



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 Torenus

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, Torenus, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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, Torenus, 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

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The following Council Workshop was held:

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
5 th March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24/25 Budget schedule - SERDA Economic Infrastructure Study review. • Councillor Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Governance Framework, - Financial Management reporting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent, Campbell, Gatehouse, Nichols, Reed, Reynolds, Torenus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Torenus, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

11.0 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED

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



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

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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, Torenus, 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, Torenus, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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, Torenus, 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, Torenus, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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



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 - <i>Regulation 34(3)</i>
23.2	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 15(8)</i>
23.3	Waste Management Tender – Bulk Hardwaste and Greenwaste – <i>Regulation 15(2)(d)</i>
23.4	Sorell Audit Panel Meeting Minutes - <i>Regulation 15(2)(c)</i>

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, Torenus, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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, Torenus, 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, Torenus, Gatehouse, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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



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

