



Agenda

Ordinary Council Meeting

26 August 2026



CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFIED ADVICE

Background

To comply with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

- A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless:
- the general manager certifies in writing
- that such advice was obtained; and
- the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- 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.

Certification

I certify that:

- the advice of a qualified person has been sought where required;
- this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- a copy of the advice, or a written transcript or summary of advice provided orally, is included with the agenda item.

Dated this Friday 21st August 2026

Warren Groves
GENERAL MANAGER

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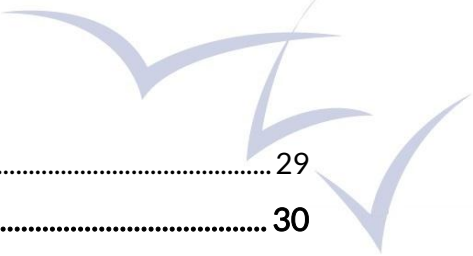
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FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – AGENDA

1 Attendance

Venue	Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre
Commencing	1.00 pm

Elected Members

Position	Name	Attendance
Mayor	Rachel Summers	
Deputy Mayor	Vanessa Grace	
Councillor	Garry Blenkhorn	
Councillor	Aaron Burke	
Councillor	Carol Cox	
Councillor	Ken Stockton	

Apologies

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Staff and Consultants

Officer Name	Position	Item Attendance
Warren Groves	General Manager	
Jade Boyes	Corporate Services Manager	
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Engagement Manager	
Richard Harley	Airport Operations Coordinator	
Jacci Smith	Development Services Manager	
Oliver Ward	Works and Services Manager	
Sue Mythen	Executive Officer (Minute Taker)	
Jo Brzeska	Governance and Corporate Services Officer (Minute Taker)	

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

All persons in attendance are advised that in accordance with Section 8, *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*:

- a video recording is being made of the meeting;
- all persons attending the meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting; and
- language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.



2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor will begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the palawa people of the Trawlulwai Nation. We will recognise their connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and pay respects to Elders past, and present

3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 22 July 2026

Annexures Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary and Closed Council Meetings held on 22 July 2026 be confirmed.

4 Public Question Time

In accordance with Sections 33 and 36 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and the Flinders Council Public Question Time – Council Meeting Procedure, the following are to be adhered to at public question time.

Public Question Time is permitted at Ordinary Council Meetings, during which, members of the public may ask questions of the Council relating to Flinders Council matters.

The basis on which questions may be asked is:

- 1. All questions will be addressed through the Chair (being the Mayor in normal circumstances) who will answer them as she/he sees fit. Under no circumstances will members of the gallery be permitted to address or question either elected members or officers of the Council. The Chair may delegate answers to the appropriate Councillor or staff member if required.*
- 2. People addressing the Chair must pay the respect due to that office. Failure to do so may mean their address is terminated without notice.*
- 3. Where the answer cannot be provided immediately, it will be provided in writing within 14 days and tabled at the following Ordinary Council Meeting.*
- 4. A member of the public may, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting, give written notice to the general manager of a question to which the member of the public seeks an answer at the meeting.*
- 5. All questioners are encouraged to register their intent to question with the general manager before the meeting. Preference will be given to those who have so registered.*
- 6. Question time shall not extend longer than 30 minutes and may be divided into two 15 minute sessions.*
- 7. The actual timing of the session(s) is to be immediately after the opening of the meeting and advertised with the notice of meeting.*



5 Response to Public Questions

Question One: Margaret Goss

Can we please have an update and timeline on where we are at, with obtaining a vet to the Island?

Question One: Mayors Response

Council are imminently awaiting a proposal from the contracting Vet we've been negotiating with for some time. Once this has been received, it will need to be discussed at the next available Council Workshop, followed by the Council meeting for consideration.

Question Two: Melinda Little

My concern regards the veterinary clinic. What are we doing to advertise and attract a vet? With a veterinarian shortage in the country and limited housing on the Island, this will be particularly difficult. As such, are we able to combine resources e.g. the vet also performs the biosecurity and dog catcher positions? Are we promoting the veterinary attraction and retention package when advertising, and are we applying to State Growth to provide an enticing package? Is there currently any diagnostic equipment and if not, has it been budgeted for? Also, we have known that we have two ageing vets for quite a while, and we've now got the building, and we're now sitting around wondering? Are there any discussions that can be had with the airlines about discounted pet transportation to get to veterinary care?

Question Two: Mayors Response

Unfortunately, combining the veterinarian role with the biosecurity role is not possible, due to Biosecurity Tasmania no longer holding that position within their organisation. Council are working with an off-Island Veterinary business to deliver a service on the Island, however it will not be a full-time on-Island service. We are collaborating with them to ascertain what services they are able to provide, and how often they will be able to be on the Island. It's possible that they will be able to be on the Island once a fortnight or every few weeks, there is also the possibility of having a part-time vet nurse on-Island on a more frequent basis. They are putting together a proposal, and we are exploring all options. A lot of advocacy work with various levels of government has been done as well.

The veterinarian business that we are working with have also assisted us with developing the list of equipment (including diagnostic) required for the clinic. The costs associated with procuring the equipment and making the facility operational (\$100,000) are included in the 2026-27 budget which will be considered today.

Regarding the query around knowledge of the vets being of retirement age for some time, I can share that one of the current vets came to Council and advised that they would be retiring soon and Council commenced advocating for funding and exploring options at that time. Through various funding advocacy efforts, we were able to obtain a modular building to be delivered to the Island. Before we started the building, an initial Expression of Interest was put out, and there were many interested veterinarians who enquired. A second expression of interest went out when the building project was near completion. However, the services the enquiring vets were able to offer were insufficient to the community's needs. There was also concern that there was no established business or client records for an incoming vet to step into. This is when Council engaged with the off-island vet to help develop a client base and business records for a period of 12 – 24 months, which will make it more enticing for a future vet to move to the Island and come into an already established business. We are expecting the proposal from the vet business any day now, so it's possible that it will be able to be considered in the August Council

Meeting. After that, there will be fine tuning with the service provider about the actual terms of the contract.

Regarding discounted pet travel, these are discussions that are being had about this also.

RECOMMENDATION

That the responses to the public questions from the 22 July 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting be noted.

6 Councillors' Questions on Notice

6.1 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Nil received

7 Councillors' Questions Without Notice

Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 specifies that in putting a Question Without Notice a Councillor must not offer an argument or opinion, draw any inference or make any imputations except so far as may be necessary to explain the question. The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a Question without Notice or its answer.

8 Responses to Councillors' Questions Without Notice

8.1 Responses to Councillors' Questions Without Notice from 22 July 2026

No Councillor Questions Without Notice were asked at the 22 July 2026 meeting

9 Late Agenda Items

Under R10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Council may, by absolute majority vote, consider late agenda items at this meeting.

10 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Per *Local Government Act 1993* – Sections 48 – 51 and in accordance with Regulation 10(f) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Councillors are required to declare any pecuniary interest that they, or any of their close associates, may have in any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, before any discussion on that matter.

11 Conflicts of Interest

In accordance with Part 2 (Conflicts of interest that are not pecuniary) of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2024, Councillors are required to declare any conflict of interest, be it actual, perceived or potential, that they may have regarding any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda before any discussion on that matter commences.

12 Policies

The following Council policies were adopted at the 22 July 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting and no submissions were received throughout the 28-day public consultation period. As per the requirements of the Council Policy and Procedure Framework, the policies are now considered to be adopted:

- S-F2C Code for Tenders and Contracts
- 2021-2031 Strategic Plan (July 2026)
- S-G18 Local Government Election Caretaker Period Policy
- S-HR13 Uniform and Workwear Policy
- S-G19 Quasi-Judicial Policy

13 Workshops and Information Forums

Action	For Information
File Reference	COU/0205 Workshops and Information Forums

Council Workshop – Wednesday 12th August 2026

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 2.1 Vet Proposal
- Item 2.2 Special Committees of Council Policy
- Item 2.3 Drought Resilience Project (Seed Bank & Nursery Program)
- Item 2.4 NTDC Membership & Population Profiling Report
- Item 2.5 Priority Projects
- Item 2.6 Prepaid Funerals
- Item 2.7 Plant and Equipment Asset Update and Dry Hire Strategy
- Item 2.8 Lunch
- Item 2.9 NRM North Nominations
- Item 2.10 Ambulance Tasmania
- Item 2.11 Waste Management Options Report
- Item 2.12 Commercial Waste Disposal Fees and Hazardous Waste Cost Recovery
- Item 2.13 General Manager's Update

Councillors	In Attendance
Mayor Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace	Yes
Councillor Garry Blenkhorn	Yes
Councillor Aaron Burke	Yes
Councillor Carol Cox	Yes
Councillor Ken Stockton	Yes

Staff and Consultants		In Attendance
Warren Groves	General Manager	Item 2.1 - 2.13
Jade Boyes	Corporate Services Manager	Item 2.1 - 2.9
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Engagement Manager	Item 2.1 - 2.13
Jacci Smith	Development Services Manager	Item 2.1 - 2.13
Oliver Ward	Works and Services Manager	Item 2.1 - 2.13
Sue Mythen	Executive Officer (Note Taker)	Item 2.1 - 2.13
Jo Brzeska	Governance and Corporate Services Officer	Item 2.10
Malcolm Derbidge	Paramedic Educator – Ambulance Tasmania	Item 2.10
Donna Russo	Dog Control Officer	Staff Introduction

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshop held on 12th August 2026 be noted.

14 Publications and Reports Tabled For Information



15 Reports To Be Received

15.1 Flinders Council Audit Panel

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0401 Audit Panel
Annexures	1. 2026.07.20 - Audit Panel Meeting_-_ Confirmed Minutes Redacted [15.1.1 - 10 pages]

Officer's Report

The confirmed minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held on 20 July 2026 are provided for Council's consideration. The minutes outline the Panel's work to date and are now presented for acceptance by Council.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Confirmed Minutes of the Flinders Council Audit Panel meeting held 20 July 2026 be accepted.

16 Mayor's Report

16.1 Mayor's Report For July/August 2026

Action	For Information
Councillor	Cr Rachel Summers
File Reference	COU/0600 Mayor's Report
Annexures	Nil

Appointments

Date	Description
22/07/2026	Ordinary Council Meeting
12/08/2026	Council Workshop
12/08/2026	General Manager's Performance Review Committee (GMPRC) meeting
13/08/2026	Meeting – Tas Hydro, Whitemark Land
13/08/2026	Bird Flu Information Session
17/08/2026	Boating Special Committee Meeting
18/08/2026	Regular Meeting – Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc / Council
18/08/2026	Meeting - Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association
18/08/2026	Meeting – GMPRC
19/08/2026	Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Annual General Meeting and General Meeting, Hobart
19/08/2026	Meeting - TasWater
20/08/2026	LGAT Annual Conference, Hobart
20/08/2026	Meeting – Minister Gavin Pearce, Minister Primary Industries and Water
21/08/2026	LGAT Annual Conference, Hobart
21/08/2026	Meeting – Minister Kerry Vincent, Minister Infrastructure, Local Government, Planning

Correspondence In

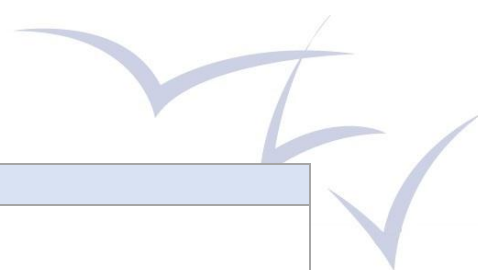
Date	From	Subject
17/07/2026	Craig Perkins Stakeholder Relations Lead TasWater	FW: TasWater Media Release: Last water restrictions in the state to be lifted as Lady Barron conditions improve
17/07/2026	Philip Reed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) National Anti-Corruption Commission	Invitation to APSACC 2026 - from the National Anti-Corruption Commission
17/07/2026	Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC)	You've joined the Member_Mayors group (Microsoft 365)
17/07/2026	Nicole Carter Leader Events, Certification and Events National Transport Research Organisation (NTRO)	Announcing the next NTRO EDGE event, Transport: The Community Connector - 17 August in Brisbane
17/07/2026	Yasmin Mole Head of Growth and Partnerships Crazy Ideas College	Following up from the National General Assembly (NGA) (and a hello!)



Date	From	Subject
17/07/2026	Rhiannon Arnold Community Engagement Rural Alive and Well (RAW) Tasmania	You're invited to RAW's 2025/26 Impact Report Launch – Launceston, 24 August 2026
19/07/2026	Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania	Save the date: PMAT AGM – 29 August at 1.30pm at Kingston Beach Hall
20/07/2026	Adrian Schrinner Lord Mayor Brisbane	Invitation to attend the 2027 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2027 APCS) and Mayor's Forum ' <i>Cities on the move: from vision to impact</i> '
20/07/2026	Mayor Matt Burnett Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) President	2026 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress
20/07/2026	Esha Daniel Program Manager Business Grants Hub Department of Industry, Science and Resources	Escalation: Regional Airports Program Round 5 - Summers – 01391879 – Eligibility Query
20/07/2026	Julie Andersson Program Manager COTA Tas	Lifelong Respect Commitment Statement - please support
20/07/2026	Kim Philips-Haines	Press Release: Government Must Not Let Marinus Race Ahead of Legal Process
22/07/2026	Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Media	Cairns is calling! Early bird registration for ROADS2026 closing Friday ALGA
23/07/2026	Telstra Regional Australia	Update for the Flinders Island community
23/07/2026	Marc Cobham Emita	Request for urgent assistance re homeless situation
23/07/2026	Warren Groves	Councillors Question Without Notice
24/07/2026	Telstra Regional Australia	Update for the Flinders Island community – 11.00am
24/07/2026	Office of the Hon Kerry Vincent MLC Minister for Housing and Planning Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for Local Government Liberal Member for Prosser	Response to 'Practical Housing Outcomes' letter
24/07/2026	ALGA Media	ALGA Media Release Labor National Conference must recognise urgent council funding needs 24 July 2026
24/07/2026	Rick Wadley Vortex Water	Flinders Wastewater
27/07/2026	Denise Hooke Flinders Island Show Society	Land and Garden hub at the 91 st Annual Show Friday 16 th October



Date	From	Subject
27/07/2026	Kim Philips-Haines Principal Petitioner Tas Power Democracy Inc.	Press Release: Labor MP's 'Lawfare' Attack on Marinus Appeals Draws Community Condemnation
27/07/2026	Telstra Regional Australia	Update for the Flinders Island community
28/07/2026	Office of the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP Premier of Tasmania	Response to 'Attracting and retaining young families' letter
28/07/2026	National Roads Congress Secretariat	2026 National Local Roads, Infrastructure and Transport Congress: Early Bird extended!
29/07/2026	Fiona McAllister The Steople Team	Steople Insights: Emerging Leaders
30/07/2026	Florian Lindner Hydro Tasmania	13 Robert Street, Whitemark
30/07/2026	ALGA Media	ALGA Alert Ready, set, GO: Active Transport Fund opens 1 August
31/07/2026	Jess Teesdale Member for Bass	Applications open for \$50 million in Active Transport Funding
31/07/2026	Rhiannon Arnold Community Engagement RAW Tasmania	Last Chance to register for RAW's 2025/26 Impact Report launch – Hobart, 19 August 2026
3/08/2026	Venus Vong Senior Project Officer International Relations and Multicultural Affairs Brisbane City Council	Invitation to the 2027 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2027APCS) and Mayor's Forum (15 – 17 September 2027, Brisbane)
3/08/2026	Fiona McAllister The Steople Team	Event invitation: High performance Teams in times of change
3/08/2026	NTDC	NTDC Annual General Meeting and Networking session invitation
5/08/2026	Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)	Invitation to nominate – PIA TAS Awards for Planning excellence 2026
9/08/2026	Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania	Reminder: PMAT AGM – 29 August at 1.30pm at Kingston Beach Hall
10/08/2026	Office of the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner	TFES Consultation Bill 2026 – invitation for feedback
11/08/2026	Simonne Allwright Tennis Tasmania	Community Asset register
11/08/2026	Dailius Wilson CRO & Chief Economist Payble	What to do next
12/08/2026	LGAT	One week to go! LGAT Annual Conference
12/08/2026	Community for Economic Development Australia (CEDA) Events	Rachel, hear from the RBA Governor, State Premiers and more
13/08/2026	Cassie Carrick Executive Officer Officer of the Hon Gavin Pearce MP	Meeting Confirmation: Re future delivery of veterinary services on Flinders Island



Date	From	Subject
	Minister for Primary Industries and Water Minister for Veteran's Affairs	
13/08/2026	Florian Lindner Manager of Production Services Hydro Tasmania	13 Robert Street, Whitemark
14/08/2026	TasTAFE Office of the CEO	Rachel, you're invited to the 2026 TasTAFE and DCCI Networking Event
14/08/2026	Combat Antisemitism Movement Australia	New session announcement: Leaving hate behind – a former jihadist and a former neo-Nazi, side by side

Correspondence Out

Date	To	Subject
17/07/2026	House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Parliament of Australia Inquiry into Local Government Funding	Hansard Witness form
17/07/2026	Mario and Jane Bergamin Emita	Dust on Port Davies Road
20/07/2026	The Honourable Bridget Archer MP Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Minister for Ageing Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing Liberal Member for Bass	An invitation to discuss Aged Care and Ageing in Place, on Flinders Island
20/07/2026	The Honourable Bridget Archer MP Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Minister for Ageing Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing Liberal Member for Bass	Response regarding the Whitemark boat ramp
21/07/2026	The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP Premier of Tasmania	Childcare and Attracting and Retaining Young Families
21/07/2026	The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP Premier of Tasmania	Flinders Island Housing
21/07/2026	The Honourable Kerry Vincent MLC Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for Local Government Minister for Housing and Planning Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	Flinders Island Housing
22/07/2026	Luke Murphy-Gregory Acting Executive Director Local Government Office of Local Government	Lack of quorum due to pecuniary interest and conflicts of interest
28/07/2026	Luke Murphy-Gregory Acting Executive Director Local Government	Conflicts of interest



Date	To	Subject
	Office of Local Government	
31/07/2026	Oliver Ward Works and Services Manager	Appointment of Acting General Manager
11/08/2026	Communications Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)	RE: LGAT Learning and Development Update - July 2026
12/08/2026	Minister Gavin Pearce Minister for Primary Industries and Water Minister for Veterans' Affairs	Request for a brief meeting
13/08/2026	Michael Ferguson MP Liberal member for Bass	Housing meeting with Minister Vincent
19/08/2026	George Theo Chief Executive Officer TasWater	Urgent concerns regarding drinking water quality – Lady Barron

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report for 26 August 2026 be received.

17 Development Services

17.1 Development Application Report for July 2026



Action	For Information
Officer	Jacci Smith - Development Services Manager
File Reference	PLN/0105 Development
Annexures	1. July 2026 DA Report to Council [17.1.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

This report provides Councillors with an overview of the applications for the current period as per motion 249.09.2015, passed at the 24 September 2015 Council Meeting.

Permitted applications are assessed under section 58 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) and are not advertised. If applications classified as Permitted meet all development and use standards within the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Flinders*, they must be granted a permit, with or without conditions.

Discretionary applications are assessed under section 57 of the Act and are exhibited for a 14-day period. During this period, representations may be received from the public. If a representation is received, that application is tabled at a meeting of Council where Councillors will consider the matter whilst acting as the Planning Authority. Where there are not any representations received, or the application is permitted, authorisation is delegated to the General Manager for completion of the matter.

Under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Flinders*, Use and Development may be deemed as Exempt or No Permit Required (NPR). These applications will also be reported to Council on a monthly basis. As per Councillor's request, matters of Minor Amendment or extensions to planning permits will also be reported.

Previous Council Consideration

Some items may have been considered at meetings of Council while the remainder have been approved under delegation by the General Manager.

Officer's Report

Refer to Annexure 1 to this item, Development Applications Report – July 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Department Application Report – July 2026 be received.



18 Works and Services

18.1 Works and Services Update July 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Oliver Ward - Works and Services Manager
File Reference	WOR/3000 Infrastructure
Annexures	1. Works Services Managers Report 2026-07 [18.1.1 - 4 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of monthly activities undertaken by the Works and Services department.

Officers Report

This report is provided on a monthly basis at the request of Council, please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Works and Services Manager's Report – July 2026 be received and accepted by Council.



18.2 Options for the Future Management of Waste

Action	For Decision
Officer	Oliver Ward - Works and Services Manager
File Reference	WAS/0400 Waste Management
Annexures	1. Assessment of Waste Management Options Report Final v 1 [18.2.1 - 46 pages]

Introduction

Council is the authority required to manage general waste within the Municipality. The Whitemark Waste Facility operates under an Environmental Protection Notice (EPN) which is issued and audited by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Tasmania.

The Flinders Municipality faces unique waste management challenges due to its remote location and limited resources. To address these challenges, clear goals, objectives, and actions were developed with a vision of "Council and the Community working together for a sustainable future with resource recovery at its core."

Previous Council Consideration

56.02.2015	19 February 2015
153.07.2016	14 July 2016
246.10.2016	20 October 2016
247.10.2016	20 October 2016
155.06.2017	15 June 2017
226.09.2017	21 September 2017
100.05.2018	17 May 2018
197.08.2018	13 August 2018
339.12.2018	18 December 2018
31.02.2024	21 February 2024

Previous Council Discussion

05 February 2015	Council Workshop
6 October 2016	Council Workshop
12 January 2017	Council Workshop
3 May 2018	Council Workshop
28 June 2018	Council Workshop
24 July 2018	Council Workshop
31 July 2018	Council Workshop
5 December 2018	Council Workshop
16 April 2020	Council Workshop
09 June 2020	Council Workshop
17 November 2020	Council Workshop
02 February 2021	Council Workshop
02 March 2021	Council Workshop
16 November 2021	Council Workshop
30 November 2021	Council Workshop
22 November 2022	Council Workshop
07 February 2023	Council Workshop
08 March 2023	Council Workshop
28 June 2023	Council Workshop
26 July 2023	Council Workshop



09 August 2023	Council Workshop
27 September 2023	Council Workshop
22 Novembre 2023	Council Workshop
07 April 2024	Council Workshop
09 October 2024	Council Workshop
07 February 2026	Council Workshop
12 August 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

The 'Options for the Future Management of Waste' report was commissioned to assist Council with assessing the most viable options for the future management of waste on the Island.

The Report examines the Island's current waste profile, recycling potential, alternative waste management technologies, the costs and benefits of each option, and long-term landfill capacity. It aims to identify practical, cost-effective and sustainable waste management solutions suited to the Island, including its relatively low waste volumes, high freight costs and limited access to specialist infrastructure.

The report is prepared by one of Australia's leading environmental consultancy firms, specialising in all aspects of waste and recycling. As experts in waste, resource recovery and technology, climate change, carbon and sustainable development, they promote a vision for a future that is both environmentally sustainable and economically rational. The report at Annexure 1 to this item is now presented to Council for adoption as a strategic document.

Statutory Requirement

Environmental Management Pollutions Control Act 1993

Litter Act 2007 (Tasmania)

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

ACCESSIBILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

2.4 Compliant, integrated waste management program that is cost-effective

2.4.1 Review and implement Council's Waste Management Strategy in line with relevant legislation, codes of practice and policy.

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

One of the aims of the Report is to limit as much exposure to risk as possible to Council. The document will be utilised as supporting documentation in discussions with Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the 'Options for the Future Management of Waste' report at Annexure 1 to this item as a Strategic document.

19 Community and Economic Development



Action	For Information
Officer	Sammi Gowthorp - Community Engagement Manager
File Reference	CDV/0300 - Community Events EDV/0100 - Economic Development
Annexures	1. Community and Economic Development Report 2026.07 [19.1.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update on activities, projects and initiatives undertaken by the Community and Economic Development department during the reporting period.

Officers Report

This report is provided monthly.

Please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Strategic Alignment

LIVEABILITY

1.1 A viable population that enables the necessary services and activities required for the Community to prosper

ECONOMY/BUSINESS

3.1 Ongoing opportunities across all business sectors to future-proof the critical needs of the islands.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Engagement Manager's Report – July 2026 be received and accepted by Council.



20 Governance

20.1 Airport Operations Report

Action	For Information
Officer	Richard Harley - Airport Operations Coordinator
File Reference	AER/1500
Annexures	1. Airport Operations Report 2026.07 [20.1.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with an update of monthly activities undertaken by the Airport Operations Officers.

Officers Report

This report is provided on a monthly basis. Please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Airport Operations Coordinators Report – July 2026 be received and accepted by Council and a copy of the report at Annexure 1 to this item be shared with the Furneaux Group Aviation Special Committee members.

20.2 Natural Resource Management (NRM) North Association Group A Representation



Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	GOV/1100
Annexures	1. NRM 2026 Nomination forms [20.2.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

Natural Resource Management (NRM) North is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that works with the community, industry and government to care for the land, water, and biodiversity of Northern Tasmania.

The current representative on the NRM North Association - Group A Representation is Councillor Aaron Burke with Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace nominated as proxy.

Previous Council Consideration

40.02.2019	19 February 2019
321.11.2018	11 November 2018
194.08.2024	21 August 2024
242.08.2025	27 August 2025

Previous Council Discussion

12 August 2026	Council Workshop
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Officer's Report

Several years ago, Council operated a partnership with the NRM North Association. At the time, Council was represented on this Association, as was the then Furneaux NRM Steering Committee through Council's NRM Officer. Although the Steering Committee has since disbanded and the program of delivery of NRM services has significantly altered, Council maintained two Councillor representatives, Councillors Aaron Burke and Vanessa Grace to the Association until February 2019.

Following notification from NRM North that as the Furneaux NRM Steering Committee no longer existed, Flinders Council was only entitled to appoint one representative to the Association, Councillors nominated Councillor Aaron Burke.

The Annual General Meeting of NRM North is scheduled for 23 September 2026 and their constitution requires that prior to each AGM 'Group A' organisations renominate their representative on the Association.

Council is asked to consider who they wish to nominate as the representative and proxy for the Association.

Statutory Requirement

There are no Statutory Requirements.

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is a minimal fee of \$20.00 to maintain voting rights

Risk/Liability

Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- appoints Cr Aaron Burke to be Council's representative on the Natural Resource Management (NRM) North Association Group A for their Annual General Meeting, with Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace appointed as proxy; and
- following the October 2026 Local Government Elections, representation for the remainder of the 12-month period should be reconsidered to take into account potential changes in elected members.



20.3 S-G10 Special Committees of Council Policy

Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	COU/0600 Quarterly Report Against Strategic Plan
Annexures	1. DRAFT S-G10 Special Committees of Council Policy 2020.10.20 Revised 2026.08.12 [20.3.1 - 2 pages]

Introduction

Council's Policy Manual is an important document of Council as it provides direction to Staff, Management and Councillors. Many of the policies are required by, or relate to, legislation and in most instances, help manage Council's exposure to risk.

Previous Council Consideration

309.11.2018	22 November 2018
310.11.2018	22 November 2018
322.11.2018	22 November 2018
205.10.2020	20 October 2020

Previous Council Discussion

21 July 2020	Council Workshop
18 August 2020	Council Workshop
12 August 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

Council policies are to be reviewed every four years at the beginning of the election cycle or at Council's discretion. Staff have reviewed the Special Committees of Council Policy to reflect current operation standards and revised legislated meeting procedures.

Over the last year, Council has undertaken a review of Special Committees' Terms of Reference, and the revised policy takes this into account, with the amended Policy at annexure 1 to this item for Council consideration.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2025

Strategic Alignment

GOOD GOVERNANCE

4.1 An organisation that provides good governance, effective leadership and high-quality services, within our means

4.1.1 Council meets its statutory obligations to manage risk, achieve financial sustainability and model good governance.

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Nil



Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Special Committees of Council Policy at Annexure 1 to this item and allows it to lay on the table for 28 days for public comment.

20.4 Drought Resilience Grant Deed



Action Officer	For Decision Sammi Gowthorp - Community Engagement Manager Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0910 and FIN/0904
Annexures	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Confidential - Council Seedbank & Nursery August 2026 [20.4.1 - 4 pages]

Introduction

Council has been allocated \$90,000 funding through the Drought Resilience Program to develop a local seedbank and nursery initiative. The project responds to priorities identified in the Northern Tasmania Regional Drought Resilience Plan, including strengthening drought resilience, supporting local food security, increasing tree planting, improving shelterbelts and building local knowledge around climate-resilient planting.

The program will establish a locally managed seedbank and nursery on Council land. It will focus on collecting, propagating and sharing locally appropriate native plants for use across farms, townships, reserves, public spaces, schools, community projects and coastal landscapes.

Previous Council Consideration

Nil

Previous Council Discussion

08 July 2026	Council Workshop
12 August 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

The program will support long-term community and environmental resilience by protecting local seed provenance, improving biodiversity, reducing reliance on imported nursery stock and supporting plantings suited to island conditions.

Council will work with local landholders, schools, the local tree group, community organisations and relevant regional partners to identify priority species and coordinate planting activities. The initiative will also support township beautification, volunteer participation and education.

Funding includes provision for a dedicated Project Manager. This role is considered important to ensure the project is delivered in a coordinated way without placing additional pressure on existing Council staff and volunteers. A project overview is provided at annexure 1 to this item.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

3.1 Ongoing opportunities across all business sectors to future-proof the critical needs of the islands.

3.1.2 Encourage diversity in agricultural endeavours to future-proof food security for the islands.

Budget and Financial Implications



The project is supported by funding under the Drought Resilience Program, and will use existing Council land to house the project.

Risk/Liability

Nil foreseen.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the Furneaux Island Seed Bank and Nursery Program and authorises the General Manager to sign the Drought Resilience grant deed.



20.5 Resolution Report - 26 August 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300 Councillor Resolution Reports
Annexures	1. 2026.08 Council Resolution Report [20.5.1 - 5 pages]

Introduction

The Councillor Resolution Report identifies resolutions passed by elected members and the actions taken to implement the decisions.

Officer's Report

This Report is presented on a monthly basis. Please read Annexure 1 to this item Resolution Report – August 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report – 26 August 2026 be noted.

21 CLOSED COUNCIL

Action Officer **For Decision**
Warren Groves - General Manager

Closure of Meeting

In accordance with Section 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, a council by absolute majority may close a part of the meeting to the public for a specified reason

Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That, by Absolute Majority, the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 17 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 to discuss the matters listed.

21.1 Veterinary Facility Proposal - Operational Model

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal

21.2 Hydro Land Purchase from Grant Deed Funds

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council

(g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land

21.3 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Decision

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2& 4)

(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal

17(4)(b) possible future legal action that may be taken, or may involve, the council.

21.4 2026-2027 Community Grants

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to – (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it;

21.5 2026-2027 Gunn Bequests

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

21.6 Closed Resolution Report - 26 August 2026

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(c) information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;

(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal

(g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land

21.7 Reports to be Received - General Manager's Performance Review Committee Minutes

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 17(2)

(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential(h) information that is (i) of a personal and confidential nature or (ii) provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

21.8 Notice of Motion: General Manager's Performance Review Recommendation for 2025-26

Reason for Closed Council – item is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 15(2)

(g) information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential

22 Closure of Meeting