the scale of works required, resulting in the unavailability of competitive tenders; and
- Authorises the General Manager to seek quotations for the works from at least two local contractors to perform the scope of works.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

21.15 S-G18 - Local Government Election Caretaker Period Policy



Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	ADM/0900, COU/0102
Annexures	1. S G18 Local Government Election Caretaker Period Policy Draft [21.15.1 - 4 pages]

Introduction

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil

Previous Council Discussion

Nil

Officer's Report

The *Local Government Act 1993* does not specifically require councils to adopt a Caretaker Policy. However, caretaker provisions are recognised as good governance practice across the local government sector and have been adopted by the majority of Tasmanian councils.

The caretaker period commences upon publication of the Notice of Election by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission and concludes upon declaration of the election result.

During this period, it is generally accepted that councils should avoid making significant decisions that would unnecessarily bind an incoming Council, while ensuring the ordinary business of Council continues.

The proposed Policy provides clear guidance for Councillors, employees and contractors regarding the conduct of Council business during a caretaker period.

It establishes principles for:

- restrictions on major decisions;
- appropriate use of Council resources;
- media and communication activities;
- social media; and
- management of extraordinary circumstances where urgent decisions cannot reasonably be deferred until after an election.

The Policy also recognises the practical realities of a small rural council by acknowledging that essential services, statutory responsibilities and previously approved projects must continue throughout the caretaker period.

Importantly, the Policy seeks to balance sound governance with operational practicality, ensuring Council can continue to meet its legislative obligations while maintaining public confidence in the impartiality of Council during an election period.

Statutory Requirement

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

Minimal

Risk/Liability

Adoption of this Policy and ensuring that Management, Staff and Councillors are aware of, and follow, this Policy will help to reduce Council's exposure to risk in this area.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Local Government Election Caretaker Period Policy at annexure 1 to this item and allows the Policy to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

DECISION

165.07.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

That Council adopts the Local Government Election Caretaker Period Policy at annexure 1 to this item and allows the Policy to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



21.16 Resolution Report - 22 July 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300 Councillor Resolution Reports
Annexures	1. 2026.07 Council Resolution Report [21.16.1 - 4 pages]

Introduction

The Councillor Resolution Report identifies resolutions passed by elected members and the actions taken to implement the decisions.

Officer's Report

This Report is presented on a monthly basis. Please read Annexure 1 to this item Resolution Report – 22 July 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report – 22 July 2026 be noted.

DECISION

166.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke
That the Councillor Resolution Report – 22 July 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

167.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Carol Cox
That Council adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes from 2.56pm – 3.01pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

22 CLOSED COUNCIL

Action Officer **For Decision**
Warren Groves - General Manager

Closure of Meeting

In accordance with Section 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, a council by absolute majority may close a part of the meeting to the public for a specified reason

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That, by Absolute Majority, the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* to discuss the matters listed.

DECISION

168.07.2026 Moved: Cr Aaron Burke Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That, by Absolute Majority, the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* to discuss the matters listed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 3.06 pm Council moved into Closed Council.

22.1 Sharp Airlines Consideration - Rising Fuel Costs

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council

The following Decision for item 22.1 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

171.07.2026 Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That for agenda item 22.1 Sharp Airlines Consideration - Rising Fuel Costs, the decision and discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

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22.2 2026-2027 Community Grants

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

The following Decisions for item 22.2 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

173.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That for agenda item 22.2 Community Grants 2026-27 and 22.3 2026-27 Gunn Bequests, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

172.07.2026 Moved: Cr Aaron Burke

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That Agenda items 22.2 and 22.3 be deferred until Mayor Rachel Summers seeks advice from the Office of Local Government regarding the appropriate process to be followed where declared conflicts of interest prevent Council from achieving a quorum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

22.3 2026-27 Gunn Bequests

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

The following Decisions for item 22.3 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

173.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That for agenda item 22.2 Community Grants 2026-27 and 22.3 2026-27 Gunn Bequests, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

172.07.2026 Moved: Cr Aaron Burke Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace
That Agenda items 22.2 and 22.3 be deferred until Mayor Rachel Summers seeks advice from the Office of Local Government regarding the appropriate process to be followed where declared conflicts of interest prevent Council from achieving a quorum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

22.4 Regional Airports Program – Round 5 Grant Funding Opportunity

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (iii) reveal a trade secret.

The following Decisions for item 22.4 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

175.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That for item 22.4 Regional Airports Program – Round 5 Grant Funding Opportunity the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

MOTION:

174.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That Council defers item 22.4 Regional Airports Program – Round 5 Grant Funding Opportunity, indefinitely due to the following:

- The Program Manager, Business Grants Hub - Grant Programs and Insights, Program Management, Department of Industry, Science and Resources has advised:
 - that under section 4.2 of the Regional Airports Program – Round 5 Grant Funding Opportunity guidelines, applications can only be accepted where the aerodrome / airport is identified as Inner Regional or Outer Regional as identified by the 2021 Australian Statistics Geographical Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area2; and
 - As the (maps.gov.au) shows the Flinders Island Airport - Palana Road, Whitemark, Tasmania 7255 is considered “Very Remote” it is therefore not eligible under the grant opportunity guidelines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

22.5 Closed Resolution Report - July 2026

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;

(g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land

The following Decisions for item 22.66for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

177.07.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That for agenda item 22.5 Closed Council Resolution Report, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

176.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That the Councillor Closed Resolution Report at Annexure 1 to this item – 22 July 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

22.6 Reports to be Received - General Manager's Performance Review Committee Minutes

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

The following Decisions for item 22.6 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

179.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That for agenda item 22.6 General Manager's Performance Review Committee Minutes, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

178.07.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the unconfirmed minutes of the General Manager's Performance Review Committee meeting 01 July 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

22.7 Notice of Motion: General Managers Performance Review Procedure

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council;(a) personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council;

(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

The following Decisions for item 22.7 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

181.07.2026.1 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That for agenda item 22.7 General Manager's Performance Review Procedure, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and that Council agreed on a performance review procedure be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 4.35pm Council Moved out of Closed Council.

At 4.35pm the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

Meeting Closed 4.35pm
