



# COUNCIL MINUTES

18 JUNE 2024

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 18 JUNE 2024

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The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm.

## 1.0 ATTENDANCE

Chair Deputy Mayor C Wooley  
Councillor S Campbell  
Councillor J Gatehouse  
Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux  
Councillor B Nichols  
Councillor M Reed  
Councillor N Reynolds  
General Manager R Higgins

## 2.0 APOLOGIES

Councillor C Torenus

## 3.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

Councillor Reed indicated she had a perceived non-pecuniary interest in item 16.1 on the agenda due to being a member of the Sorell Historical Society.

## 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 21 MAY 2024

### RECOMMENDATION

“That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 be confirmed.”

### 90/2024 NICHOLS/REED

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed,  
Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



## 5.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

## 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
11 June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Operating Budget</li> <li>• Draft Capital Budget</li> <li>• Draft Rates Modelling Options</li> <li>• Draft Annual Plan</li> <li>• Community Grants               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sea Rescue Tas</li> <li>○ Historical Society of Sorell</li> <li>○ South East Suns</li> <li>○ Reptile Rescue Tas - financial assistance request</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Records Management Policy</li> <li>• Councillor Requests               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clr Miro Quesada x 4 matters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Wooley, Nichols, Miro Quesada, Gatehouse, Campbell, Reed	Torenius, Reynolds,



## 8.0 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

## 9.0 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS ON NOTICE

## 10.0 WORKGROUP REPORTS

### RECOMMENDATION

“That the workgroup reports as listed be received.”

91/2024 REED/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, 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	17 May 2022	Approved as a 22/23 capital budget. Project Manager has experienced delays since July 2022 coordinating consensus agreement between stakeholders. Preliminary meeting has occurred with local stakeholders March 2024. Further project progress dependent on local stakeholders participating in engagement with Council.
Restricting Vehicular Access to Connelly's Marsh Beach	16 May 2023	Council position as per resolution provided to NRE. Response from NRE does not address the resolution matters.



		The General Manager has requested a meeting with the Minister – awaiting confirmation.
Withdrawal of the Blue Lagoon Draft Management Plan	18 July 2023	Council laid on the table for further consultancy on review and investigate options for stormwater management at Blue Lagoon. Variation to the operating budget approved at August 2023 Council meeting to facilitate this. Final consultant report received April. Council staff progressing matters with Red Handfish researchers in first instance prior to determining further actions.

## 12.0 PETITIONS RECEIVED

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

## 13.0 LAND USE PLANNING

The Chair 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 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be noted.”

#### 92/2024 REED/GATEHOUSE

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

## 14.0 GOVERNANCE

### 14.1 COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY – PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

#### RECOMMENDATION

“That Sorell Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Copping Refuse Disposal Site Authority as agreed by the Authority at its meeting on 23 May 2024; and
2. Approve advertising the proposed amendments to the Rules in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).”

#### 93/2024 REED/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, 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 grant applications from South East Suns Women’s Football Club, The Historical Society of Sorell, Sea Rescue and a donation to Reptile Rescue Tasmania under the 2023-2024 Community Grants Program as per the following report.”

#### 94/2024 NICHOLS/GATEHOUSE

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Torenus, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

### 16.2 RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

#### RECOMMENDATION

“That Council resolve to endorse the revised Records Management Policy.”

#### 95/2024 NICHOLS/GATEHOUSE

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



**17.0 FINANCE****17.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 2024 YTD****RECOMMENDATION**

“That the Executive Summary – FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 2024 YEAR-TO-DATE be received and noted by Council.”

**96/2024 REYNOLDS/NICHOLS**

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, 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.”

**97/2024 REED/REYNOLDS**

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, 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 Chair 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.



Stavros Hiras of Primrose Sands raised concerns over receiving the new green waste wheelie bin and more particularly, that he does not require nor wish to pay for this service and that the bin should be removed.

The General Manager provided an explanation as to the rationale for the green organics service (as a staged approach to a full FOGO service once a processing facility is commissioned at Copping) and that from a contractual tendering and subsequent collection process, it was not feasible to have an opt out arrangement.

Sharon Fotheringham of Forcett questioned if the new green bins were for organics only?

The General Manager again advised the new service is part of a staged approach, for green organic (GO) waste only initially until such time as a FOGO service is introduced within the next 2 years.

Sharon further questioned what residents not in the selected areas were to do with organic waste when FOGO is introduced if they are not issued with a green waste bin?

The General Manager advised that garbage collection will still be provided for residents that don't have the green waste or future FOGO service.

Sharon questioned if the causeway duplication was still going ahead as she had heard it wasn't?

The General Manager advised that he was not aware of this.

Rob Newitt of Sorell provided Council with information regarding a potential Community Carnivale Event that he would like to facilitate on New Years Eve and New Years Day, inclusive of a market and Matthew Brady Art Prize.

The open meeting concluded at 6.45 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 6.59 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 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 - <i>Regulation 34(3)</i>
23.2	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 15(8)</i>
23.3	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority Minutes – <i>Regulation 15(2)(c)</i>
23.4	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority Quarterly Report – <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.

98/2024 NICHOLS / REYNOLDS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



## 23.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CLOSED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 21 MAY 2024

### RECOMMENDATION

“That the Closed Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 be confirmed.”

99/2024 REYNOLDS/REED

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, 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.”

100/2024 NICHOLS/GATEHOUSE

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



Councillor Gatehouse acknowledged with sadness the passing of Southern Waste Solutions CEO, Chris Adekunle.

**23.3 COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY MINUTES - 23 MAY 2024**

101/2024 REED/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

**23.4 COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY REPORT**

102/2024 NICHOLS/GATEHOUSE

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Nichols

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

The closed meeting concluded at 7.04 pm.





## 24.0 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
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

