



# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING **AGENDA**

3 FEBRUARY 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION  
CENTRE (CAC)

# NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Sorell Council will be held at the Community Administration Centre (CAC), 47 Cole Street, Sorell on Tuesday, 3 February 2026 commencing at 5.00 pm.

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## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Robert Higgins, Chief Executive Officer of the Sorell Council, hereby certify that in accordance with Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the reports in this Agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications and experience necessary to give such information, recommendation or advice.

Council or a Council Committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –

- (a) the General Manager certifies, in writing –
  - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
  - (ii) that the General Manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the Council or Council Committee; and
- (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the Council or Council Committee with the General Manager's certificate.

Notices of Motion and supporting documentation from Councillors are exempted from this certification.

ROBERT HIGGINS  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
30 JANUARY 2026



## **AGENDA**

FOR THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE  
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET,  
SORELL ON 3 FEBRUARY 2026

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## 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



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



Mayor J Gatehouse  
Deputy Mayor M Larkins  
Councillor S Campbell  
Councillor B Nichols  
Councillor M Reed  
Councillor N Reynolds  
Councillor B Shaw  
Councillor C Torenus  
Chief Executive Officer R Higgins

### 3.0 APOLOGIES



Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux

### 4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST



## 5.0 CLOSED MEETING



The Chief Executive Officer advised that in his opinion the listing of agenda item/s:

| Reference | Item  |
|-----------|---|
| 24.1      | Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 17(7)</i>                            |
| 24.2      | Tender C-26-T-001 Franklin Street Dunalley Road Reconstruction – <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 - 24.2 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulations 40 and 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.



## 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.*



**24.1 AUTHORISATION TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION****RECOMMENDATION**

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

**24.2 TENDER C-26-T-001 FRANKLIN STREET DUNALLEY ROAD  
RECONSTRUCTION**

## 6.0 ACRONYMS



|        |  |
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| 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  |
| 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  |
| LGAT   | Local Government Association of Tasmania                 |
| LPS    | Local Provisions Schedule                                |
| LTFP   | Long Term Financial Plan                                 |
| MAST   | Marine & Safety Tasmania                                 |
| MEMC   | Municipal Emergency Management Committee                 |
| NRE    | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania |
| NRM    | Natural Resource Management                              |
| PWS    | Parks and Wildlife Service                               |
| RDA    | Regional Development Australia                           |
| RTI    | Right to Information                                     |
| SBIP   | School Based Immunisation Program                        |
| SEI    | South East Irrigation                                    |
| SERDA  | South East Region Development Association                |
| SES    | State Emergency Service                                  |
| 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                                   |



### AGENDA

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