

COUNCIL MINUTES

19 MARCH 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC)



MINUTES

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET, SORELL ON 19 MARCH 2024

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The meeting commenced at 6.01pm.

1.0 ATTENDANCE

Mayor K Vincent

Deputy Mayor C Wooley

Councillor S Campbell

Councillor J Gatehouse

Councillor B Nichols

Councillor M Reed

Councillor N Reynolds

Councillor C Torenius

2.0 APOLOGIES

Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

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

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 20 FEBRUARY 2024

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th February 2024 be confirmed."

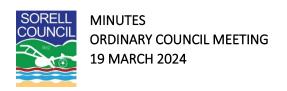
40/2024 REED/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:



5.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

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

41/2024 CAMPBELL/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was CARRIED

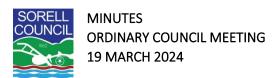
6.0 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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.



7.0 **COUNCIL WORKSHOPS REPORT**

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
5 th March 2024	 Update re: Green & Hard waste tender. Strategic Plan – Risk Appetite and Risk Tolerance. Community Grants x 2. LGAT Motions for General Meeting on 14th March. GM Updates 24/25 Budget schedule SERDA Economic Infrastructure Study review. Councillor Requests Councillor Governance Framework, Financial Management reporting. 	Vincent, Campbell, Gatehouse, Nichols, Reed, Reynolds, Torenius	• Wooley, Miro Quesada Le Roux,

8.0 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

9.0 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

10.0 WORKGROUP REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

"That the workgroup reports as listed be received."

42/2024 CAMBPELL/GATEHOUSE

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

11.0 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

Petition	Tabled at	Status
	Council Meeting	
Replacement of	12 th April and	Approved as a 22/23 capital budget project,
Steps at Red	17 th May 2022	however, Project Manager has experienced
Ochre Beach		delays since July 2022 trying to coordinate
		consensus agreement between
		stakeholders.
		Preliminary meeting has occurred with local
		stakeholders March 2024.
Restricting	22 nd March and	Council position as per resolution provided
Vehicular Access	16 th May 2023	to NRE. Response from NRE does not
to Connelly's		address the resolution matters but does
Marsh Beach		support Council restricting access to the
		Crown beach. General Manager to make
		contact with the Minister following state
		election.



MINUTES
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
19 MARCH 2024

Withdrawal of	18 th July 2023	Council laid on the table for further
the Blue Lagoon		consultancy on a review and investigation
Draft		of options for stormwater management at
Management		Blue Lagoon. Variation to the operating
Plan		budget approved at August 2023 Council
		meeting to facilitate this.

12.0 PETITIONS RECEIVED

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

13.0 LAND USE PLANNING

The Mayor advised in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 25, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under item 12 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

13.1 SORELL PLANNING AUTHORITY MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

"That the minutes of the Sorell Planning Authority ("SPA") Meetings of the 6th and 27th February 2024 be noted."

43/2024 REED/GATEHOUSE

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:



14.0 GOVERNANCE

14.1 AUDIO / VISUAL RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve to endorse the revised Audio / Visual Recording and Livestreaming of Council Meetings policy."

44/2024 TORENIUS/CAMPBELL

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was CARRIED

15.0 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

Nil reports.

16.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

16.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve to approve the applications from Copping Christian Fellowship and Variety the Childrens Charity pursuant to the 2023-2024 Community Grants Program as per the following report."

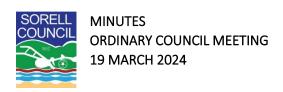
45/2024 NICHOLS/CAMPBELL

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:



17.0 FINANCE

17.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 YTD

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Executive Summary – FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 YEAR-TO-DATE be received and noted by Council."

46/2024 CAMPBELL/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

17.2 2023-2024 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 2023/2024 Capital Budget estimates."

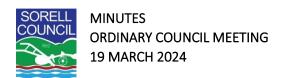
47/2024 CAMPBELL/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:



18.0 PLANNING

Nil reports.

19.0 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE

Nil reports.

20.0 ROADS AND STORMWATER

Nil reports.

21.0 FACILITIES AND RECREATION

Nil reports.

22.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Regulation 31 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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.

Sharon Fotheringham of Forcett questioned regarding proposed waste collection changes and if general waste collection was moving to fortnightly?

The Mayor advised this would not be happening immediately.

The DSD advised that changes happening in July would be the introduction of a green waste bin, and at some point in the future FOGO will be introduced. Once this is introduced and the food and organics have moved away from the general



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waste we will look at general waste service moving to fortnightly. There will be education around this and a reasonable timeframe prior to this being implemented.

Sharon further questioned if families with a larger number of children with greater waste needs, would they need to pay for a bigger bin?

The DSD advised that people will have the option to pay the charges associated with having a larger capacity bin. The idea is that waste will be diverted from the general waste to FOGO creating more capacity in general waste bins.

Sharon further questioned if dog faeces can be placed in the FOGO bin?

The DSD replied that this was correct.

Diedre Biggar of Dodges Ferry questioned if there was anything Council could do in the area to setup a Solar Farm?

The General Manager responded that there was previous interest in a solar farm proponent and a local landowner 3-4 years ago for a large scale solar farm off Brinktop Road. There are particular characteristics required for the land to be suitable which this was, however, the landowner wasn't interested in progressing the project with the proponent.

As a Council, we don't have the land area available. We do investigate options around Federal funding programs for solar investment or more environmentally efficient ways of generating power. We are considering a grant application at the moment that would benefit some of our Council facilities. These applications require consideration of cost and benefits of investing and participating in these programs. We currently have several Council buildings with solar panels installed.

Mike Purdon of Sorell questioned regarding the possibility of EV charging points in the Supermarket car parks?

The General Manager responded that he has been in talks with two EV charging operators, one has been installed on our land in Imlay Street Dunalley. Both proponents have approached both Supermarket site owners and neither had interest in this. Subject to final agreements we are looking to utilise 6 x carparking spaces in the Neil Davis Carpark, Pelham Street end for 4 charging bays.



Mike further asked who would a community member speak to in Council if they wanted to organise a car show in Sorell?

The General Manager advised that he would be more than happy to speak to them in the first instance.

Mike further questioned regarding the speed limit on the Arthur Highway from the Iron Creek Bridge into Sorell being too high given the number of accesses off this section. Would it be possible to request the speed limit be reduced from closer to the bridge?

The DSD responded that he would be happy to take this up with the Department of State Growth to see what they have to say.

The open meeting concluded at 6.29pm.

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 6.29 pm.

23.0 CLOSED MEETING

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

Reference	Item
23.1	Confirmation of the Closed Council Minutes of the Council
	Meeting of 20 February 2024 - Regulation 34(3)
23.2	Disclosure of confidential information – Regulation 15(8)
23.3	Waste Management Tender – Bulk Hardwaste and Greenwaste
	– Regulation 15(2)(d)
23.4	Sorell Audit Panel Meeting Minutes - Regulation 15(2)(c)

As prescribed items in accordance with Regulations 15 and 34 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 23.1 - 23.4 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulations 34 and 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

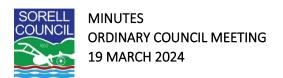
48/2024 NICHOLS/WOOLEY

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:



23.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CLOSED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 20 FEBRUARY 2024

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Closed Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th December 2023 be confirmed."

49/2024 REYNOLDS/WOOLEY

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

23.2 AUTHORISATION TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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RECOMMENDATION

"That in accordance with Regulation 15(9) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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."

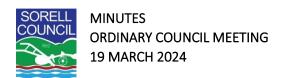
50/2024 REYNOLDS/CAMBPELL

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:



23.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT TENDER – BULK GREENWASTE AND HARDWASTE

51/2024 TORENIUS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

23.4 SORELL COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL MEETING MINUTES

52/2024 REED/CAMPBELL

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Vincent, Reynolds, Torenius, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

The closed meeting concluded at 6.42pm



24.0 ACRONYMNS

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

DOE Department of Education

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



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SEI South East Irrigation

SEBA South East Basketball Association
SENA South East Netball Association

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

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