



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

16 SEPTEMBER 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION
CENTRE (CAC)



MINUTES

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET,
SORELL ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

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The meeting commenced at 6.01 pm.

AUDIO-VISUAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – MAYOR GATEHOUSE

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

2.0 ATTENDANCE

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Mayor J Gatehouse
Deputy Mayor C Wooley
Councillor S Campbell
Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux
Councillor B Nichols
Councillor M Reed
Councillor N Reynolds
Councillor C Torenus
Councillor M Larkins
Acting General Manager J Hinchey

3.0 APOLOGIES

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General Manager R Higgins

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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



5.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 19 AUGUST 2025



RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th August 2025 be confirmed."

134/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

6.0 MAYOR'S REPORT



RECOMMENDATION

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

Mayor Gatehouse advised the addition of the following:

- Meeting with Sorell Tennis Club.
- Eating with friends Primrose Sands.
- Triple M radio interview.

135/2025 REED/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



7.0 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS



RECOMMENDATION

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

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

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

8.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS REPORT



The following Council Workshop was held:

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
2 nd September	- Policy/Planning - Southern Beaches onsite wastewater and stormwater strategy. - Southern Beaches Structure Plan. - MRA FOGO implementation plan and survey data results. - Fraud & Corruption Prevention Policy. - Community Grants - Annual contribution – Sorell Christmas Carols. - Councillor items - Lewisham Foreshore Management.	Gatehouse, Wooley, Nichols, Torenus, Reynolds, Larkins, Campbell, Reed.	Miro Quesada Le Roux

9.0 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE



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10.0 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS ON NOTICE



11.0 WORKGROUP REPORTS



RECOMMENDATION

"That the workgroup reports as listed be received."

136/2025 REED/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

12.0 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED



Petition	Tabled at Council Meeting	Status
Withdrawal of the Blue Lagoon Draft Management Plan	18 th July 2023 ordinary Council meeting – S.58(2) LGA 1993.	Council laid the matter on the table for further consultancy on review and options assessment for stormwater management at Blue Lagoon. Variation to the operating budget approved at August 2023 Council meeting to facilitate this - \$50k. Final consultant reports received April 2024. Council staff continue to progress matters with Red Handfish research team (NHRT) in first instance through exchange of consultant reports, development of an interim water level management SOP and ongoing engagement prior to determining further actions.



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		Exchange of all project materials expanded to relevant state and federal agencies. Engagement with NRM EAG has also occurred. Alternative permanent outfall design exiting at Boat Ramp underway. Detailed LIDAR survey and tidal level data indicate drain grade and tidal inundation limitations. Alternate approaches being investigated between Council and consultant.
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13.0 PETITIONS RECEIVED



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

14.0 LAND USE PLANNING



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

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

15.0 GOVERNANCE



15.1 ENDORSEMENT OF FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION POLICY AND SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves to endorse the Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy and System."

Councillor Reed commented that the section 24 Committee - Community Grants Assessment Panel should be included in the definition table (Committee Members).



137/2025 WOOLEY/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

16.0 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

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Nil reports.

17.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Nil reports.

18.0 FINANCE

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18.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2025 YTD**RECOMMENDATION**

"That the Executive Summary – FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE be received and noted by Council."

138/2025 LARKINS/CAMPBELL

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

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18.2 2025-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1993 to accept and adopt the below adjustments to the 2025/2026 Capital Budget estimates."

139/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

19.0 PLANNING

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Nil reports.

20.0 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE

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Nil reports.

21.0 ROADS AND STORMWATER

△
Nil reports.

22.0 FACILITIES AND RECREATION

△
Nil Reports.

23.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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

- Stand up; and



- State clearly your name and address.

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

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

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

23.1 PUBLIC QUESTION ON NOTICE

Moya Sharpe submitted the following question on notice.

Members of the community are concerned about the future of Council owned land at the entrance to Sorell. What is the zoning status of this land and when was it zoned?

I am aware that a large proportion of land in this area has just been sold to developers and I am hoping that you might agree that this is an opportunity to enhance the entrance to Sorell. Over a decade ago I attended a community workshop to discuss improving the entrance to the town. Many great ideas were proposed but nothing eventuated.

There was a discussion about using this land to provide a bird observation centre to promote the Internationally listed RAMSAR site. The proposal was for information on RAMSAR, migratory birds, telescopes and maybe a cafe and art exhibition area. This would not only be an asset to the community but would also attract tourists. NRM, Tasmanian Birds Association, Rotary and Lions could all be involved. If the area is not used to promote the environment

I would like to see it developed to highlight the history of Sorell, I envisage a large steel silhouette of a mill, a landscape indigenous garden, picnic area, cafe and information about Robert Nash who built the first windmill in Van Diemens Land in Sorell. If the developers have plans for this area, they may consider assisting the Council to make this an inviting entrance to the town.

Manager Planning Response:

Council acknowledges and appreciates your interest in the future of the Council-owned land at the entrance to Sorell, along with the ideas and historical context you've shared.

This land is currently zoned as Open Space under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Sorell. Previously, it was zoned Community Purpose under the interim



planning scheme. The change in zoning occurred as part of the statewide transition to the current planning framework.

To clarify, the land has not been sold, and there are no current plans or budget allocated for its development or use.

Council recognises the community's ongoing interest in enhancing this entrance to Sorell .

Sharon Fotheringham of Forcett asked if Council would like a copy of the appeal that the community have submitted to Air Services Australia with regard to the proposed flight path changes.

Mayor Gatehouse advised to please send her through a copy.

Sharon further questioned how FOGO will effect people in the country areas?

Mayor Gatehouse advised that FOGO will services people that currently have a green waste bin. There will be the opportunity to opt in if your property is on a current green waste bin route.

Sharon asked if you are not part of the FOGO service can you still dispose of organic waste in your general waste.

Mayor Gatehouse advised yes you can.

The open meeting concluded at 6.31 pm.



CLOSED MEETING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The closed meeting commenced at 6.32 pm

24.0 CLOSED MEETING



The General Manager advised that in his opinion the listing of agenda item/s:

Reference	Item
24.1	Confirmation of the Closed Council Minutes of the Council Meeting of 19 August 2025– <i>Regulation 40(3)</i>
24.2	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 17(7)</i>
24.3	Sorell Audit Panel Summary and Minutes –August 2025 – <i>Regulation 17(2)(h)</i>
24.4	Tender C-26-T-011 Gatehouse Drive & Weston Hill Road, Sorell, C-26-T-016 Carlton River Road (Dodges Hill Road to Convoy Road, Carlton), C-26-T-12 Carlton Beach Road (East Street, Dodges Ferry to Raprinner Street, Carlton) – <i>Regulation 17(2)(e)</i>

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 24.1 - 24.4 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulations 40 and 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

140/2025 LARKINS/WOOLEY

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



24.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CLOSED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 19 AUGUST 2025



RECOMMENDATION

"That the Closed Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th August 2025 be confirmed."

141/2025 NICHOLS/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

24.2 AUTHORISATION TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION



RECOMMENDATION

"That in accordance with Regulation 17(7) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to disclose information from this 'Closed Section' of this meeting in the course of implementing the decisions of Council."

142/2025 NICHOLS/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



24.3 SORELL AUDIT PANEL SUMMARY AND MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 2025

143/2025 NICHOLS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

24.4 TENDER C-26-T-011 GATEHOUSE DRIVE & WESTON HILL ROAD, SORELL, C-26-T-016 CARLTON RIVER ROAD (DODGES HILL ROAD TO CONVOY ROAD, CARLTON), C-26-T-12 CARLTON BEACH ROAD (EAST ST, DODGES FERRY TO RAPRINNER STREET, CARLTON)

144/2025 NICHOLS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins, Campbell, Miro Quesada

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

The closed meeting concluded at 6.37 pm.



25.0 ACRONYMS



AGM	Annual General Meeting
AFL	Australian Football League
AIR	Australian Immunisation Register
ASU	Australian Services Union
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AWTS	Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems
BEST	Business and Employment Southeast Tasmania
CAC	Community Administration Centre
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLRS	Councillors
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CRM	Customer Request Management
CRDSJA	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority
DEDTA	Department Economic Development, Tourism & The Arts
DECYP	Department for Education, Children and Young People
DPAC	Department of Premier & Cabinet
DPFEM	Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management
DSG	Department of State Growth
DST	Destination Southern Tasmania
EBA	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
EOI	Expressions of Interest
EOFY	End of Financial Year
EPA	Environment Permit Authority
EWaste	Electronic Waste
FMAC	Fire Management Assessment Committee
GM	General Manager
ICT	Information Communication Technology
LGAT	Local Government Association of Tasmania
LPS	Local Provisions Schedule
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
LTI	Lost Time Injury
MAST	Marine & Safety Tasmania
MEMC	Municipal Emergency Management Committee
NBN	National Broadband Network
NRE	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
NRM	Natural Resource Management
PWS	Parks and Wildlife Service
RACT	Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RSL	Returned Services League
RTI	Right to Information
SBIP	School Based Immunisation Program
SEI	South East Irrigation
SEBA	South East Basketball Association
SENA	South East Netball Association



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SERDA	South East Region Development Association
SEUFC	South East United Football Club
SES	State Emergency Service
SFC	Sorell Football Club
SFL	Southern Football League
SMH	Sorell Memorial Hall
SPA	Sorell Planning Authority
STCA	Southern Tasmanian Councils Association
STRWA	Southern Tasmanian Regional Waste Authority
STRLUS	Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy
SWSA	Southern Waste Strategy Association
SWS	Southern Waste Solutions
TasCAT	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
TAO	Tasmanian Audit Office
TCF	Tasmanian Community Fund
TOR	Terms of Reference
UTAS	University of Tasmania



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