



# **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**23 APRIL 2025**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC)



## **MINUTES**

FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE  
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET,  
SORELL ON 23 APRIL 2025

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The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

## 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 B Nichols  
Councillor M Reed  
Councillor N Reynolds  
Councillor C Torenus  
Councillor M Larkins  
General Manager R Higgins

## 3.0 APOLOGIES

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Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux  
Councillor S Campbell

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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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.

## 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.*

## 5.0 CLOSED MEETING

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

Reference	Item
5.1	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 15(8)</i>
5.2	Tender - <i>Regulation 15(2)(d)</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 24.1 - 24.2 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

#### 60/2025 WOOLEY/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

#### 5.1 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."  
Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux

**61/2025 REED/REYNOLDS**

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

**5.2 TENDER SORELL COASTAL AND ESTUARINE RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM****62/2025 LARKINS/REED**

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 5.30 pm.

## 6.0 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



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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
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

