



Confirmed Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 29 June 2026



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FLINDERS COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – AGENDA

1 Attendance

Venue	Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre
Time	1.00 pm – 3.27pm

Elected Members

Position	Name	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
Councillor	Chris Rhodes	No

Staff and Consultants

Officer Name	Position	Item Attendance
Warren Groves	General Manager	1.00pm – 3.27pm
Jade Boyes	Corporate Services Manager	1.00pm – 3.27pm
Sammi Gowthorp	Community Engagement Manager	1.00pm – 3.27pm
Jacci Smith	Development Services Manager	1.00pm – 3.27pm
Oliver Ward	Works and Services Manager	1.00pm – 3.27pm
Jo Brzeska	Governance and Corporate Services Officer (Minute Taker)	1.00pm – 3.27pm

RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

- a video recording was being made of the meeting;
- all persons attending the meeting were 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, would not be acceptable.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor began by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we met today, the palawa people of the Trawulwai Nation. She recognised their connection to the land, waters and culture of this island, and paid respects to Elders past, and present.



3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 27 May 2026

Annexures Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2026 be confirmed.

DECISION

114.06.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Carol Cox
That the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

4 Public Question Time

Nil.

5 Response to Public Questions

Question 1: Adrian Mythen

With respect to DA2023/0038 – The application to Rezone Land adjacent to Marshall Bay from Landscape Conservation to Rural and establish lime sand extraction. I note today that Council is assessing a draft amendment to its decision of the 25th February 2026 to refuse this application, based on a recommendation from the Tasmanian Planning Commission with respect to a concern that the Planning Authority (being Council) had not adequately assessed their decision with reference to the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).

I note that the Flinders LPS and Zoning Strategy addresses how developments occur with respect to the State Planning Provisions (SPP) and including general compliance with the Northern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (NTRLUS). The Flinders LPS and Zoning strategy states the State Planning Provisions (SPP) zones and codes do not adequately provide for the required management of sensitive coastal areas, nor adequately discourage development that has unsustainable outcomes in visually and environmentally sensitive areas. The Flinders LPS and Zoning Strategy specifically cites Marshall Bay as an example of fragile ecosystems and landforms that rely on vegetation cover to maintain integrity adjacent to the Marshall Bay Beach.

The sensitivity of Marshall Bay is further addressed in Section C8.1.6 of the Flinders Local Provisions Schedule under Table C8.1 Scenic Protection Areas.

I bring this to your attention as the Flinders Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) supports your unanimous decision of the 25th of February.

With respect to the Flinders Structure Plan. This plan appears to be largely relied on for planning decisions. I note the current version is a 2016 draft, endorsed as the supporting document for the assessment of the Flinders Local Provisions at a Council meeting of the 16th of March 2021.



Being a draft version begs the question about its currency with respect to the Flinders Local Provisions Schedule (LPS), the final version of which was ratified in 2022.

Is there a plan to update and approve a final version of the Flinders Structure Plan?

What is the process in developing a final version?

Who will draft this final version?

Being a document a decade old, will the revised version be issued for public consultation prior to submission for approval?

Thank you.

Question 2: Mayor's Response

Thank you for your interest in this matter and for taking the time to engage with Council's land use planning processes.

It is encouraging to see members of our community taking an active interest in planning matters and the long-term management of our Municipality.

Council has included the development of a new Structure Plan within its proposed 2026/27 Annual Plan and has allocated funding to commence this project. Both Councillors and staff recognise the importance of having an up-to-date strategic planning document to guide future land use and development decisions across the municipality.

The existing Structure Plan was prepared in 2016 and was used as supporting information during the preparation of the Flinders Local Provisions Schedule. While elements of the document remain relevant, Council acknowledges that it is now appropriate to undertake a review and prepare a contemporary Structure Plan that reflects current priorities, opportunities and challenges.

The project is expected to be undertaken by Council staff with assistance from suitably qualified planning consultants. Preliminary background work has already commenced; however, as with many small councils, strategic planning projects can be delayed when resources are required to address higher-priority statutory matters. The planning application you refer to is one example of a complex matter that has required significant staff time and resources over an extended period.

The preparation of a new Structure Plan will include opportunities for community input. Council is committed to ensuring that residents, businesses and other stakeholders have the opportunity to contribute to the development of the document before it is finalised. While the exact consultation process and timeframe are yet to be determined, public consultation will form an important part of the project.

At this stage, I am unable to provide a definitive timeframe for the release of a draft Structure Plan. I encourage you to keep in contact with Council and to participate in the consultation process once it commences.

Thank you again for your interest in the future planning of our municipality.

Question 2: Marc Cobham

Given that our main island vet has decided to retire, are you able to provide an update on Council's efforts to procure the services of a new vet?

Question 2: Mayor's Response

Our vet facility has now been constructed and we have been engaging with Scottsdale Vets to see if they're able to provide a service. It's unfortunately not going to be a full-time service.



Ideally, and this hasn't been agreed to yet, the program would be that they'd come over once a fortnight to deliver vet services (like general consultations), and then three to four times a year provide surgical services. We would also have a vet nurse available a few days a week located here on the Island. People will be able to buy things like flea treatments, dog food, and various things like that at the clinic.

When the initial Expression of Interest (EOI) for a vet was announced, we had a lot of people interested who wanted to come here for a few days a month, or for a short block once a year, which is not what we need. A lot of the feedback from the respondents to the EOI was that it was just such a big unknown for them to come here and set up this business with no established records of clients or financials etc. Scottsdale Vet seem to be happy to work with us to establish something that we can put back out to the market. So, hopefully in a year or two, we will have that. We are still working with Scottsdale Vet on exactly how that's going to look, and then of course, the proposal has to come to Council, because there may be a financial impact.

We are continuing to work towards a better, more permanent solution for the island.

RECOMMENDATION

That the response to the public questions from the 27th May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting be noted.

DECISION

115.06.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the response to the public questions from the 27th May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

6 Councillors' Questions on Notice

Nil Received

7 Councillors' Questions Without Notice

Nil

8 Responses to Councillors' Questions Without Notice

8.1 Responses to Councillors' Questions Without Notice from 27 May 2026

Question 1: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

Has Council responded to the concerned parents regarding the chemicals used in spraying in Whitemark?

Question 1: Mayor's Response

We have not responded yet, our response will be going out in the next day or two. We have been researching alternative options for the Duckpond and Playground area in Whitemark to see if there is an effective alternative, for example a mechanical operation, or using non-glyphosate-based herbicide, keeping in mind costs. If successful, it may be rolled out across

the rest of the Island. We will also consider a pesticide management policy which will be discussed at a future workshop.

Question 2: Councillor Cox

In response to the letter / email received from community members regarding their collective concern about the use of glyphosate in Whitemark and Lady Barron, I would like to request that the S-06-P Roadside and Reserve Vegetation Management Policy be reviewed / discussed at the next available Workshop.

Question 2: Mayor's Response:

I am happy to do that.

RECOMMENDATION

That the responses to the Councillors' questions at the 27th May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting be noted.

DECISION

116.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That the responses to the Councillors' questions at the 27th May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

9 Late Agenda Items

Nil.

10 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

11 Conflicts of Interest

Nil.



12 Policies

The following Council documents were adopted at the 27th May 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:

- Code for Tenders and Contracts
- 2021-2031 Strategic Plan (May 2026 Review)

DECISION

117.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That Council suspends the operation of Regulation 26 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, in accordance with Regulation 26 (9).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

118.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That the adoption of the 'Code for Tenders and Contracts' and '2021-2031 Strategic Plan (May 2026 Review)' documents be deferred until the late received submissions can be assessed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

13 Workshops and Information Forums

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

Council Workshop – 10 June 2026

Council held a workshop on the following subjects:

- Item 2.1 2026-27 Annual Plan
- Item 2.2 Cape Barren Island Blocks
- Item 2.3 Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Discussion
- Item 2.4 Sharp Airlines Rising Fuel Costs
- Item 2.5 Flinders Island Business Inc (FIBI) Website – Use of Council Logo
- Item 2.6 S-O6 Roadside Reserve Vegetation Management Policy Review
Plant and Equipment Asset Update
Plant Dry Hire and Replacement Strategy

Councillors	In Attendance
Mayor Rachel Summers	Yes
Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace	Yes
Councillor Garry Blenkhorn	No
Councillor Aaron Burke	Apology
Councillor Carol Cox	Apology
Councillor Chris Rhodes	No
Councillor Ken Stockton	Yes

Staff and Consultants		In Attendance
Warren Groves	General Manager	Item 2.1 – 2.6
Jade Boyes	Corporate Services Manager	Item 2.3 - 2.6
Jacci Smith	Development Services Manager	Item 2.3 - 2.6
Oliver Ward	Works and Services Manager	Item 2.1 – 2.6
Sue Mythen	Executive Officer (Note Taker)	Item 2.1 – 2.6
Jo Brzeska	Governance and Corporate Services Officer	Item 2.1 – 2.6
Sarah Wilcox	Aboriginal Land Council Tasmania	Item 2.2
Greg Brown	Aboriginal Land Council Tasmania	Item 2.2
Michael Korber	Sharp Airlines Director (Via Teams)	Item 2.4

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Workshop held on 10 June 2026 be noted.

DECISION

119.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn
That the Council Workshop held on 10 June 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



14 Publications and Reports Tabled For Information

Nil

15 Reports To Be Received

15.1 Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee

Action	For Noting
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	COM/0403 Furneaux Group Shipping SC
Annexures	1. 2026.05.25 - Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee - Unconfirmed Minutes [15.1.1 - 7 pages]

Officer's Report

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee held on 25 May 2026 have been provided for consideration. The minutes outline what the Committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee held on 25 May 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item be noted.

DECISION

120.06.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke
That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee held on 25 May 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



16 Councillors' Reports

16.1 Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee

Action	For Noting
Councillor	Mayor Rachel Summers
File Reference	CDV/0702 Whitemark Community Gym
Annexures	1. 260518 - WCGSC Unconfirmed Minutes Redacted [16.1.1 - 4 pages]

Councillor's Report

The unconfirmed minutes of the Whitemark Community Gym Special Committee meeting held on 18th May 2026 have been provided for consideration. The minutes and notes outline what the Committee has been working on to date and can now be noted by Council.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Whitemark Gym Special Committee meeting held on the 18th May 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item can now be noted by Council.

DECISION

121.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Whitemark Gym Special Committee meeting held on the 18th May 2026 at Annexure 1 to this item can now be noted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

17 Mayor's Report

17.1 Mayor's Report For May/June 2026

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

Appointments

Date	Description
20/05/2026	Meeting with Jiaosha Chen - Visiting and Connection - Reconnect Practitioner
25/05/2026	Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee Meeting
25/05/2026	Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) Shared Services Discussion - Draft Structured Interview Questions
26/05/2026	Flinders Island Business Inc. (FIBI) Regular Meeting
26/05/2026	Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Tasmania Executive Meeting
27/05/2026	Ordinary Council Meeting
29/05/2026	NTDC Members Strategy Workshop
01/06/2026	TasPorts Fuel update
02/06/2026	Flinders Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC) meeting
03/06/2026	Governance Meeting
10/06/2026	Council Workshop
11/06/2026	NTDC Population Profiling Workshop
16/06/2026	Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. (FIAAI) Regular Meeting
17/06/2026	FIAAI Flip the Vape Event
18/06/2026	Local Government Elections – Online Session

Correspondence In

Date	From	Subject
18/05/2026	TOMRA Collection Pty Ltd	Partner Report
18/05/2026	Zeel Parry	Objection to the Lime Sand Extension
19/05/2026	Claire Beale Tasmanian Leaders	Facilitating Dialogue through Leadership
20/05/2026	Australian Rural Leadership Foundation	Murray-Darling Basin Leadership Program webinar
20/05/2026	Office of the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP	Letter from the Premier, Jeremy Rockliff MP to the Hon Catherine King
21/05/2026	Dion Lester Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT)	For noting - State Budget overview
21/05/2026	Heather Kent Chief Executive Officer Palliative Care Tasmania	State Budget 26/27 – Response Statement



Date	From	Subject
22/05/2026	Josh Holloway Senior Lecturer in Government College of Business, Creative Arts, Law and Social Sciences	Your safety and wellbeing in Local Government – help us build the evidence
23/05/2026	Adrian Mythen Lughrata	Objection to Proposed Change of Landscape Conservation Status – Marshall Bay, Flinders Island – DA 2023/0038
23/05/2026	Heidi Marshall Emita	Letter of Objection to Marshall Bay Re- zoning and Sand Mining – Heidi Marshall
25/05/2026	Cheryl Wheatley Emita	RE Application to Flinders Council DA2023/00024 Rezone to Rural and Establish Lime Sand Extraction (level 2) Pit – Marshall Bay
25/05/2026	Marc Cobham Emita	RE: May Agenda item 16.2 – Review: DA 2023/038 Rezone to Rural and establish lime sand extraction (level 2) Pit – Marshall Bay
25/05/2026	Daryl Robson Executive Officer Conservation and Occupiers Authority (COA) Not for Profit (NFP) Group	Strategic Briefing: Activating Under-utilised Council Land for Rapid-Deployment Housing (Months, Not Years)
26/05/2026	Kaitlin Farrell Indigenous State Manager (TAS) Census Inclusive Strategies and Engagement Census of Population and Housing nipaluna (Hobart) Office Australian Bureau of Statistics	Requested Meeting to Discuss Upcoming 2026 Census
26/05/2026	Marc Cobham Emita	Letter for all Councillors / Mayor May 2026 Agenda item 16.2 -Review DA 2023/038 Rezone to Rural and Establish Lime Sand Extraction (level2) Pit- Marshall Bay
27/05/2026	Brett Smyth Pliris Global, on behalf of Bruno Angelico Managing Director BXB Technologies	WTE and Zero-CO2 Innovations to Benefit your Council
27/05/2026	Georgie Daly Project Manager and Marketing Advisor S. Group	Media Release: Sharp Airlines Addresses King Island Connectivity Following Rex Withdrawal



Date	From	Subject
28/05/2026	Alex Adams Executive Liaison Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance Shire of Lake Grace Western Australia	Invitation to attend Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance Advocacy Session - 22 June 2026
31/05/2026	Robyn Dilger Whitemark	Suggested Room Names
2/06/2026	Gerry Willis Lady Barron	Names for Rooms at Whitemark Hall
02/06/2026	Danielle Wood Chair Productivity Commission	Productivity Commission Survey: We'd Love Your Feedback
02/06/2026	David Harris Director Bass Strait Freight	Fuel Levy Decrease
02/06/2026	Dion Lester CEO, LGAT	Awards for Excellence and Service Awards - Nominations are closing soon
03/06/2026	Louise O'Leary Executive Assistant LGAT	For info LGAT 14 May - General Management Committee (GMC) Communique
03/06/2026	Ben Morris. Policy Director, LGAT	Aboriginal Heritage Act Reform – Consultation Open
03/06/2026	Sarah Ebbelaar Regional Engagement Manager Telstra Regional Australia, Tasmania	Progress of Actions from Connectivity Meeting
04/06/2026	Daniel McWilliams Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC)	Farewell Chris – NTDC Members
05/06/2026	Matt Linnegar Australian Rural Leadership Foundation	One Scholarship. One Leader. Real Change.
05/06/2026	Sophie Underwood State Director Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania	Breaking News: DAPs are Dead for Now
05/06/2026	Darren Pauli Cyber Strategy and Engagement Operations Security and Enablement, Networks and IT	Progress of Actions from Connectivity Meeting
09/06/2026	Jo Youl On Island Time	Rebel Sport and Flinders Island Potential Partnership



Date	From	Subject
10/06/2026	Peter Buzza Regional Project Officer, TAS Regional Tech Hub	Regional Techhub Funding and Service Update
12/06/2026	Caitlin Tucker Tasmania Transport Schemes Review	Tasmanian Transport Scheme Review – Consent To Use Submissions
12/06/2026	Jay Craig Jardine Lloyd Thompson Australia (JLTA) Public Sector	Invitation to the JLT Public Sector client event at Australian Local Government Association (ALGA): The Road to Resilience is Paved with Risks
15/06/2026	Jason Gordon Burradoo, NSW	Professional Expression of Interest: Senior Executive Leadership Support
15/06/2026	Emma Dilger Company Secretariat Coordinator TasWater	TasWater General Meeting – 25 June 2026
15/06/2026	Liz Ritchie Regional Australia Institute	Secure your Place at Regions Rising Western Australia
16/06/2026	Danielle Wood Chair Productivity Commission	Strategic Communications and Engagement (Productivity Commission) – Survey Reminder
16/06/2026	Sophie Underwood State Director Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania	The Vote on Reducing Your Local Representation is Coming – Act before 23 June
17/06/2026	Dr Tiana Pirtle Conservation Officer Tasmania	\$1.4billion: The Future Cost of Tasmania's Spirally Deer Problem
17/06/2026	LGAT Communications	LGAT Annual Conference 2026 – Registrations are Open
17/06/2026	Denise Hooke President Flinders Island Show Society	An Invitation from Flinders Island Show Society
19/06/2026	Marcus Blackie Mayor King Island Council	ALGA Next Week
19/06/2026	Katie Buxton Program Assistant Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor- General Government House Canberra	Confirmation: ALGWA 75 th Anniversary Reception – 24 June Government House, Canberra

Correspondence Out

Date	To	Subject
26/05/2026	Kate Walker Project Manager Furneaux Collective	Furneaux Collective Update – North East Advertiser Edition
02/06/2026	Gerry Willis Lady Barron	Names for Rooms at Whitemark Hall
09/06/2026	Adrian Mythen Lughrata	Response to Public Question
10/06/2026	Stuart Shepherd	Rebel Sport/Flinders Island Potential Partnership
12/06/2026	Holly Barnewall	Collective Concern and Call for Immediate Review of Glyphosate Use in Whitemark and Lady Barron
12/06/2026	Caitlin Tucker Tasmanian Transport Schemes Review Committee	Tasmanian Transport Schemes Review – Consent to use Submissions
19/06/2026	Michelle Hirschfield	Letter of Appreciation – Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee
19/06/2026	Marcus Blackie Mayor King Island Council	ALGA Next week

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's report for 29 June 2026 be received.

DECISION

122.06.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That the Mayor's report for 29 June 2026 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

18 Development Services

18.1 Development Application Report for May 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Jacci Smith - Development Services Manager
File Reference	PLN/0105 Development
Annexures	1. May 2026 DA Report to Council [18.1.1 - 1 page]

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 - May 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

123.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke
That the Planning Department Application Report – May 2026 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



19 Works and Services

19.1 Works and Services Update May 2026

Action	For Information
Officer	Oliver Ward - Works and Services Manager
File Reference	WOR/3000 Infrastructure
Annexures	1. Works Services Managers Report May 2026 [19.1.1 - 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 – May 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

DECISION

124.06.2026 Moved: Cr Ken Stockton

Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 1.40pm Mayor Rachel Summers passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace.

20 Notices of Motions

20.1 Notice of Motion - Resolution from the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee Meeting

Action	For Decision
Councillor	Mayor Rachel Summers
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	COM/0403 Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee
Annexures	Nil

Notice Of Motion

That Council approves advertising for the position of Community Sector Representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

Councillor's Report

Under the Terms Of Reference for the Furneaux Shipping Group Special Committee (the Committee) of Council, membership should include a representative from the Community Sector.

The sitting Community Sector Representative, Michelle Hirschfield tendered her resignation from the Committee on 14 May 2026. At the 25 May 2026 meeting of the Committee, members considered her resignation and the following motion was passed:

MOTION:

Moved: Jim Conn Seconded: Scott Wood

That the Committee accepts the resignation of the Community Sector representative Michelle Hirschfield and recommends to Council that they advertise for a Community Sector representative to join the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As the Chair of the Committee, I bring this recommendation to Council for a decision.

Previous Council Consideration

10.01.2018	25 January 2018
163.07.2018	19 July 2018
145.05.2019	16 April 2019
12.01.2020	23 January 2020
180.06.2023	28 June 2023
128.06.2024	26 June 2024
50.02.2025	26 February 2025
185.07.2025	23 July 2025

Previous Council Discussion

Nil

Officer's Report

At the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee meeting held Monday 25th May 2026, the Committee members considered the resignation of Michelle Hirschfield from the position of Community Sector representative and advertising of a replacement Community Sector representative.

The recommendation falls in line with the Terms Of Reference of the Committee and is a decision for Council.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

ACCESSIBILITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

2.2 Safe and reliable air and sea access to the islands

2.2.2 Engage with key stakeholders to support and improve commercial and community sea access.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

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

4.1.2 Improve communication channels between Council and Community to foster greater community participation and outcomes.

Budget and Financial Implications

Nil

Risk/Liability

Any recommendations of the Special Committee require the approval of a Council motion.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves advertising for the position of Community Sector Representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

MOTION

125.06.2026 Moved: Cr Rachel Summers Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That Council approves advertising for the position of Community Sector Representative on the Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 1.41pm Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace passed the Chair back to Mayor Rachel Summers.



21 Finance

21.1 Fees and Charges 2026-27 Amendment

Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	FIN/0701 Budget
Annexures	1. CONFIDENTIAL - CONFIDENTIAL L-2026.06.17 W Groves - Officiant Service Furneaux Islands Fee Increase [21.1.1 - 1 page]

Introduction

Under Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council can impose fees and charges with respect to the listed activities within the Act. These activities include the use of any property or facility owned by Council and any application, licence, permit or registration granted by the Council.

Previous Council Consideration

105.05.2026 27 May 2026
Considered Annually

Previous Council Discussion

15 April 2026 Council Workshop
13 May 2026 Council Workshop

Officer's Report

Council adopted the 2026-27 Schedule of Fees and Charges at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2026. A subsequent amendment is required to ensure the fee accurately reflects the cost of providing the service.

Under Burial and Funeral, Item 97 – Misc. Officiant Service, it is proposed that the fee be amended to read "at cost plus GST". A recent increase in officiant service fees (refer Confidential Annexure 1 to this item) has highlighted the need to replace the current fixed fee with a fee based on the actual cost of the service.

As multiple service providers may be engaged to deliver officiant services, the proposed amendment will ensure customers are charged the actual cost of the service while reducing the risk of Council incurring a loss due to changes in external provider fees.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

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

The proposed amendment will ensure the fee charged for officiant services reflects the actual cost incurred by Council. This will minimise the risk of Council subsidising increases in external service provider fees while ensuring customers are charged the cost of the service provided.

Risk/Liability

Failure to amend the fee may result in Council incurring a loss where the cost of providing the service exceeds the adopted fee.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, Pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993, amends Line 97 of the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 as adopted at the 27 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting: Burial and Funeral – Misc. Officiant Service to read '*at cost plus GST*'.

DECISION

126.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

That Council, pursuant to Section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993, amends Line 97 of the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 as adopted at the 27 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting: Burial and Funeral – Misc. Officiant Service to read 'at cost plus GST, if applicable'.

For the item 'Lite gym fees', add the wording "applicable to Whitemark Gym only".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.



22 Community and Economic Development

22.1 Community and Economic Development Report

Action	For Information
Officer	Sammi Gowthorp - Community Engagement Manager
File Reference	CDV/0300 Community Events EDV/0100 Business Support - General
Annexures	1. Community and Economic Development Report - May 2026 [22.1.1 - 1 page]

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

Officer's Report

This report will be provided monthly.

Please see Annexure 1 to this item.

Strategic Alignment

LIVEABILITY

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

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

DECISION

127.06.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Community Engagement Manager's Report – May 2026 be received and accepted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

23 Governance

23.1 Airport Operations Report



Action	For Information
Officer	Richard Harley - Airport Operations Coordinator
File Reference	AER/1500
Annexures	1. Airport Operations Report May 2026 [23.1.1 - 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 – May 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.

DECISION

128.06.2026 Moved: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke
That the Airport Operations Coordinators Report – May 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

23.2 Priority Projects June 2026



Action	For Decision
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	CSV/1708 Priority Projects
Annexures	1. 25.26 Priority - June 2026 [23.2.1 - 14 pages]

Introduction

Council periodically reviews and updates its Priority Projects List to identify significant infrastructure, service and community projects that are important to the future of the municipality.

Many of these projects are beyond the financial capacity of Council to deliver independently and require support from State and Federal Governments and other partners.

The list provides a clear framework for Council's advocacy efforts and helps communicate the municipality's key priorities for investment and collaboration.

The June 2026 Priority Projects list has been updated to reflect current community needs, changing circumstances, emerging opportunities and Council's strategic priorities for the 2026–27 financial year.

Previous Council Consideration

17.01.20210	17 January 2010
224.09.2017	21 September 2017
282.10.2018	11 October 2018
228.07.2023	26 July 2023
340.12.2025	10 December 2025

Previous Council Discussion

06 July 2017	Council Workshop
31 August 2017	Council Workshop
27 September 2018	Council Workshop
20 October 2020	Council Workshop
27 October 2020	Council Workshop
02 February 2021	Council Workshop
27 April 2021	Council Workshop
01 June 2021	Council Workshop
07 September 2021	Council Workshop
22 February 2023	Council Workshop
03 May 2023	Council Workshop
12 July 2023	Council Workshop
11 March 2026	Council Workshop
10 June 2026	Council Workshop

Officer's Report

Following workshops held on 11 March 2026 and 10 June 2026, the Priority Projects document has been reviewed and updated.

Six priority areas have been identified where external funding, partnership and advocacy are needed. The projects address current infrastructure and service challenges while supporting the future needs of the Flinders community.

The projects focus on practical improvements that will benefit residents, support local businesses and help ensure the long-term sustainability of the municipality.

The revised Priority Projects document is attached for Council's consideration and endorsement.

Statutory Requirement

Local Government Act 1993

Strategic Alignment

All areas of the Strategic Plan.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with endorsing the Priority Projects document. Should external funding opportunities arise, individual projects may be brought to Council for consideration of any required financial or in-kind contributions.

Risk/Liability

There is minimal risk associated with endorsing the Priority Projects. The document is intended to guide Council's advocacy efforts and does not commit Council to project delivery or expenditure.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the revised Priority Projects (June 2026) at Annexure 1 to this item.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

129.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

That Council defers the endorsement of the Priority Projects (June 2026) at Annexure 1 to this item until the inconsistencies within it regarding references to Flinders Island vs the Flinders Local Government Area are amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

23.3 Resolution Report - June 2026



Action	For Information
Officer	Warren Groves - General Manager
File Reference	GOV/0300 Councillor Resolution Reports
Annexures	1. 2026.06 - Resolution Report [23.3.1 - 4 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 – 29 June 2026.

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillor Resolution Report – 29 June 2026 be noted.

DECISION

130.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton
That the Councillor Resolution Report – 29 June 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

The meeting was suspended for a 5-minute recess at 2.15pm.

The meeting re-commenced at 2.20pm.

24 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.

DECISION

131.06.2026 Moved: Cr Stockton Seconded: Cr Blenkhorn

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 2.21pm Council moved into Closed Council.

24.1 Community Grant Project - Request for Extension

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

The following Decisions for item 24.1 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

133.06.2026 Moved: Cr Cox Seconded: Cr Stockton

That for item Community Grant Project - Request for Extension, the discussion held in closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

132.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Aaron Burke

That Council approves an extension of time for the 'Inclusive Beach Access - Allports Beach Project' until 30 December 2026 for:

- the Community Grant Round II 2024/2025 grant for the funding of \$4000;
- the Community Grant 2025/2026 grant for the funding of \$1,336;
- the Community Grant funding of \$5,336 to be carried forward to the 2026-2027 budget; and
- that no further extension of time be considered in relation to the funding beyond 30 December 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

24.2 Cape Barren Island (CBI) Blocks

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

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

The following Decision for item 24.2 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

135.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace

That for item 24.2 Cape Barren Island (CBI) Blocks, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and that the agenda item (with personal information redacted), excluding annexures, and the approved motion, be released to the public after the relevant party have responded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

24.3 Closed Resolution Report - June 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;(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

The following Decisions for item 24.3 for the Open Minutes was passed in Closed Council:

DECISION

137.06.2026 Moved: Cr Carol Cox

Seconded: Cr Ken Stockton

That for item 24.3 Councillor Closed Resolution Report, the discussions held in Closed Council remain confidential and the decision be released to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

DECISION

136.06.2026 Moved: Cr Garry Blenkhorn

Seconded: Cr Carol Cox

That the Councillor Closed Resolution Report at Annexure 1 to this item – June 2026 be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: (6-0)

Mayor Rachel Summers, Deputy Mayor Vanessa Grace, Cr Garry Blenkhorn, Cr Aaron Burke, Cr Carol Cox and Cr Ken Stockton.

At 3.27pm Council moved out of Closed Council.

At 3.27pm the Mayor declared the meeting Closed.

Closure of Meeting 3.27pm
