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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an **Ordinary Council** meeting of the Devonport City Council will be held in the Aberdeen Room, Level 2, parnaple centre, 137 Rooke Street, Devonport on Monday 27 July 2026, commencing at 5:30 PM.

The meeting will be open to the public and live streamed from 5:30 PM on Council's [YouTube channel](#).

QUALIFIED PERSONS

In accordance with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, I confirm that the reports in this agenda contain advice, information and recommendations given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.

Matthew Atkins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

22 07 2026

July 2026

Meeting	Date	Commencement Time
Ordinary Council	24 August 2026	05:30PM

**AGENDA FOR AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27 JULY 2026, IN THE ABERDEEN ROOM, LEVEL 2, paranaple centre, 137
ROOKE STREET, DEVONPORT AT 5:30 PM**

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Devonport City Council acknowledges and pays respect to the palawa-pakana people as the traditional and original owners of lutrawita and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather.

We also acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal elders past and present.

IN ATTENDANCE

All persons in attendance are advised that it is Council policy to record Council Meetings, in accordance with Council's Digital Recording Policy. The digital recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website for a minimum period of six months. The meeting will also be live streamed on Council's YouTube channel.

All persons in attendance are to be respectful of and considerate towards other persons attending and participating in the meeting. Any language or conduct that is considered offensive, defamatory or threatening to any person attending or participating in the meeting, or listening to the recording, will not be accepted.

ATTENDEES

		Apology
Chair	Cr A Jarman (Mayor)	
	Cr S Sheehan (Deputy Mayor)	
	Cr G Enniss	
	Cr P Hollister	
	Cr S Martin OAM	
	Cr A Moore	
	Cr L Murphy	
	Cr D Viney	
	Cr J Wilczynski	

LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

At the Devonport City Council, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas). For the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer means General Manager for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 PROCEDURAL

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 June 2026 as previously circulated be confirmed.

3.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public are invited to ask questions in accordance with Council's Public Question Time Policy (Min No 25/193 refers):

1. Public participation shall take place at Council meetings in accordance with Regulation 36 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.
2. Public participation will be the first agenda item following the formal motions: Apologies, Minutes and Declarations of Interest.
3. Questions without notice will be dependent on available time at the meeting (with a period of 30 minutes set aside at each meeting).
4. A member of the public who wishes to ask a question at the meeting is to state their name and address prior to asking their question.
5. A maximum of 3 questions per person are permitted, and the question must relate to activities of the Council.
6. A maximum period of 5 minutes will be allowed per person.
7. Questions are to be succinct, clear, are not to be a statement, nor contain lengthy preamble.
8. To allow opportunity, where necessary to research answers and limit questions taken on notice, a copy of any questions without notice, where possible, are to be provided by email or in person to Council by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.
9. A question by any member of the public and an answer to that question are not to be debated.
10. Questions without notice and their answers will be recorded in the minutes.
11. The Chairperson may take a question on notice in cases where the questions raised at the meeting require further research or clarification, or where a written response is specifically requested.
12. Protection of parliamentary privilege does not apply to local government and any statements or discussion in the Council Chambers, or any document produced, are subject to the laws of defamation.
13. The Chairperson may refuse to accept a question. If the Chairperson refuses to accept a question, the Chairperson is to give reason for doing so in accordance with the Public Question Time Policy.

3.2.1 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT PRIOR MEETINGS

Nil

3.2.2 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

Author: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in relation to the correspondence received from Mr RB Vellacott and Mr S 'Cush' Allison endorse the responses proposed and authorise their release.

MR ROBERT B VELLACOTT, 11 COCKER PLACE, DEVONPORT

A letter containing questions on notice received from Mr RB Vellacott on 19 July 2026 is **reproduced as Attachment 1**.

Q1 SUBJECT – Possible sale of council owned 17 Fenton Way Harris Scarfe Building

Ref - EXTRACT from the February 23rd 2026 Council Agenda 5.1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2026—2034)

I note the following

Asset Sales "The updated Long Term Financial Plan 2026-29=034 indicates that while Council holds adequate cash reserves – supported in part by required asset sales to the value of \$8,349,500 over the life of the plan."

Discussions have occurred in relation to further asset sales, such as 17 Fenton Way (Harris Scarfe Building), and further modelling will be undertaken to investigate the impact of such sales and presented to Council for consideration. "

In regard to the above –

- a) Has council had any discussion in regard to the site and adjacent car park being redeveloped?
- b) Has any councillor or senior staff had any enquiries or proposals to purchase and or redevelop one or both properties?
- c) What is the budgeted 2026 – 27 total revenue from all the tenancies in the building situated 17 Fenton Way?
- d) Is the present revenue for the building in accord with the original expected amount to be received?

Response

In addition to the information provided to your correspondence to Council dated 10/07/2026 on similar subject matter, Council are pleased to provide the following additional details:

Council does not have any current plans, for the redevelopment of the properties at 17 (Harris Scarfe) and 27 (car park) Fenton Way and is not currently considering any formal proposals or enquiries in relation to the purchase or development of either site.

Current rental returns for each tenancy are in accordance with the leasing provisions approved by Council, having regard to independent market valuation advice. Details of current rental amounts are commercial-in-confidence, however as a guide, total 26/27 budgeted rental for the 17 Fenton Way site is in the low \$400 thousands.

MR S 'CUSH' ALLISON, 65 WILMOT STREET, PORT SORELL

A letter containing questions on notice received from Mr S 'Cush' Allison on 19 July 2026 is **reproduced as Attachment 2.**

Q1 With all the community enquiries and the genuine concerns showed across the nation regarding the fast tracking of AI Data Centres including across Northern Tasmania.

The councillors would now be aware of 200 plus community members attending a Community Information Meeting in Wesley Vale on the 4th July 2026.

In the best interests of the community can the Council please advise if it is requesting that Firmus hold a Community Information Meeting in Devonport on the Wesley Vale AI Data Centre even though it isn't in Devonport's municipality?

If not, why not as Devonport is the most populated area affected by the direct health effects, like Latrobe, within a 12klms radius of the various infrastructure needed to for the Wesley Vale centre to operate?

Note: Firmus held a community information meeting in West Tamar even though the Bell Bay proposed AI Data Centre is not in their municipality.

Response

The Mayor has attended an online webinar with Fermus.

ATTACHMENTS

1. QsoN RBV for 27 July 2026 Harris Scarfe Building Asset Sales and parki [**3.2.2.1** - 1 page]
2. Questions on notice Devonport Council 27 th July 2026 general meeting - S Cush Allison [**3.2.2.2** - 1 page]

3.2.3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM THE PUBLIC

3.3 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

3.3.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

There were no Questions on Notice received from Councillors for the July 2026 Meeting.

3.3.2 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Questions without notice may be asked by Councillors, in accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

The Regulation provides that a Councillor may ask a question of the Chairperson, another Councillor, or the Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) (Regulation 34(1)).

In asking a question without notice at a meeting, a Councillor must not offer an argument or opinion, or draw any inference or make any imputations, except so far as may be necessary to explain the question (Regulation 34(2)).

The Chairperson must not permit any debate of a question without notice, or its answer (Regulation 34(3)).

The Chairperson, Councillor or Chief Executive Officer (General Manager) who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question (Regulation 34(4)).

The Chairperson may refuse to accept a question without notice (Regulation 33(3)) - if it is:

- defamatory;
- contains offensive language;
- is unlawful;
- does not relate to the activities of the Council; or
- does not meet the requirements specified in Regulation 33(2).

The Chairperson must give reasons for the refusal (Regulation 33(4)). The Chairperson may require a Councillor to put a question without notice in writing (Regulation 34(5)).

3.4 NOTICES OF MOTION

3.4.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ADOPTION OF REVISED DEVONPORT LIVE & LEARN STRATEGY 2026-2031 - CR S MARTIN OAM

Author: **Councillor Steve Martin OAM**

Endorser: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

In accordance with Regulation 19(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, a notice of motion has been received from Councillor Steve Martin OAM.

MOTION

That Council:

Adopt the revised Devonport Live & Learn Strategy 2026–2031, incorporating the additional actions relating to literacy, lifelong learning, and community learning partnerships; and further, that Council:

1. Explore opportunities for Devonport to become a member of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities;
2. Investigate membership in the Australian Learning Cities Network; and
3. Investigate membership in Adult Learning Australia to strengthen access to national resources, professional learning and sector collaboration.

SUPPORT

The updated Devonport Live & Learn Strategy 2026–2031 builds on the strong foundation established through extensive community collaboration. “*Developed by over 150 representatives from the education, community, industry, youth and government sectors,*” the Strategy aims to improve learning, training and employment outcomes for the community, establishing a solid base for lifelong learning that will influence future development, enterprise and innovation across the region.

The revised Strategy strengthens actions related to literacy, lifelong learning, community participation, workforce readiness and wellbeing. It also incorporates new actions that align with the Tasmanian Adult Literacy Strategy (2026–2035) and reinforces literacy as a foundation for health, economic resilience and community connection.

To support implementation and enhance Devonport's identity as a learning community, this report recommends that Council explore opportunities to join key national and international networks, including:

- the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities
- the Australian Learning Cities Network
- Adult Learning Australia

Membership in these networks would provide access to best practice, professional learning, research, collaboration opportunities and benchmarking tools, particularly the UNESCO Learning City Indicators, which align strongly with the goals and aspirations of the updated Strategy.

Adopting the revised Strategy and exploring these memberships will strengthen Devonport's capacity to deliver on the vision of LIVING CITY and support a community where every person can live well, learn well and thrive.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

While the former Live & Learn work provided useful background and community context, Council's current adopted strategic framework is the Living Well Strategy, which includes a specific pillar for *Learning Well in Devonport*. This pillar already recognises the importance of lifelong learning, literacy, skills development and community participation as key contributors to individual and community wellbeing. On this basis, any further work in this area should be considered in the context of the adopted Living Well Strategy, rather than through the adoption of a separate Live & Learn Strategy.

A report regarding the previous Live & Learn Strategy was provided to Council at the March 2026 Council meeting. The report noted that the Strategy was considered a community document at the time, rather than a specific Council strategy. The Strategy was developed by the Learning Communities Special Interest Group and was not formally adopted by Council.

At the March meeting Council resolved to *'take no further action for the Live & Learn Strategy'*, recognising the newly adopted Living Well Strategy. The report did suggest that *'a copy of the Strategy should remain available on Council's website until such time that the Learning Communities Special Interest Group advise that it has been replaced or it should be removed from the website.'*

Council is resourced and has budgeted to fund Living Well initiatives that deliver on the focus area of Learning Well. However, there is currently no allowance to implement or lead the extensive list of actions outlined in the proposed Live & Learn Strategy, which would be a reasonable expectation if Council was to adopt this document.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Revised Devonport Live and Learn Strategy [3.4.1.1 - 15 pages]

4 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

The Mayor will now announce that Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under Regulation 29 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 for the consideration of all reports under Agenda Section 4.

Council is required to deal with items as a Planning Authority under the LUPAA 1993 in a sequential manner.

Reports listed under Agenda Section 4 are to be dealt with at the meeting of Council in its capacity as a Planning Authority.

4.1 PA2026.0071 - 14 FORBES STREET, DEVONPORT - DEMOLITION AND RESIDENTIAL (MULTIPLE DWELLINGS X 1 ADDITIONAL)

Author: **Emma Pieniak, Planning Officer**
Endorser: **Kylie Lunson, Executive Manager**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Authority, pursuant to the provisions of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Devonport 2020* and section 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, approve application PA2026.0071 and grant a Permit to use and develop land identified as 14 Forbes Street, Devonport for the following purposes:

- Demolition and Residential (multiple dwellings 1x additional unit)

Subject to the following conditions:

1. The Use and Development is to proceed generally in accordance with the submitted plans referenced as project no. PD25391, dated 12.05.2026 by Prime Design, copies of which are attached and endorsed as documents forming part of this Planning Permit.
2. Prior to making any application under the Building Act 2016 a site survey must be carried out by a suitably qualified professional to determine the true boundaries pertaining to CT127727/1.
3. Any alteration or additions to the front fence must match the existing front fence.

ONSITE DETENTION REQUIREMENT

4. Stormwater discharge from the proposed development is to be hydraulically detailed and designed by a suitably qualified hydraulic engineer, for all storm events up to and including a 20-year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI), and for a suitable range of storm durations to identify peak discharge flows.
5. The design is to limit stormwater discharge from the proposed development by utilising a pipe sizing and/or on-site detention structures, to that equivalent to only 50% of the development site being impervious.
6. There is to be no uncontrolled overland flow discharge from the proposed development to any of the adjoining properties, for all the storm events up to and including 100 year ARI. All design calculations are to be submitted for approval by the City Engineer prior to lodgement of any subsequent applications made under the *Building Act 2016*.

VEHICULAR CROSSING REQUIRED

7. Before the commencement of the use, a new vehicular crossover must be provided to service this development. An application for such work must be lodged on the approved form. All unused crossovers and driveways must be removed prior to the occupation of the development.
8. No work shall be undertaken to construct the new vehicular crossing or to remove the existing driveway outside the property boundary without the prior approval of the works by Council.
9. The new crossing must be constructed to Council standards. The work must include all necessary alterations to other services including lowering/raising pit levels and/or

relocation of services. Permission to alter such services must be obtained from the relevant authority (e.g. TasWater, Telstra, and TasNetworks etc). The construction of the new crossover and driveway and removal of the unused crossover and driveway will be at the applicant's expense.

VEHICULAR CROSSING LOCATION

10. Notwithstanding the above condition, the proposed driveway to service the existing dwelling shall be relocated such that the driveway apron is 1000mm from the existing power pole.

CARPARKING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

11. Before the use commences, areas set aside for parking vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must:
 - a. be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
 - b. be surfaced with an impervious all-weather seal; and
 - c. be adequately drained to prevent stormwater being discharged to neighbouring property;
12. Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the development.

TASWATER

13. The developer is to comply with the conditions specified in the Submission to Planning Authority Notice which TasWater has required to be included in the planning permit pursuant to section 56P(1) of the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008*. A copy of this notice is appended as Attachment 3.

Note: The following is provided for information purposes.

The development is to comply with the requirements of the current National Construction Code. The developer is to obtain the necessary building and plumbing approvals and provide the required notifications in accordance with the *Building Act 2016* prior to commencing building or plumbing work.

Permitted hours of demolition/construction work are: Monday to Friday from 7am – 6pm, Saturday from 9am – 6pm, and Sunday and statutory holidays from 10am – 6pm.

The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected by the use or development through the:

- a) Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land; or the
- b) Emission of noise, dust, odour, artificial light, vibration, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, wastewater or any waste products.

No burning of any waste materials (including cleared vegetation) is to be undertaken on site. Any waste material is to be removed and disposed of at a licensed refuse waste disposal facility.

Addressing Advice:

- Existing dwelling will remain 14 Forbes Street; and
- Proposed Unit 2 will become 14A Forbes Street.

The owner/developer should make themselves aware of Council's *Strata Scheme Policy*, available on the website: [Strata Scheme Policy | Devonport City Council](#)

As a property within a Local Historic Heritage code precinct area the owner/developer should consult with a Planning Officer prior to carrying out any works. This includes buildings, solar panels, front fencing or trees.

In regard to conditions 4-12 the applicant should contact Council's Infrastructure & Works Department – Ph 6424 0511 with any enquiries.

In regard to condition 13 the applicant/developer should contact TasWater – Ph 136992 with any enquiries.

Enquiries regarding other conditions or notes can be directed to Council's Development Services Department – Ph 6424 0511.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

2.1 Council's Planning Scheme facilitates appropriate property use and development

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable Council, acting as a Planning Authority to make a decision regarding planning application PA2026.0071.

BACKGROUND

Planning Instrument:	<i>Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Devonport 2020</i>
Address:	14 Forbes Street, Devonport
Applicant:	Prime Design
Owner:	Ms P Wang
Proposal:	Demolition and Residential (multiple dwellings 1x additional unit)
Existing Use:	Residential
Zoning:	Local Business
Decision Due:	15 th July 2026, extension granted to 28 th July 2026

SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is situated on the western side of Forbes Street and comprises an existing heritage dwelling and outbuildings with vehicle access along the northern boundary.

Surrounding properties comprise a mixture of commercial and residential as illustrated in Figure 1. It is noted that cadastral boundaries of some of the properties shown in the aerial view do not represent the true surveyed boundaries of the certificate of title folio plan, however the site shown in proposal plans is accurate to the folio plan as shown in Figures 2 and 3.



Figure 1 – Aerial view (DCC GIS)

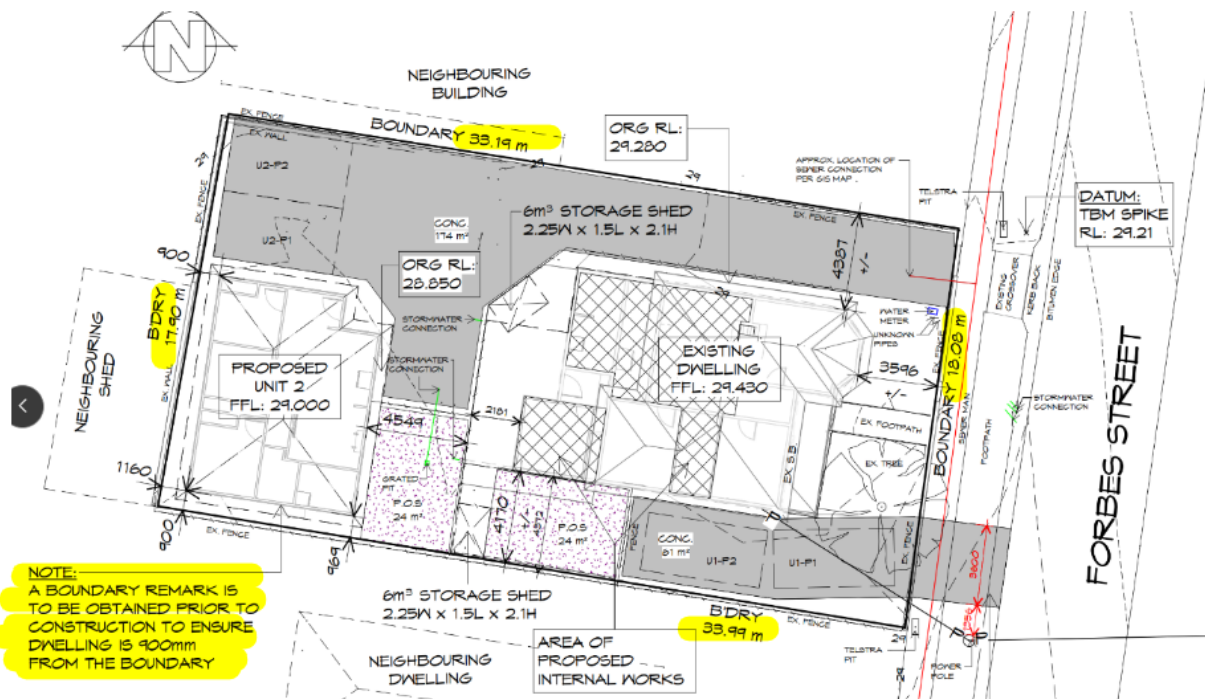


Figure 2 – Site plan with highlighted boundaries

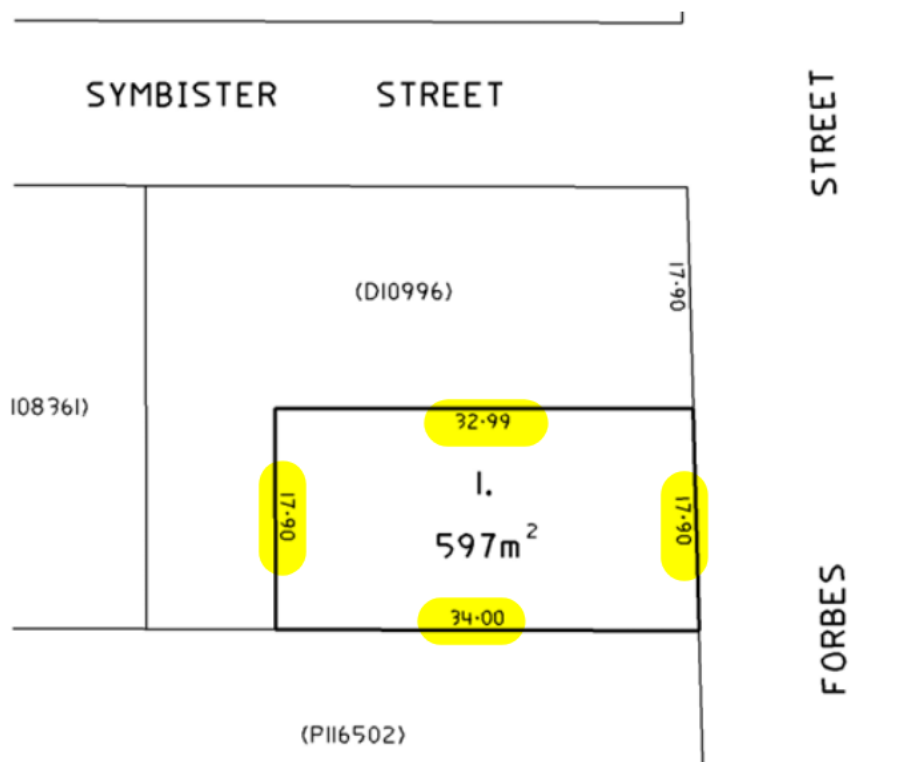


Figure 3 – Folio plan extract

APPLICATION DETAILS

The applicant is seeking approval for the demolition of existing outbuildings located along the northern side of the existing dwelling, and the construction of a three-bedroom dwelling towards the rear of the lot. Internal alterations of the existing dwelling area shown do not require planning consideration. The existing vehicle crossover will provide access, manoeuvring and parking for the proposed dwelling while a new vehicle crossover will provide access and parking for the existing dwelling. The proposal is illustrated in Figures 4 – 6 while the full application is appended to this report as **Attachment 1**.

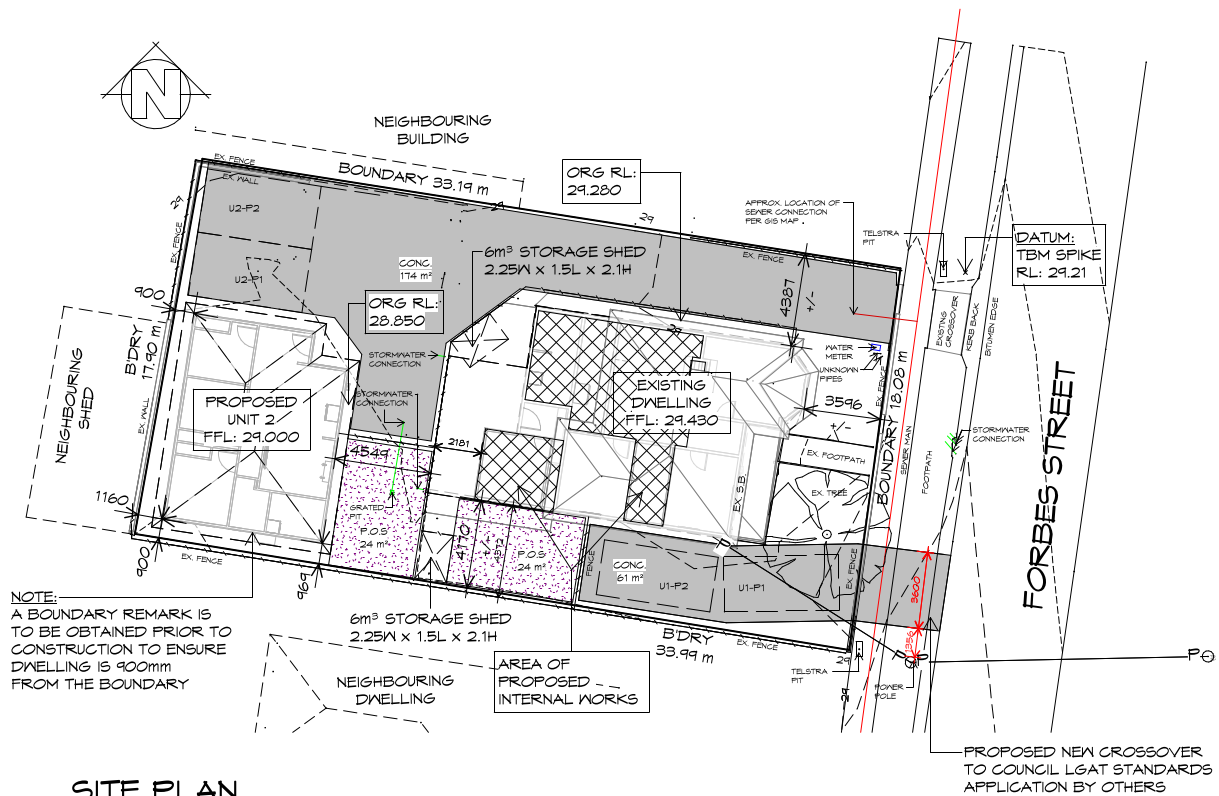


Figure 4 – Site plan

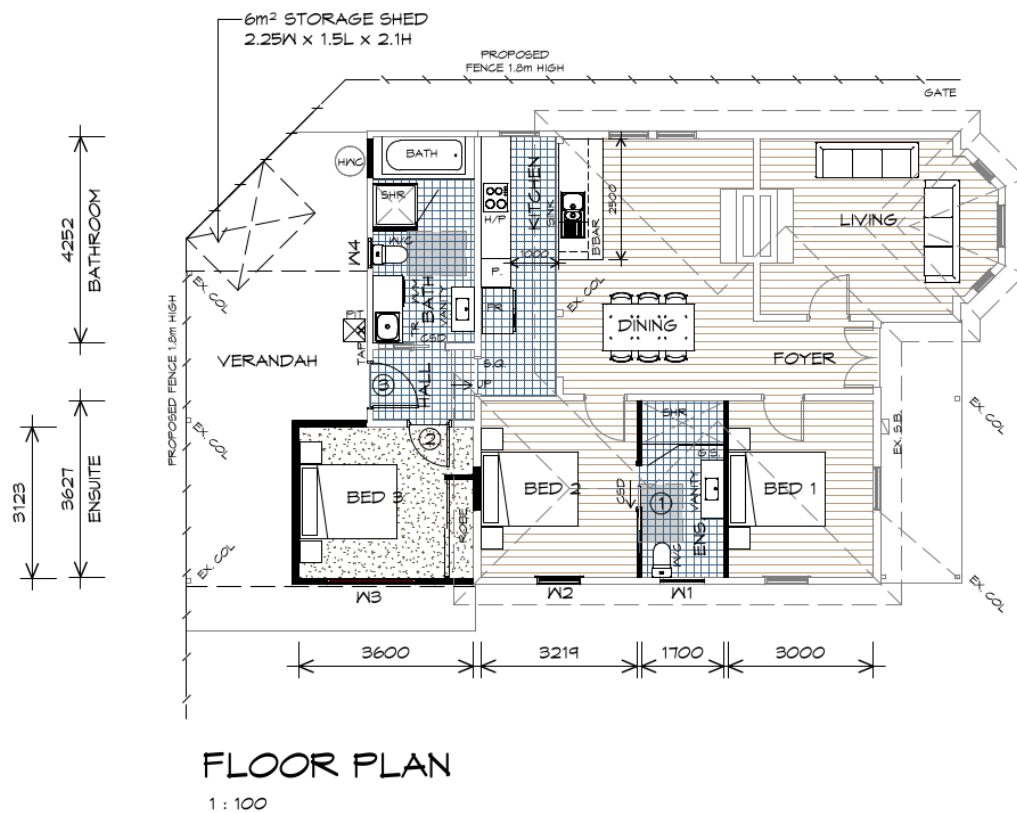


Figure 5 – Existing dwelling

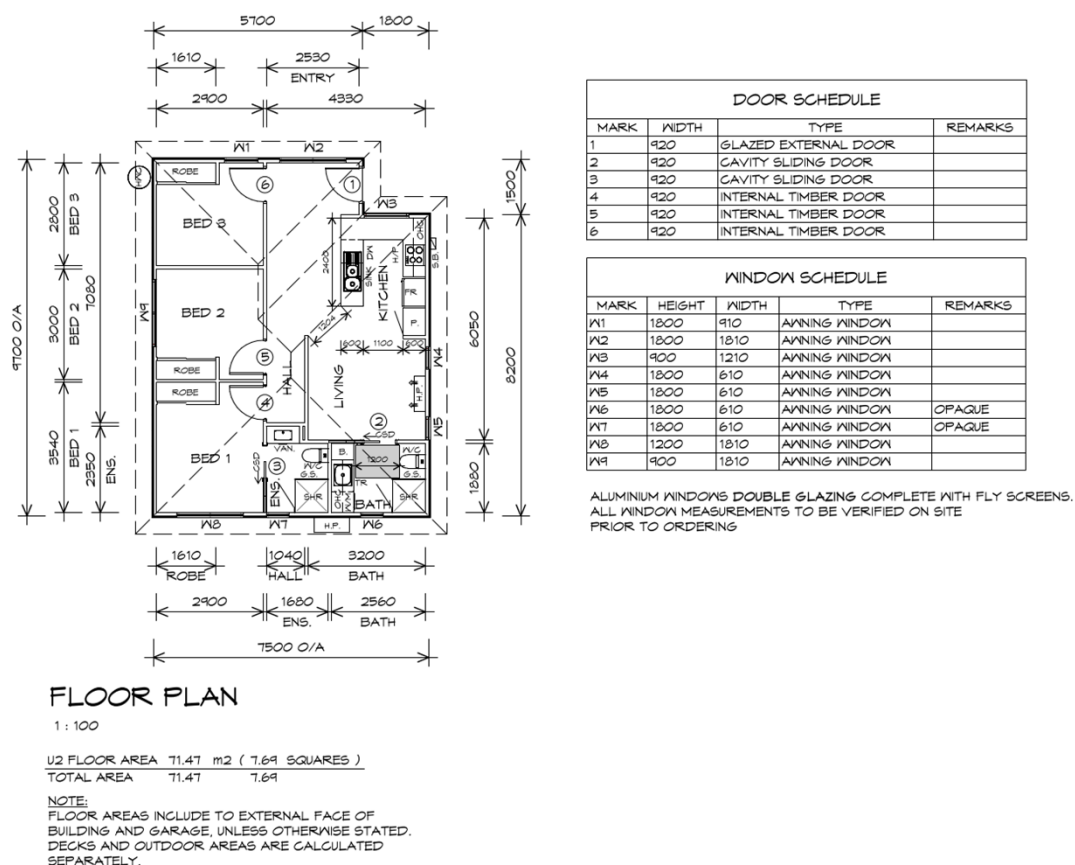


Figure 6 – Proposed dwelling

PLANNING ISSUES

The land is zoned Local Business under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Devonport 2020*.

The purpose of the Local Business Zone is:

- 14.1.1 To provide for business, retail, administrative, professional, community and entertainment functions which meet the needs of a local area.
- 14.1.2 To ensure that the type and scale of use and development does not compromise or distort the activity centre hierarchy.
- 14.1.3 To encourage activity at pedestrian levels with active frontages and shop windows offering interest and engagement to shoppers.
- 14.1.4 To encourage Residential and Visitor Accommodation use if it supports the viability of the activity centre and an active street frontage is maintained.

A Residential use class is permitted under the Local Business zone located to the rear of a premises. The proposed development satisfies the acceptable solutions for development under the Local Business zone.

The proposal requires discretion under the Parking and Sustainable Transport Code and the subject site is located within an area affected by the Local Historic Heritage Code – local historic landscape precinct. An assessment of the applicable performance criteria is provided below.

Parking and Sustainable Transport Code

C2.5.1 Car parking numbers

Objectives:	That an appropriate level of car parking spaces are provided to meet the needs of the use.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
A1 The number of on-site car parking spaces must be no less than the number specified in Table C2.1, excluding if: (a) the site is subject to a parking plan for the area adopted by council, in which case parking provision (spaces or cash-in-lieu) must be in accordance with that plan; (b) the site is contained within a parking precinct plan and subject to Clause C2.7; (c) the site is subject to Clause C2.5.5; or (d) it relates to an intensification of an existing use or development or a change of use where: i. the number of on-site car parking spaces for the existing use or development specified in Table C2.1 is greater than the number of car parking spaces specified in Table C2.1 for the proposed use or development, in which case no additional on-site car parking is required; or ii. the number of on-site car parking spaces for the existing use or development specified in Table C2.1 is less than the number of car parking spaces specified in Table C2.1 for the proposed use or development, in which case on-site car parking must be calculated as follows: $N = A + (C - B)$ N = Number of on-site car parking spaces required A = Number of existing on site car parking spaces B = Number of on-site car parking spaces required for the existing use or development specified in Table C2.1 C = Number of on-site car parking spaces required for the proposed use or development specified in Table C2.1.	P1.1 The number of on-site car parking spaces for uses, excluding dwellings, must meet the reasonable needs of the use, having regard to: (a) the availability of off-street public car parking spaces within reasonable walking distance of the site; (b) the ability of multiple users to share spaces because of: i. variations in car parking demand over time; or ii. efficiencies gained by consolidation of car parking spaces; (c) the availability and frequency of public transport within reasonable walking distance of the site; (d) the availability and frequency of other transport alternatives; (e) any site constraints such as existing buildings, slope, drainage, vegetation and landscaping; (f) the availability, accessibility and safety of on-street parking, having regard to the nature of the roads, traffic management and other uses in the vicinity; (g) the effect on streetscape; and (h) any assessment by a suitably qualified person of the actual car parking demand determined having regard to the scale and nature of the use and development. P1.2 The number of car parking spaces for dwellings must meet the reasonable needs of the use, having regard to: (a) the nature and intensity of the use and car parking required; (b) the size of the dwelling and the number of bedrooms; and (c) the pattern of parking in the surrounding area.

P1.2 – the proposed development requires one visitor parking space on-site to meet the required number of parking spaces specified in Table C2.1. The proposal seeks to omit this requirement.

The subject site is located within an area of commercial and residential development where there are no on-street parking restrictions. The available space along the east and west of Forbes Street immediate to the site is deemed suitable for any visitors to be accommodated within on-street parking. The scale of the proposed development is unlikely to result in parking demand that would cause detrimental impacts to the area.

The performance criteria are satisfied.

C2.6.3 Number of accesses for vehicles

Objective:	That: (a) access to land is provided which is safe and efficient for users of the land and all road network users, including but not limited to drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists by minimising the number of vehicle accesses; (b) accesses do not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity of adjoining uses; and (c) the number of accesses minimise impacts on the streetscape.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
A1 The number of accesses provided for each frontage must: (a) be no more than 1; or (b) no more than the existing number of accesses, whichever is the greater.	P1 The number of accesses for each frontage must be minimised, having regard to: (a) any loss of on-street parking; and (b) pedestrian safety and amenity; (c) traffic safety; (d) residential amenity on adjoining land; and (e) the impact on the streetscape.

P1 – the proposed development seeks to provide an additional 3.6m wide crossover to service the existing dwelling. The additional crossover will effectively cause the loss of one on-street parking space. This is not considered significant based upon the unrestricted parking available on-street in proximity to the site available to both resident and commercial properties. The additional vehicle crossing will not cause any impact to the safety of pedestrian and road users and will have no impact upon the streetscape. The performance criteria are met.

Local Historic Heritage Code

C6.7.1 Demolition within a local heritage precinct

Objective:	That demolition within a local heritage precinct does not have an unacceptable impact on the local historic heritage significance of the precinct.
Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria
A1 Within a local heritage precinct, demolition of a building, works or fabric, including trees, fences, walls and	P1 Within a local heritage precinct, demolition of a building, works or fabric, including trees, fences, walls and

outbuildings must: (a) not be on a local heritage place; (b) not be visible from any road or public open space; and (c) not involve a value, feature or characteristic specifically part of a precinct listed in the relevant Local Provisions Schedule.	outbuildings, must not cause an unacceptable impact on the local historic heritage significance of the local heritage precinct as identified in the relevant Local Provisions Schedule, having regard to: (a) the physical condition of the building, works, structure or trees; (b) the extent and rate of deterioration of the building, works, structure or trees; (c) the safety of the building, works, structure or trees; (d) the streetscape in which the building, works, structure or trees is located; (e) the special or unique contribution that the building, works, structure or trees makes to the streetscape or townscape values of the local heritage precinct identified in the relevant Local Provisions Schedule; (f) any options to reduce or mitigate deterioration; (g) whether demolition is a reasonable option to secure the long-term future of a building, works or structure; and (h) any economic considerations.
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P1 – the proposed demolition of existing outbuildings are later additions, an attached carport and a small garage. The demolition of these buildings does not detract from the character of the existing dwelling and are not considered buildings which contribute to the streetscape or heritage values of the precinct. The relevant performance criteria are satisfied.

C6.7.3 Buildings and works, excluding demolition

Objective:	That development within a local heritage precinct or a local historic landscape precinct is sympathetic to the character of that particular precinct	
Acceptable Solutions		Performance Criteria
A1 Within a local heritage precinct or local historic landscape precinct, building and works, excluding demolition, must: (a) not be on a local heritage place; (b) not be visible from any road or public open space; and (c) not involve a value, feature or characteristic specifically part of a local heritage precinct or local historic landscape precinct listed in		P1.1 Within a local heritage precinct, design and siting of buildings and works, excluding demolition, must be compatible with the local heritage precinct, except if a local heritage place of an architectural style different from that characterising the precinct, having regard to: (a) the streetscape or townscape values identified in the local historic heritage significance of the local heritage precinct, as identified in the relevant

the relevant Local Provisions Schedule.	Local Provisions Schedule; (b) the character and appearance of the surrounding area; (c) the height and bulk of other buildings in the surrounding area; (d) the setbacks of other buildings in the surrounding area; and (e) any relevant design criteria or conservation policies for the local heritage precinct, as identified in the relevant Local Provisions Schedule.
A2 Within a local heritage precinct, new front fences and gates must be designed and constructed to match the existing original fences on the site.	P2 Within a local heritage precinct, new front fences and gates must be compatible with the local heritage precinct, having regard to: (a) the streetscape or townscape values identified in the local historic heritage significance of the local heritage precinct, as identified in the relevant Local Provisions Schedule; (b) height, form, style and materials of the proposed fence; and (c) the style, characteristics and setbacks of fences and gates in the surrounding area.

P1.1 – the subject site is not identified as a local heritage place however the proposed development will be visible from the street, albeit setback considerably from the public realm. There are no design criteria or conservation policies specified for the schedule to the code. The surrounding streetscape exemplifies a mixture of building styles and uses.

The proposed development will maintain the setbacks and will be of a similar appearance to existing development within the adjoining property. The relevant performance criteria are satisfied.

A2 – the proposal does not indicate that front fencing will be altered other than to allow for the additional vehicle crossing. A condition on the planning permit will require any alteration or additions to the front fence match the existing. The acceptable solutions are met.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On 18/05/2026, Council received an application for the above development. Under section 57(3) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Planning Authority must give notice of an application for a permit. As prescribed at Section 9(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014*, the Planning Authority fulfilled this notification requirement by:

- (a) Advertising the application in *The Advocate* newspaper on 20/06/2026;
- (b) Making a copy of the proposal available in Council Offices from the 20/06/2026;
- (c) Notifying adjoining property owners by mail on 18/06/2026; and
- (d) Erecting a Site Notice for display from the 19/06/2026.

The period for representations to be received by Council closed on 06/07/2026.

REPRESENTATIONS

One representation was received within the prescribed 14 day public scrutiny period required by the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*. A copy of the representation is appended as **Attachment 2** to this report

The representation is concerned with the loss of on-street parking and impacts to established vegetation.

The proposed vehicle crossing will effectively reduce the on-street parking by one vehicle and as the responsible road authority, Council's Engineering and Development Officer has confirmed that this is not unreasonable and is supported.

Existing vegetation within the site that is to be removed is not likely to be of any significant age, which is suggested in historic aerial images of the site, see Figures 7 and 8. Existing vegetation within the adjoining property similarly does not appear to be of a size which requires significant tree protection areas that would affect the proposed driveway serving the existing dwelling. The existing large deciduous tree within the front setback is shown as being retained which will maintain the sense of character for the heritage streetscape. The loss of vegetation at the rear will not have any significant impact on the streetscape.

There are no issues raised that warrant changes to the proposal.



Figure 7 – Historic aerial view: 1941-1950 (LIST maps)



Figure 8 – Historic aerial view: 2015-2016 (LIST maps)

DISCUSSION

When determining an application under section 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* the planning authority must consider the matters outlined in clause 6.10.1 of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, including any representations, but only insofar as each matter is relevant to the particular discretion being sought. An assessment of the performance criteria against the discretionary matters identifies how the variations to the acceptable solution will have minimal to no impact upon the heritage precinct and adjoining properties.

The proposal has been reviewed by internal departments and State Authorities and have provided standard conditions to be included in the planning permit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications are predicted, unless an appeal is made against the Council's decision to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. In such instance, legal counsel will likely be required to represent Council. The opportunity for such an appeal exists as a result of the Council determining to either approve or refuse the permit application.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In its capacity as a planning authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA), Council is required to make a determination on this application for a discretionary planning permit. Due diligence has been exercised in the preparation of this report and there are no predicted risks associated with a determination of this application.

CONCLUSION

The proposed for demolition and development of one additional dwelling provides residential development with minimal discretion as discussed earlier in this report. The representors' concerns have been addressed and do not justify variation to the proposal. A planning permit can be issued subject to standard conditions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application PA2026.0071 - 14 Forbes Street [**4.1.1** - 41 pages]
2. Representation - L Ledden - PA2026.0071 - 14 Forbes Street [**4.1.2** - 1 page]
3. TasWater SPAN - PA2026.0071 - 14 Forbes Street [**4.1.3** - 3 pages]

5 REPORTS

5.1 DEVONPORT YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE

Author: **Kate Reilly, Community Services Manager**

Endorser: **Kylie Lunson, Executive Manager**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the attached draft Devonport Youth Advisory Group Terms of Reference with immediate effect.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

- 4.8 Young people and recognised and valued allowing them to reach their full potential
- 5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk and financial management

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to formally adopt the draft Devonport Youth Advisory Group (DEVYAG) Terms of Reference.

BACKGROUND

Terms of Reference for Advisory/Working Groups are submitted to Council on a biennial basis to review their currency and effectiveness.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

DEVYAG has been established as an advisory group, and there are no statutory requirements specific to this report.

DISCUSSION

The draft Terms of Reference for Devonport Youth Advisory Group are attached for Council's review and endorsement.

The DEVYAG Terms of Reference has been altered slightly to allow for flexibility for its members and to allow for recruitment to fall around exam periods. Once approved, Council officers will finalise recruitment and commence reappointment process for existing members, which will be returned to Council at its September meeting for final endorsement.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement has been undertaken as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial impacts as a result of this report. Administrative costs in relation to the coordination and facilitation of meetings are included in Council's operational budget.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- Workplace Health and Safety
To minimise any potential workplace health and safety risks, all endorsed members will complete Council's volunteer induction to ensure they understand their obligations under the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 2012*.
- Consultation and/or Communication
Special Interest and Working Groups assist in providing a mechanism by which Council can communicate effectively on special interest matters.

CONCLUSION

The Terms of Reference are consistent with Council's other Advisory/Working Groups and are put forward for Council's endorsement in order that membership can be progressed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 19 05 26 DRAFT DEVYAG terms of reference [**5.1.1** - 3 pages]

5.2 DAME ENID LYONS TRUST

Author: **Kylie Lunson, Executive Manager**

Endorser: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report regarding the Dame Enid Lyons Trust, prepared in response to a Notice of Motion.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk and financial management

SUMMARY

This report responds to Council's November 2025 Notice of Motion regarding the Dame Enid Lyons Trust. Following the resolution, Council obtained legal advice and provided it to the Trust. The Trustees have since resolved to dissolve the Trust, commence the winding-up process and transfer any remaining funds to an appropriate entity consistent with the Trust's essential provisions. As a result, no further action is proposed.

BACKGROUND

At Council's November 2025 meeting, a Notice of Motion from Cr Martin OAM was supported (res 25/211).

It was resolved that:

That Council in collaboration with the Trustees and the Dame Enid Lyons Trust Fund Committee, undertake the following actions:

1. *Revise Meeting Rules and update current meeting procedures to ensure best practice in governance, transparency, and efficiency.*
2. *Conduct a thorough review of the Trust Deed to confirm its alignment with both legal requirements and the original spirit of the deed. The purpose of the Fund is: to provide immediate personal relief to people who belong to Devonport, whether by living here, growing up here, or having another strong connection to our city, who are experiencing suffering, distress, misfortune, poverty, illness, destitution or helplessness. The Fund seeks to provide necessary support for those who cannot readily access assistance through other sources, or for whom such sources would not provide immediate relief.*
 - o *"Belong to Devonport" is intended to include all individuals in need, even if they do not currently have a fixed residence, such as young people experiencing homelessness.*
 - o *"Other sources" refers to things like insurance, public fundraising appeals, or government programs, which usually take time and therefore do not provide the immediate relief the Fund was actually designed to deliver.*
 - o *These clarifications hopefully make clear to everyone, that the Fund is meant to act quickly, compassionately, inclusively, and in line with Dame Enid Lyons' original vision.*

3. *Formally acknowledge and confirm the Trustees who wish to continue serving the Trust, ensuring continuity and stability in governance. For those Trustees who do not wish to continue, their positions are to be declared vacant and advertised, seeking interested individuals.*
4. *Confirm whether councillors not formally appointed to the Dame Enid Lyons Trust Fund Committee are permitted to attend meetings, consistent with current practice across other committees administered or controlled by Council.*
5. *Investigate the opportunity to transfer the Dame Enid Lyons Trust Fund Committee to the Home Hill Committee, under the National Trust, with the aim of ensuring the Fund is administered by a registered not-for-profit charity, that actively honours Dame Enid Lyons' legacy, promotes Dame Enid's importance to the community, and is committed to fundraising, promotion, and public awareness. This investigation should consider:*
 - a. *The legacy of Dame Enid Lyons, ensuring the Fund continues to reflect her life-long held values of compassion and immediate relief.*
 - b. *The connection to Home Hill, Dame Enid's family home, which is a focal point of her story and a place of community pride.*
 - c. *The potential for fundraising and promotional activities to be revitalised under a committee with demonstrated commitment to heritage and community causes.*
 - d. *The opportunity to link the Fund with tourism and community engagement at Home Hill, ensuring it is visible, respected, and supported by those who care about Dame Enid's contribution to our city, our state and our nation.*

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific statutory requirements arising from Council noting this report. The Dame Enid Lyons Trust is governed by its Trust Deed and applicable trust law, and the decision to wind up the Trust and transfer any remaining funds is a matter for the Trustees, in accordance with the legal advice received. Council's consideration of this report is consistent with its governance obligations under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DISCUSSION

Since the Notice of Motion was adopted, Council sought legal advice to assist to address the items raised in the motion. A copy of the advice is provided as a confidential attachment.

Upon receipt of the legal advice, a meeting of the Trust was convened, and a briefing paper was prepared for the Trustees.

A meeting of the Trust was held on Thursday 18 June 2026. At the meeting the Notice of Motion, the legal advice and the future of the Trust were all discussed.

The Trustees resolved to dissolve the Trust. The Trustees have now commenced the process to wind-up the Trust and transfer the remaining funds to an entity in line with the essential provisions of the Trust. The trust will make an announcement at the appropriate time who the funds will be transferred to.

Given that the Trust have resolved to dissolve no further action is proposed to be taken in relation to the notice of motion.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement was undertaken in preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications because of this report.

Council were responsible to pay for the cost of the legal advice it sought.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risks associated with Council adopting this report are considered low, as the recommendation is limited to noting the report. The primary risks relate to governance, legal compliance and reputation. These risks are mitigated by the legal advice obtained, the decision of the Trustees to dissolve the Trust, and the clear distinction between Council's role and the responsibilities of the Trustees. Council should ensure any communication about the matter accurately reflects that the winding up of the Trust and transfer of remaining funds are matters for the Trustees.

CONCLUSION

At its November 2025 meeting, Council supported a Notice of Motion. Council subsequently sought legal advice and provided it to the Dame Enid Lyons Trust. The Trust has since resolved to dissolve, and no further action will be taken in relation to the Notice of Motion.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Advice [**5.2.1** - 6 pages]

5.3 VOLUNTEER SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY STATUS UPDATE REPORT, 2021-2028

Author: **Kate Reilly, Community Services Manager**

Endorser: **Kylie Lunson, Executive Manager**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the status update of actions listed in the Devonport Community Volunteer Sustainability Strategy 2021-2028.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

4.7 An engaged community promotes and values diversity and equity

5.2 Promote active and purposeful community engagement and participation

SUMMARY

To report to Council on the progress of the actions outlined in the Devonport Community Volunteer Sustainability Strategy 2021-2028.

BACKGROUND

Council's Devonport Community Volunteer Sustainability Strategy was adopted in May 2021 and was developed as a co-designed document with Volunteering Tasmania, representatives from Devonport volunteering organisations and Council. The objective of the Strategy is to ensure the people of Devonport continue to benefit from a vibrant and relevant volunteer population. The Strategy outlines key collaborative actions aimed at safeguarding the future of volunteering in Devonport.

The key aims of the Strategy are:

Focus Area 1: Accessible & inclusive volunteering	- To build awareness and understanding of the value of volunteering for young people in Devonport. - To create welcoming and inclusive environments for new people to get involved in volunteering. - To increase the number of people volunteering across Devonport by making it easier for people to find and join volunteering opportunities.
Focus Area 2: Volunteer sector collaboration & connection	To work more effectively and efficiently as a volunteering community in Devonport by networking and collaborating.
Focus Area 3: Culture of volunteering	- To celebrate and recognise the contribution volunteers make to our community in a meaningful way. - To build and embed a stronger volunteering culture across the local community by increasing awareness and understanding of Devonport's volunteering community. - To establish safe and enjoyable environments for volunteers.
Focus Area 4: Best practice volunteer management	- To build the capacity, capability and supports for the volunteering sector in Devonport. - To increase the number of volunteering groups and organisations in Devonport that use best practice volunteer

	management principles to create safe, enjoyable and productive volunteer experiences.
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The Strategy is available from Council's website: [Council Plans & Strategies | Devonport City Council](#)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Section 20(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* outlines Council requirements in relation to reporting to the community.

20. Functions and powers of councils

- "(2) In performing its functions, the council may do any one or more of the following either within or outside its municipal area:*
- (a) develop, implement and monitor programmes to ensure adequate levels of its accountability to the community;*
 - (b) develop, implement and monitor effective management systems;*
 - (c) develop, implement and monitor procedures for effective consultation between the council and the community;*
 - (d) inform the community of its activities and provide reasonable opportunities for involvement in those activities;..."*

Providing updates on the progress of Council strategies is an effective way to achieve these functions.

DISCUSSION

Achievements and progress for the first 5 years of the Strategy are outlined in the Attachment to this report. Four of the 13 actions have been completed to date; Four are ongoing; Two are in progress; and 3 are yet to commence.

Council provides an opportunity for organisations with volunteers to celebrate them during Volunteer Week by providing certificates of appreciation.

A Volunteer breakfast is also facilitated and hosted by Council for community volunteers in December annually on International Volunteers Day.

Council has updated its policy and procedure documents, and Council's website has been updated and includes:

- Devonport Community Volunteering Strategy
- Volunteering Tasmania contacts
- Places to Volunteer in Tasmania
- Volunteering with Council (online registration form)
- Resources for volunteering organisations

Council's 2025/26 Annual Plan included an action to review and update the Volunteering Sustainability Strategy. The review found that COVID-related impacts and staffing challenges had delayed full implementation of the Strategy. As a result, the Strategy was extended to 2028.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was undertaken to assist with the development of the Strategy. No community engagement has been undertaken in the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Operational and capital funds are allocated to Strategy actions during the annual planning process. External funds may be sought throughout the year as the opportunity arises.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of the Strategy Action Plan will assist to ensure that the predicted shortfall of volunteers can be mitigated into the future.

CONCLUSION

Some progress has been made to implement actions listed in the Devonport Community Volunteer Sustainability Strategy, since its adoption in May 2021. A review of the Strategy is due in 2028.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Devonport Community Volunteer Sustainability Strategy Update 17 07 202 [5.3.1 - 2 pages]

5.4 DISABILITY INCLUSION PLAN 2026-2031

Author: **Kate Reilly, Community Services Manager**

Endorser: **Kylie Lunson, Executive Manager**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the updated Disability Inclusion Plan 2026-2031.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

- 4.1 Sport and recreation facilities and programs meet community needs
- 4.2 A vibrant City is created through the provision of cultural activities, events and facilities
- 4.4 Our community & visitors are safe and secure
- 4.7 An engaged community promotes and values diversity and equity
- 5.4 Council is recognised for its customer service delivery

SUMMARY

This report presents the Disability Inclusion Plan 2026–2031 (the Plan) following a review of the previous Plan's implementation and the priority areas for the next five years and seeks Council's endorsement of the revised document.

BACKGROUND

The previous Disability Inclusion Plan 2020-2025 has empowered Council, through extensive consultation, to identify and implement ways to make the City more accessible and inclusive to our disabled community and visitors.

Some of the achievements of the plan include:

- 1) Participation and Inclusion
 - More inclusive events and activities: Council events incorporated accessible formats (e.g. relaxed performances, captioning) and enabled participation by people with disability as attendees, performers and volunteers.
 - Companion Card adoption: Free entry for Companion Card holders became standard at Council-run venues and events, reducing cost barriers.
 - Stronger community voice: Establishment of the Access & Inclusion Working Group embedded lived-experience input into Council projects, events and planning.
 - Inclusive volunteering and employment pathways: Partnerships and internal practices supported volunteering and work opportunities for people of all abilities.
- 2) Communication and Awareness
 - Improved staff capability: Regular anti-discrimination and disability awareness training (including role-specific training for frontline staff) strengthened inclusive service delivery.

- Accessible information: Council information increasingly provided in plain English and alternative formats; accessibility statements and contact options were standardised across communications.
- Inclusive culture building: Council promoted disability awareness activities and improved representation of people with disability in marketing and community messaging.

3) Buildings and Facilities

- Accessibility by default: All new Council developments met accessibility standards, with access and inclusion embedded in design, procurement and tender processes.
- Upgraded existing assets: Universal design principles were applied in upgrades to toilets, parks, playgrounds, signage and public spaces, improving day-to-day usability.
- Major accessible amenities planned: Funding secured for a Changing Places facility, addressing a long-identified gap for people with high support needs.

4) Parking and Mobility

- Better accessible parking: Disability parking policies aligned with best practice; new and upgraded bays improved proximity and usability at key destinations and events.
- Mobility improvements: Installation of accessible bus shelters and targeted kerb ramp/footpath upgrades reduced physical barriers.
- Clearer access information: Work progressed on mapping and communicating accessibility of facilities and routes to support trip planning.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no statutory requirements in relation to this report.

DISCUSSION

The Disability Inclusion Plan 2020–2025 achieved significant progress in improving access to Council events, facilities, information and services, and strengthened the role of people with disability in shaping Council activities.

The Plan builds on these strong foundations by moving beyond individual initiatives to embed access and inclusion across all Council functions. It introduces a greater focus on digital accessibility, emerging technologies and whole-of-service experience, while strengthening governance, capability and community participation in decision-making.

This update reflects changes in national and state policy, evolving community expectations and the need to ensure Council's approach to inclusion remains contemporary, proactive and sustainable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement on the Plan's priorities was undertaken at the Mission Australia Day of Disability event in December 2025. The draft Plan was also presented to the Devonport Access and Inclusion Group, with its feedback considered in the updated Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no financial implications. All actions included in the Strategy will be delivered within the existing operational budget.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The revised Strategy will assist Council in managing risks around engagement and communication with those who live with disability and their carers. Without the support structures to ensure that we can engage in a meaningful way, Council decision making is compromised.

CONCLUSION

Disability inclusion continues to evolve as Council better understands the needs of people with disability and how to support their full participation in community life. As technology, health care, and community expectations advance, Council has an important role in enabling meaningful engagement, inclusive practices and active participation for all people in Devonport.

The Disability Inclusion Plan 2026-2031 builds on the strong foundations that have been achieved from the previous Plan. It is recommended that Council adopt the updated Plan with immediate effect.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Disability Inclusion Plan 2026-2031 [**5.4.1** - 20 pages]

5.5 SECOND SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW

Author: **Geoff Dobson, Creative Director**

Endorser: **Matthew Skirving, Executive Manager**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the submission by Alex Moss as the selected proposal to progress to implementation.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

3.2 Devonport's visitor industry is developed around its natural assets, history and location

SUMMARY

This report provides Council with information regarding two new concepts developed by Alex Moss and Darryl Rogers, respectively, for an additional sound and light show in the waterfront park precinct. The preferred candidate is to progress their concept through to design and implementation.

BACKGROUND

Council has undertaken an Expression of Interest (EOI) seeking suitably qualified designers to develop a new audiovisual presentation as part of the Sky to Sea sound and light installation, located within Waterfront Park.

The project aims to deliver a second sound and light experience that complements the existing Sky to Sea show while broadening the site's appeal for families and younger audiences.

A total of seven submissions were received by Council. The submissions were assessed by the Devonport Regional Gallery Advisory Committee against the criteria of experience, capacity to deliver engaging content for younger audiences, and stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

Of the seven submissions received, two candidates, Alex Moss and Darryl Rogers, demonstrated strong alignment with the project objectives and were shortlisted to progress to concept development.

The shortlisted candidates have submitted their further developed concepts for Council to consider in making a final selection.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no statutory requirements associated with this report.

DISCUSSION

Both concepts submitted by Alex Moss and Darryl Rogers present a clear creative approach and narrative direction. Each provides a considered response to the project brief, with a focus on delivering an engaging experience for families and younger audiences.

Alex Moss:

Alex Moss has proposed an immersive experience centred on the themes of curiosity, memory-making, and the term parallel perspectives; the thought that the same experience may be interpreted differently by children and adults. This approach has

informed Alex's creative direction with an emphasis on shared personal experiences across generations.

The experience is structured around the idea of one big day, delivered through five environments. Each environment captures small, meaningful moments, contributing to an overall experience that prioritises closeness, playfulness and emotional resonance, rather than large-scale spectacle.

Alex notes that this positions the concept as a complementary counterpoint to the existing Sky to Sea installation, focusing on quiet discovery and reflection.

The five proposed environments are:

1. Rockpools (Miniature Worlds)
2. Plants and Patterns (Growing Forms)
3. Curious Creatures (Seen and Unseen)
4. Campfire Constellations (Looking Down, Looking Up)
5. Surreal Sunrise (A New Day)

The submission places strong emphasis on sound design and layered storytelling, integrating locally sourced environmental imagery and audio. Alex proposes to use of a younger, feminine voice for narration, supported by diverse local contributions.

Visually, the concept combines photography, illustration, animation, and hand-drawn elements, with defined colour palettes for each environment to create variation and cohesion.

Alex's community engagement approach includes onsite and nature-based workshops, ongoing contribution points such as library-based activities and digital submissions, and proposed partnerships with local organisations including schools, arts groups, and the Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation (unconfirmed at the time of submission).

Darryl Rogers:

Darryl Rogers has proposed a culturally grounded, narrated experience based on the story of the Makalina (stingray). The story celebrates Tasmanian Aboriginal storytelling, cultural knowledge, and connection to place. It is centred on Riyawina, a young Aboriginal girl, her relationships, and her encounters with the Makalina.

The story incorporates themes of respect for cultural knowledge, emotional consequence, and the interconnectedness of land, water, sky and spirit. The narrative progresses through moments of tension and resolution, culminating in a conclusion that reinforces ongoing cultural presence.

The concept is intrinsically linked to the region and reflects a strong relationship to the river, ocean and sky. The parallels to the existing Sky to Sea show are evident in style and context.

The submission is supported by a multidisciplinary creative team specialising in storytelling, sound design, lighting, and visual production. Sound and narration are central to the experience, led by an established first nations storyteller, and supported by a coordinated visual language incorporating strong iconography, symbolic imagery, and defined colour palettes.

A notable feature of the proposal is its interactive dimension, with audiences encouraged to engage through shared actions and collective, directed movement.

Darryl's submission places significant emphasis on cultural authenticity and representation, with involvement from Palawa community performers and contributors. His proposal demonstrates a structured delivery model, supported by

experienced practitioners across key creative disciplines, providing confidence in Darryl's capacity to deliver a coordinated outcome.

Both proposals align with Council's objective to deliver an engaging sound and light experience for families and young audiences.

The Devonport Regional Gallery Advisory Committee members have reviewed both submissions and provided input as part of the assessment process. The individual assessment by Committee members has identified the concept proposed by Alex Moss as being the strongly preferred submission.

The Committee noted that Alex's concept offers a flexible, accessible experience that encourages exploration and interaction, without reliance on a linear narrative. The Committee commented on the strength of the proposed community engagement approach and highlighted the opportunity for meaningful community involvement, enabling local voices to shape the outcome and foster ownership.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The EOI process was publicly advertised and promoted by Council, and within creative industries networks across Tasmania.

No specific community engagement has been undertaken by Council in relation to this report. It is noted that both submissions include a proposed level of community engagement as a part of the implementation phase of the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's current Capital Works program includes project *CP0198 Waterfront Park Lighting Feature*, for the delivery of this project. The project deliverables required to implement the selected design concept will be managed within the remaining available capital budget allocation of \$181,105.00, as set out in Tabel 1 below:

No.	Item	Amount (ex. GST)
1	Design & Licencing fee for creative content	\$70,000
2	Equipment Purchase	\$65,000
3	Programming, Project Management, & Technical Support	\$35,000
4	Project contingency allocation	\$11,105
	TOTAL	\$181,105
	CP0198 Available Budget:	\$181,105

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Key risks associated with the project include:

- a) Delivery risk in developing content within the constraints of existing infrastructure;
- b) Reputational risk associated with commissioning outcomes that do not meet community or visitor expectations; and
- c) Project delivery risk associated with stakeholder coordination and timelines.

These risks are mitigated through the structured multi-stage EOI process, including staged assessment, concept development, and Council endorsement prior to final commissioning.

It is likely Mandy Lights will be engaged to ensure the project delivery fits within the existing capacity of the infrastructure and software onsite.

CONCLUSION

The two shortlisted submissions present well-developed and distinct responses to the project brief, each demonstrating a high level of creative capability and a considered approach to audience engagement, storytelling, and connection to place.

Alex Moss' proposal offers a flexible, experiential concept centred on community participation, shared experiences, and accessibility for families and younger audiences.

Darryl Rogers' submission presents a structured, narrative-driven approach grounded in cultural storytelling and performance.

Both proposals demonstrate merit and alignment with Council's intent to deliver a high-quality addition to the Sky to Sea experience. However, it is recommended that Council endorse the submission by Alex Moss as the preferred proposal to progress to implementation.

ATTACHMENTS

Second Sound & Light Show Stage 1 Concepts – Alex Moss & Darryl Rogers (Confidential Attachments)

5.6 HOME HILL JOINT STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Author: **Geoff Dobson, Creative Director**

Endorser: **Matthew Skirving, Executive Manager**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the *Home Hill Site Business Case & Plan*, including the following actions:

1. Continuation of the current Joint Steering Committee to oversee the implementation of planning and review actions contained in the Plan;
2. Prioritisation of securing funding for, and the delivery of, a Conservation Management Plan for the house and collection; and
3. Endorse an application for listing of the Home Hill site and collection on the National Heritage List.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

3.2 Devonport's visitor industry is developed around its natural assets, history, and location

SUMMARY

This report updates Council on the actions of the Home Hill Joint Steering Committee in relation to the Home Hill Historic Site: Future Use – Business Case and Plan.

BACKGROUND

Council and National Trust Tasmania (NTT) formed the Home Hill Joint Steering Committee in 2025 following a Council resolution to further review the Home Hill Historic Site: Future Use – Business Case and Plan (2023) prepared by SGS Economics and Planning.

24/108 Resolution

That Council:

Move that the Business Plan be further reviewed with the National Trust to ensure the Plan is consistent throughout and with Council and National Trust in full agreement moving forward. Carried 9 / 0

A range of actions and priority areas are included in the Business Case and Plan, devised to support the long-term management and feasibility of the Home Hill site. The plan includes a staged development strategy devised to achieve a self-governing, sustainable operating model.

Council's intention on forming the Joint Steering Committee was to ensure joint agreement between Council and NTT on the Business Case and Plan's proposed actions and priorities.

The Committee is responsible for providing coordinated advice to both Council and the NTT on a clear and agreed position for the future use, governance, and development of Home Hill. Furthermore, the Committee is to support the advancement of key enabling actions, including the development of a conservation management plan, attracting funding, and progressing potential partnership models.

A copy of the Home Hill Business Case & Plan is included as an attachment to this report.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no statutory requirements associated with this report.

DISCUSSION

Since forming, the Joint Steering Committee has had the aim of determining an agreed position on the proposed Home Hill staged development model, as detailed in the Business Case and Plan completed by SGS Economics & Planning.

NTT has confirmed their in-principle support for the staged development model, and have noting the following priorities, additions, and departures from the Plan:

1. Continuation of the Joint Steering Committee.
2. Prioritisation of the funding and delivery of a Conservation Management Plan.
3. Progression of a nomination for listing on the National Heritage List.

Joint Steering Committee

NTT does not support the establishment of an independent board of management as recommended in the Business Case and Plan. NTT considers that the current Joint Steering Committee is a suitable model to progress the priorities of the Plan.

Council Officers are supportive of the Joint Steering Committee progressing the planning and implementation of actions contained in the Plan, noting that a further review of long-term governance arrangements for the site should be considered prior to the implementation of any major development or expansion of programming at the site.

Conservation Management Plan

A priority for NTT is securing the necessary funding to undertake a Conservation Management Plan for both the property and the collection. This is also a recommendation of the Plan.

The Conservation Management Plan will assess, prioritise and guide ongoing conservation works for the house and its collection, and to ensure that the house and collection can safely accommodate any future redevelopment and operational changes, ensuring the heritage values of the site and collection are not jeopardised, damaged or diminished by increased activity.

NTT also recommends a review of the visitation and financial assumptions underpinning the Business Case and Plan once the outcomes and priorities of the Conservation Management Plan are known.

The above actions are supported by Council Officers.

National Heritage Listing

NTT has also expressed interest in progressing a nomination of the Home Hill site for inclusion on the National Heritage List. Inclusion on the List recognises places of outstanding heritage value to the nation and provides formal national recognition of significance.

If successful, National Heritage listing would introduce statutory protections under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), requiring that any action likely to have a significant impact on the site's heritage values is referred to the Australian Government for assessment.

While National Heritage listing provides recognition and increased awareness, it does not include funding or access to specific funding opportunities for listed properties. However, a listing may strengthen advocacy and partnership opportunities and enhance future funding applications.

The above action is recommended for Council endorsement by Officers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There has been no specific Community Engagement activities undertaken in relation to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The commissioning of a conservation management plan would require a budget and currently represents an unbudgeted expense for both NTT and Council. Grant funding opportunities are available, likely to require a joint application by NTT and Council.

As noted, National Heritage Listing does not guarantee future funding opportunities. Listing may result in added expenditure and resource requirement for any future development work of the site to ensure compliance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is an overarching risk to the Home Hill site of deterioration or disrepair if the site is not managed appropriately. A Conservation Management Plan will provide an understanding of the necessary actions and limitations to preserve the site for future generations.

A minor reputational risk exists for NTT and Council if a suitable management structure cannot be devised and agreed upon to ensure the site is operationally viable in the future.

CONCLUSION

Home Hill is an important heritage site for Devonport and the state of Tasmania. The site's preservation for future generations is important. The Home Hill Joint Working Group, between National Trust Tasmania and Council continue to work towards a viable and sustainable future for the site, considering the recommendations and strategies defined in the Home Hill Historic Site: Future Use – Business Case and Plan (2023) prepared by SGS Economics and Planning.

The commissioning of a Conservation Management Plan and seeking National Heritage listing support the future direction of Home Hill as devised within the Plan and will ensure the heritage values of the site are maintained.

ATTACHMENTS

1. NTT DCC 18 6 2026 [**5.6.1** - 1 page]
2. Home Hill Future Use Study [**5.6.2** - 44 pages]

5.7 TENDER REPORT CT0422 ANNUAL RESEAL PROGRAM

Author: **Jason Bellchambers, Infrastructure Manager**

Endorser: **Jeffrey Griffith, Deputy Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in relation to Contracts CT0422-01 and CT0422-02 for the delivery of the Annual Reseal Program:

1. Award contract CT0422-01 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Hotmix Asphalt to Hardings Group for the tendered sum of \$330,474, including the hotmix schedule of rates (ex GST);
2. Award contract CT0422-02 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing to Roadways Pty Ltd for the tendered sum of \$302,160, including the Reseal Preparation Works for the tendered sum of \$108,020 (ex GST);
3. Note the assessment of roads and scope of works may be adjusted or other roads included to meet condition and serviceability intervention levels within the capital and operating budget allocations; and
4. Allow project management and administration costs of \$18,000 (ex GST).

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

2.3 Active asset renewal program and clear infrastructure priorities for funding

SUMMARY

This report considers tenders received for project CT0422 Annual Reseal Program 2026/27 and seeks Council's approval to award:

- Contract CT0422-01 to Hardings Group; and
- Contract CT0422-02 to Roadways Pty Ltd.

BACKGROUND

Council budgets each financial year to undertake an amount of road resurfacing/ resealing across the road network. The budget each year is split into two contracts:

- (1) Hotmix Asphalt Surfacing; and
- (2) Sprayed Bitumen Surfacing.

Roads for resurfacing are identified using Council's Asset Management System and on-site assessment considering:

- the age of the road seal
- assessment of seal condition
- underlying pavement condition
- rate of deterioration
- recent maintenance history
- the road classification which considers traffic type and volume

Tenderers were asked to submit prices for the following list of roads requiring resurfacing in both Table 1 and 2:

TABLE 1 - CT0422-01 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Hotmix Asphalt Surfacing

Road	Segment	Length (m)
William Street	Steele Street Roundabout	40
Lawrence Drive	Depot Yard	80
Formby Road	Traffic signals under Highway - South Bound	85
Ellice Hill Drive	Turning Head	20
Redruth Avenue	Turning Head	15
Best Street	Gunn Street - William Street	200
Total		440

No preparational works is required or operational expenditure for any of the listed hotmix asphalt resurfacing sites.

TABLE 2 - CT0422-02 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing

Road	Segment	Length (m)
Gunn Street	George Street to Nicholls Street	158
Harold Street	Forbes Street to Hiller Street	237
Forth Road	Waverley Rd to 119 Forth Road	500
Cornelia Pl	Jiloa Way to End	74
Brooke Street	Caroline to Bovil Street	505
Ellice Hill	Kelcey Tier to End	873
Redruth Court	Ellice Hill to End	211
Lillico Road	Forth Road to 85 Lillico Road	2,023
Milton Lane	Howell Lane to Old Coast Road	271
Old Coast Rd	Old Coast to Milton Lane	212
Total		5,065

Reseal preparation work is required prior to completing sprayed bitumen surfacing, which will generally include pavement repairs and surface profile corrections prior to resealing.

The preparational works ensures the underlying surface creates the best bond for the new surface application, ensuring the life of the new seal is maximised. The preparation works is let with the sprayed bitumen surfacing tender to ensure the one contractor has control over the delivery of both components of the work and can schedule the work to ensure the best quality and least disruption, although the costs are inherently maintenance and are costed to the Operational Budget.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Council is required to comply with section 333A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and its adopted Code for Tenders and Contracts when considering awarding tenders over the prescribed amount.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were received from three companies, with the submissions assessed as conforming and are summarised in Table 3 and 4 below:

TABLE 3 - CT0422-01 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Hotmix Asphalt Surfacing

	Hardings Group	Roadways P/L	Fulton Hogan P/L
Supply & lay hotmix (7mm, 0-50t) on roads rate (per tonne)	\$412	\$553	\$852
Supply hotmix (full grade) ex. Plant (per tonne)	\$210	\$190	N/A
Tendered Price	\$330,474	\$337,398	\$424,350

All figures are excluding GST.

The tender also included a schedule of rates for ad-hoc road repairs and asphalt supply for Council collection. Hardings Group submitted lower rates for the supply & laying of hotmix on roads. Council collected and used approximately 402 tonnes of hotmix as part of routine road maintenance throughout last financial year. Hardings Group's asphalt plant is in Ulverstone, providing a convenient collection point for Council.

The Tender Planning and Evaluation Committee assessed each submission against the selection criteria with Hardings Group ranking highest overall and therefore offer Council best value for money for Contract CT0422-01.

TABLE 4 - CT0422-02 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing

	Roadways P/L	Hardings Group	Fulton Hogan P/L
Prep	\$108,020	\$111,003	\$181,909
Reseal	\$302,160	\$356,522	\$406,690
Tendered Price	\$410,180	\$467,525	\$588,588

All figures are excluding GST.

The tender includes operational cost for reseal preparation.

The Tender Planning and Evaluation Committee have assessed each submission against the selection criteria and determined that Roadways Pty Ltd has ranked highest overall and therefore offer Council best value for money Contract CT0422-02.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tenders were advertised through the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) procurement system, part of the National Procurement Network, via the Minor and Major Civil Works panel. LGAT Procurement assists Tasmanian Councils to undertake best practice procurement and deliver value for money for their communities by leveraging the combined purchasing power of councils around the country whilst buying locally.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2026-27 Capital Budget includes an allocation of \$900,000 for Project CT0422 Annual Reseal Program 2026-27.

The project estimate and budget impact are detailed in Table 5 below.

TABLE 5

No.	Tender	Budget
1	Contract CT0422-01 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Hotmix Asphalt Surfacing	\$330,474
2	Contract CT0422-02 Supply, Delivery and Placement of Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing	\$302,160
3	Project management/ administration	\$18,000
	TOTAL	\$650,634
	Budget	\$900,000
	Difference	\$249,336

All figures are excluding GST.

The list of roads and scope of works will be re-assessed after the winter period prior to scheduling the resurfacing. Depending on deterioration over the winter, the scope of works may be adjusted, or other roads included to meet condition and serviceability intervention levels within the capital budget allocation.

The forecast operational expenditure is shown in Table 6 below.

TABLE 6

No.	Tender	Budget
1	Contract CT0422-02 Reseal Preparation Works	\$108,020
	Budget	\$240,000

The operational expenditure component of the project is within the available budget.

Although depending on deterioration over the winter, the scope of preparational works may be adjusted to ensure the underlying surface and additional defects arising in the wet months are addressed prior to applying the new surface application. The remainder of the preparational works budget is used proactively on the following years reseal list.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The tender administration processes related to this contract complies with Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts which was developed in compliance with section 333A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The tender specification makes provision for rise and fall adjustments in the contract rate.

This inclusion to the contract reduces the risk of program delivery to both Council and the Contractor during periods of oil and bitumen price volatility.

The operational expenditure component of unforeseen variations is significant. On previous reseal preparation work packages there has been scope increases as assets approaching the end of life can deteriorate quickly through the winter months.

CONCLUSION

The Tender Planning and Evaluation Committee recommends that Hardings Group be awarded Contract CT0422-01 and Roadways Pty Ltd be awarded Contract CT0422-02.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.8 ROAD NETWORK STRATEGY UPDATE

Author: **Jason Bellchambers, Infrastructure Manager**

Endorser: **Jeffrey Griffith, Deputy Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the status update of actions listed in the Road Network Strategy 2023-2028.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

- 1.4 Our energy use is reduced
- 2.3 Active asset renewal program and clear infrastructure priorities for funding
- 3.2 Devonport's visitor industry is developed around its natural assets, history and location
- 3.3 Access in to, out of, and around the City is well planned and managed

SUMMARY

To report to Council on the progress of the actions outlined in the Road Network Strategy 2023-2028.

BACKGROUND

At the Council Workshop held in March 2026 in response to a Notice of Motion from September 2025, Councillors participated in a discussion on the City's transport network performance, accommodating future population growth and status update on a number of actions from the Road Network Strategy.

Council's Road Network Strategy 2023-2028 was adopted in May 2023. The objective of the Strategy is to provide for the strategic direction towards a safe and efficiently managed road network for all road users.

The Devonport Road Network Strategy (RNS) 2023-2028 provides the strategic framework for the planning, operation, and management of the municipal road network. It builds on earlier versions of the Strategy (2009, 2014, and 2016) recognising that significant changes in transport patterns, land use, and community expectations required a more contemporary, integrated approach.

The Strategy was developed to align Council's road network planning with broader strategic, legislative, and community outcomes, including the Devonport Strategic Plan 2009-2030. It is intended to guide decision-making across a range of functions, including:

- asset management planning
- traffic and road safety decision-making
- long-term network planning
- supporting land use development and urban growth

There are 22 actions within the Strategy which align with its Objectives:

1. the road network becomes safer
2. the road network is efficient and well connected for all modes
3. sustainable transport use increases

This report will review the progress made for each action on the journey for achieving the Strategy objectives. The Strategy is available from Council's website: [Council Plans & Strategies | Devonport City Council](#)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Section 20(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* outlines Council requirements in relation to reporting to the community.

20. Functions and powers of councils

- “(2) In performing its functions, the council may do any one or more of the following either within or outside its municipal area:*
- (a) develop, implement and monitor programmes to ensure adequate levels of its accountability to the community;*
 - (b) develop, implement and monitor effective management systems;*
 - (c) develop, implement and monitor procedures for effective consultation between the council and the community;*
 - (d) inform the community of its activities and provide reasonable opportunities for involvement in those activities;...”*

Providing updates on the progress of Council strategies is an effective way to achieve these functions.

DISCUSSION

Below is a table containing the Strategy's actions with associated priority, status and update details.

Action No	Action Description	Priority H-High M-Medium L-Low	Status N-Not yet started O-On track C-Complete	Status Update
Safer Network				
1.1	Develop and formally adopt a suite of road safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) aligned with State and National road safety strategies to enable consistent monitoring and reporting.	H	C	Road crash statistics are updated monthly and modelled for roads over a 5yr period analysing crash type, traffic volume and road function.
1.2	Undertake ongoing analysis of crash data across the network to identify high-risk locations and prioritise sites for investigation and intervention.	H	O	High risk locations are reviewed annually and black spot and vulnerable road user grant applications are submitted to fund safety-based upgrades, some of these include Sorell St & Oldaker St Roundabout, Mersey Main Rd & Kelcey Tier Rd Traffic Signals, Ronald St & Nicholls St Roundabout, etc..

1.3	Apply proactive safety assessment techniques (e.g. Safe System audits, risk assessments) to identify and address network risks before crashes occur.	M	C	Safe Systems Assessment are now embedded in the design phase of road projects, staff have all been trained and are competent in Safe Systems Principles.
1.4	Investigate and implement targeted road safety improvements within the CBD, focusing on traffic management, pedestrian safety, and vulnerable road user protection.	H	O	The CBD Road Safety Report to the November 2024 Council Meeting applied Safe Systems Assessment to identify and recommend a number of projects to improvement network conflict and improve safety in the CBD area, some of these include the speed limit reduction from 50km/h to a 40km/h area, installation of a raised intersection at Best St & Fenton St, the continuation of the Stewart Streetscape project to Edward and introduction of a raised intersection.
1.5	Investigate and implement safety improvements on arterial roads, including modal separation, speed management and intersection upgrades.	H	O	Traffic Network Analysis has been undertaken in priority areas such as Formby Rd, Bass Highway, Elizabeth St & Finlaysons Way Traffic Modelling & Network Upgrades Report, Homemaker Centre, along with CBD traffic analysis on major roads.
1.6	Investigate and implement safety improvements around schools, including traffic management treatments and travel behaviour programs.	H	O	The Walking & Riding Strategy has investigated transport modes around schools and safety-based path upgrades.
1.7	Develop and implement mechanisms to report road safety performance data to the community in a clear and accessible manner.	H	N	State Government has recently initiated the development of the State's next Road Safety Strategy, which will incorporate new data KPI's that will be provided to Councils to improve safety performance monitoring.

1.8	Identify, pursue and secure external funding opportunities to support delivery of road safety projects.	H	O	Black Spot Grants, Vulnerable Road User Program, Safer Rural Roads and Active Transport Grants have been obtained for priority projects every year.
Efficiency & Connectivity				
2.1	Resolve modal conflicts between heavy vehicles and bike riders on Wright Street through infrastructure upgrades associated with major projects.	H	O	The Port development along Wright Street in combination with the State Vehicle Entry Project has allowed the road to be upgraded to incorporate a Shared User Path with safe intersection points achieved to significantly improve safety for all users along this corridor.
2.2	Monitor performance, safety and operation of connections to Mersey Main Road and engage with the State Government to address issues.	M	O	Council has collaborated with State Government to complete a Road Network Operations Plan and the Devonport to Cradle Mountain Strategy, which both include the Stony Rise, Quoiba and Spreyton areas and will guide network improvements moving forward.
2.3	Investigate and determine a suitable heavy vehicle route from western rural areas to the Bass Highway, including required infrastructure upgrades.	M	O	Council is working collaboratively with State Government and Central Coast Council on heavy vehicle routes to service the agricultural areas of Forth to Don, road improvements include Lilloco Road Reconstruction during 2027 and possible speed limit reduction on Forth Rd to improve safe access.
2.4	Monitor and manage operation of the Fourways intersection to balance pedestrian, vehicle and community needs.	M	O	Upgrades to the traffic signals were completed during 2025 to provide pedestrians a 3 second advanced start prior to signal change allowing them to partially cross the road prior to a car receiving a green light.

2.5	Pursue funding and delivery of the Stony Rise Road shared path between Middle Road and Durkins Road.	M	O	The recently published Devonport to Cradle Mountain Strategy identifies the Shared User Path extension as a Short-Term priority.
2.6	Monitor and assess the performance of the Middle Road / Bass Highway interchange and implement improvements as required.	H	O	Monitoring of traffic performance at the interchange is ongoing with State Government. The early investigation of a new Bass Highway interchange into the Homemaker Centre will allow redistribution of traffic relieving the peak traffic congestion at the Middle Rd interchange.
2.7	Investigate changes to Fenton Way to improve access and circulation to the multi-level car park and surrounding CBD network.	M	O	Fenton Way upgraded to two-way traffic through to Market Square Carpark access, with the continuation of Fenton Way to be upgraded during the 2027 financial year completing connectivity with Oldaker St and North Fenton St.
2.8	Investigate and implement options to improve connectivity in East Devonport and surrounding areas.	M	O	Tarleton Rd from John St south to Torquay and along Torquay to Wright St has been upgraded, including the traffic signals at Tarleton & Torquay. Tarleton St from Wright St to Bridge Rd was also upgraded during 2024. Shared User Path upgrades connecting Reg Hope Park to 'Eastside Village' area is underway with Wight St upgrades.
2.9	Update and adopt the Transport Asset Management Plan to reflect current and future network needs.	M	C	The Transport Asset Management Plan was updated during 2026, following a Road Condition Assessment and Asset Revaluation was undertaken. This document has informed Councils Assets Register, Forward Capital Program and Financial Management Strategy.

Sustainable Transport				
3.1	Support and collaborate with major stakeholders to increase the use of public transport across the network.	M	O	Engineering staff are constantly engaging with public transport operators and the state department on projects, issues and improvements.
3.2	Deliver improvements to active transport infrastructure to enhance safety and connectivity for walking and cycling.	M	C	Council adopted the Walking & Riding Strategy at the June 2026 Council Meeting, which will guide Council on improvement projects moving forward.
3.3	Identify and resolve network conflicts involving active transport modes across the road network.	M	C	Active transport conflicts are identified in Council's Walking & Riding Strategy and will be progressively improved through the life of that Strategy.
3.4	Investigate and implement electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the city to support transition to low emission transport.	H	C	An increase in electric charging stations within the Market Square Carpark has been completed during 2025, with further priority areas addresses within the Council Parking Strategy adopted in 2025.
3.5	Implement transition of Council fleet to electric vehicles in line with sustainability objectives.	M	C	Additional electric vehicles have been added to Council's fleet each year, which is an action within Council's Environment Strategy

Based on the progress of individual actions, the Strategy is estimated to be 70% complete and remains on track for delivery by 2028.

The following section provides detailed updates on key items within the Strategy.

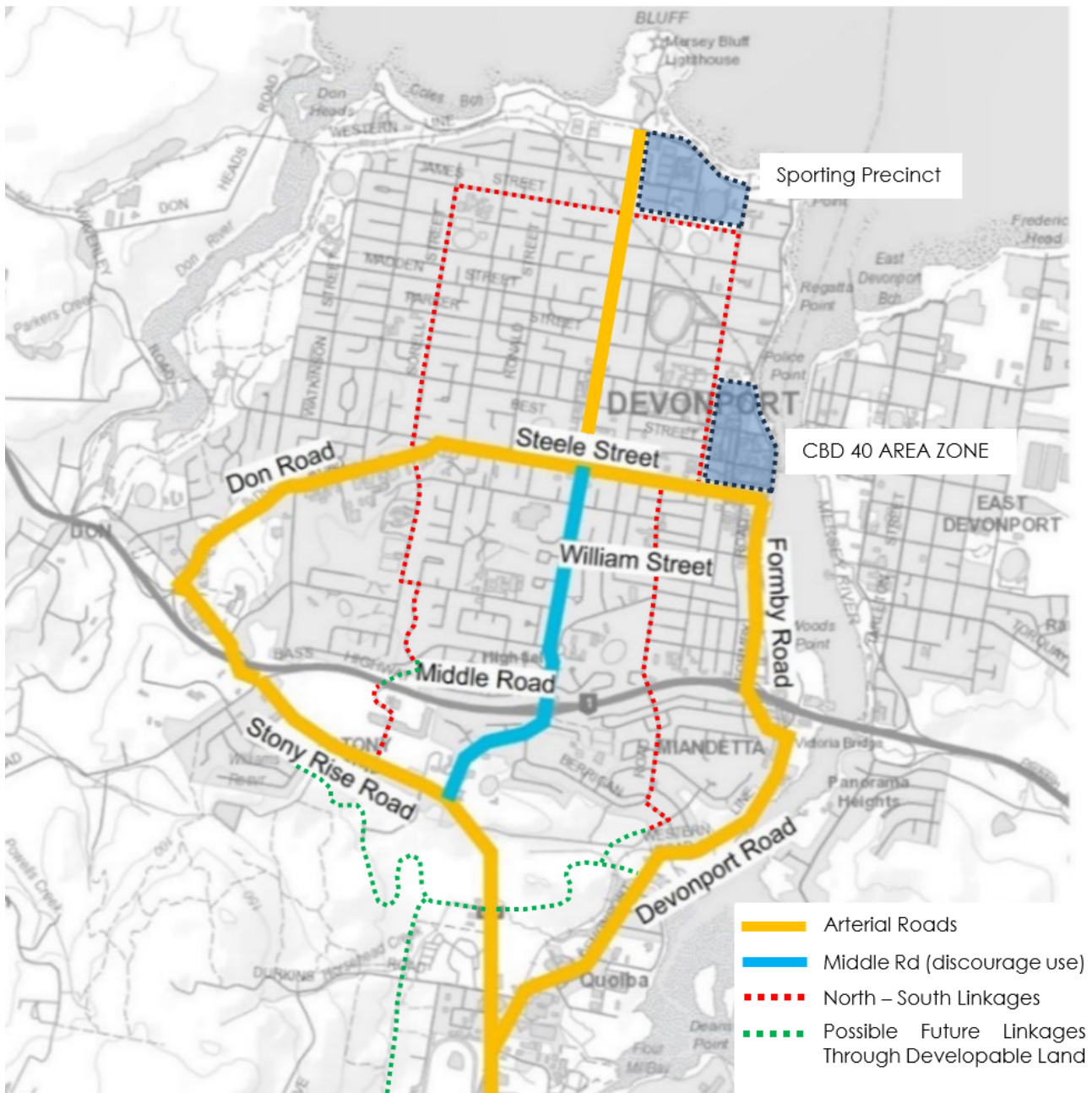
Road Network Linkages

There is currently underway or planned significant development throughout the City in key areas, including the CBD, Devonport Oval Sporting Precinct, Port Development and the Homemaker Centre.

The Bass Highway, Stony Rise Road & Mersey Main Road are all State Government managed, and combining Middle Rd and Devonport Rd forms a bottleneck for traffic travelling to/from the south into the City. With substantial residential growth areas to the south, the Bass Highway also effectively bisects the local road network forcing the majority of traffic to predominantly use either Formby Road, Middle Road or Don Road. These roads are becoming increasingly busy during peak periods.

Forward planning to provide additional linkages through the City to the south will allow better traffic distribution with the projected future growth. Some of these future linkages include:

- Sorell Street, James Street & North Fenton Street linking schools, sporting precinct and the CBD
- Homemaker Centre, Bass Highway and Morris Avenue linking to Valley Road and Don Road
- Stony Rise Road to Devonport Road and linking Berrigan Road onto Forbes Street. The Bass Highway Overpass connecting these areas is underutilised due to indirect connectivity to existing roads.
- A parallel secondary arterial link from Stony Rise, through Spreyton linking to Sheffield Road.



Increasing the number of linkages in/out of the city will:

- Alleviate growing traffic congestion and allow for future development growth
- Provide more direct linkage or alternative travel routes to key attraction areas

Council staff will continue to investigate and progress the development of these important road network linkages in partnership with State Government to ensure development - related traffic impacts are managed progressively and equitably.

Stony Rise & Homemaker Centre Improvements

Stony Rise Road and the Homemaker Centre is a key area identified in the Strategy as a developing area with increasing traffic volumes and limited road connectivity opportunities.

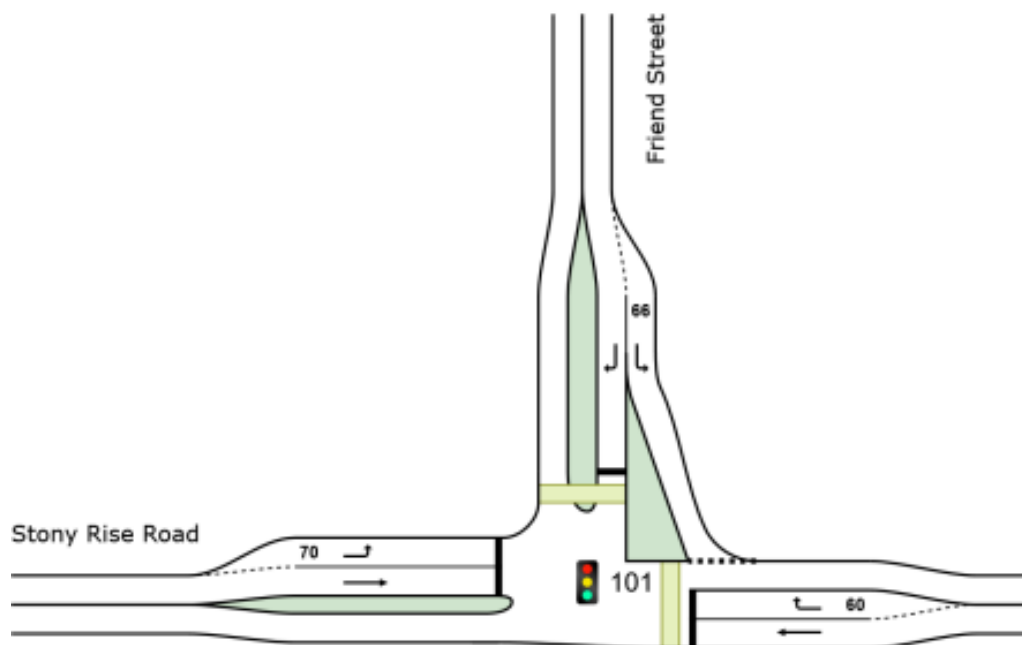
The following traffic studies have occurred since the commencement of this Strategy:

- 5 Friend Street Traffic Impact Assessment, Tipalea Partners, April 2022 (endorsed December 2024).
- Stony Rise Traffic Management and Public Transport Accessibility Review, Department of State Growth, June 2025.
- Devonport to Cradle Mountain Corridor Strategy, Department of State Growth, April 2026.

These traffic studies contain guiding detail on proposed road network upgrades.

Stony Rise Road & Friend Street Upgrades

The intersection of Stony Rise Road and Friend Street will be upgraded to accommodate traffic signals to control the traffic flow with the increase in volume of traffic.



These traffic studies identify the need to upgrade this intersection with the further development of the area to accommodate the fully developed scenario.

Further Development

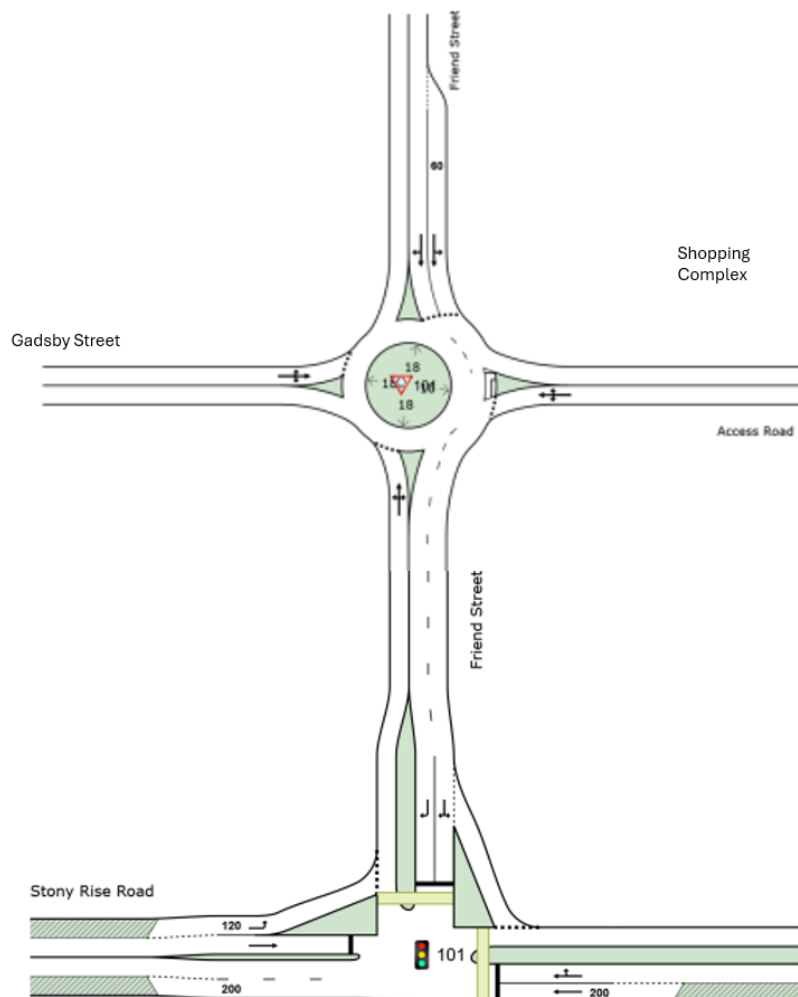
1 Gadsby St – 0.4ha
 2 Gadsby St – 0.98ha
 90-102 Stony Rise Rd – 1.05ha
 88 Stony Rise Rd 0.32ha

5 Friend St – 3.32ha



The Homemaker Shopping Complex is outlined in green, with further development parcels outlined in blue.

Once fully developed, further upgrades will involve the addition of a southbound lane extending from the Stony Rise Road traffic signals through the roundabout north along Friend Street to accommodate traffic queuing. The diagram below shows this arrangement.



To support future upgrades, Council must ensure that sufficient road reservation width is retained and that infrastructure is designed to accommodate future widening while minimising the need for rework.

Council staff will continue to monitor traffic volumes in partnership with State Government to ensure development-related traffic impacts are managed progressively and equitably.

Bass Highway & Friend Street Interchange Investigation

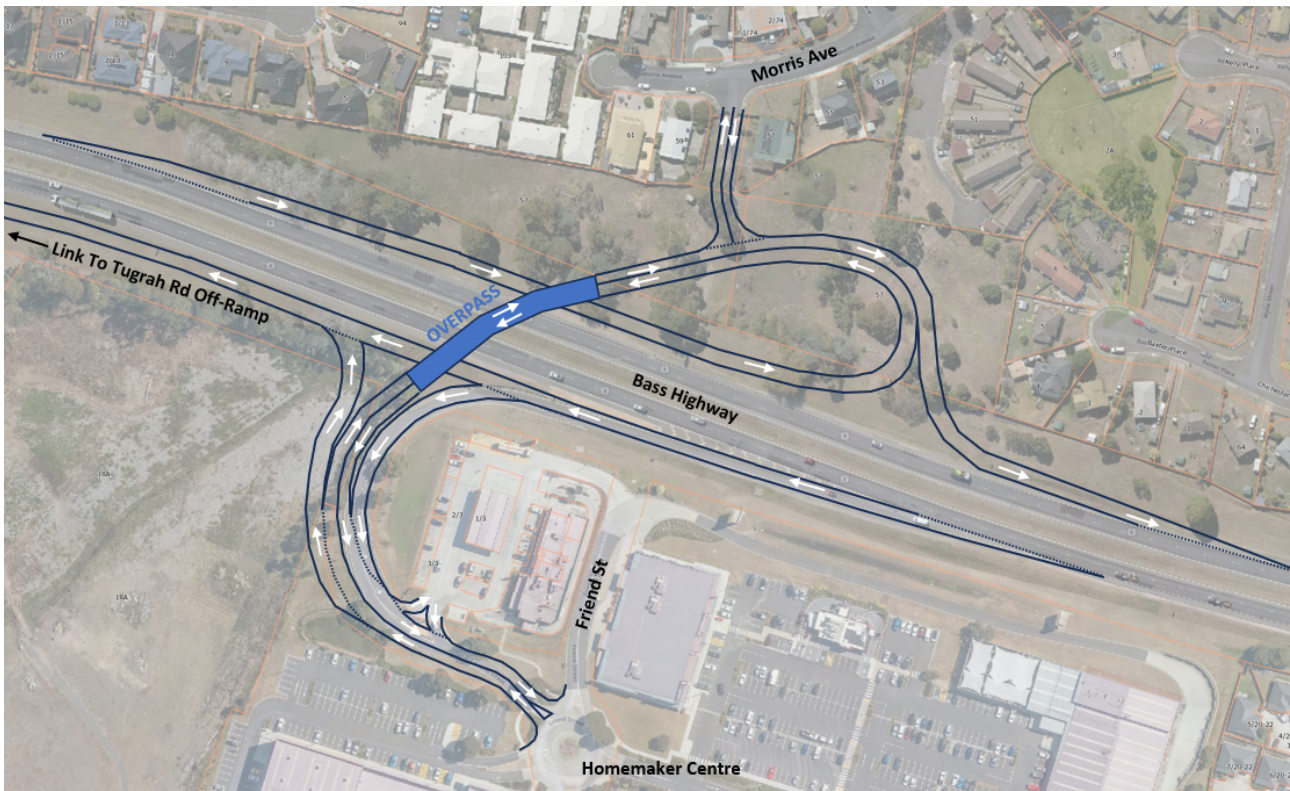
Due to limited access to and from the Homemaker Centre, upgrading the Bass Highway connection would help disperse traffic and improve network efficiency.

It is proposed to investigate the feasibility of a connection along the Bass Highway to the Tugrah Road off-ramp with a westbound on-ramp, or an interchange linkage over the Bass Highway between Friend Street and Morris Avenue, with new additional Bass Highway on/off ramps to the east and west bound lanes. These concepts are major undertakings requiring significant planning and land acquisition to achieve, see concepts below.

Tugrah Road connection along Bass Highway



Bass Highway Interchange Linkage to Morris Avenue with east/west on/off ramps



Council will work with State Government to investigate these proposals, with the objective of developing a long-term design concept for the solution.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was undertaken to assist with the development of the Strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All actions undertaken from this Strategy are considered and adopted annually with Council's operational and capital budgets.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risks associated with this status update report.

CONCLUSION

Council is progressing well with the actions contained within the Road Network Strategy and are on track to fulfilling the strategy's objectives.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5.9 NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - REQUEST TO INSTALL MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Author: **Chris Delphin, Governance Officer**
Endorser: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the application received by The Master Mariners Association of Tasmania for the placement of a commemorative plaque honouring the Merchant Navy; and

Option 1

Notify the application that the request be approved for the placement of a plaque at a suitable location within a high-profile park in central Devonport.

OR

Option 2

Not approve the application and notify the applicant accordingly.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

5.2 Promote active and purposeful community engagement and participation

SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Place and Assets Naming Policy, requests for the placement of commemorative plaques within the municipality are to be determined by Council.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 23 August 2021, Council adopted a Place and Assets Naming Policy (Min No 25/193). This Policy assists Council in considering requests for commemorative seats and plaques within the City and to ensure an equitable process for such requests. The Place and Assets Naming Policy is located on Council's website:

[Council Policies | Devonport City Council](#).

Council received a request on 16 June 2026 from the Master Mariners Association of Tasmania requesting the placement of a commemorative plaque to be installed to recognise the contribution of Merchant Seamen who served in our nation in both times of war and peace.

The plaque would honour those whose service was essential to Australia's defence, security and prosperity. It recognises those who served in the Merchant Navy between 1914 – 1918 and 1939 – 1945.

The proposal builds upon similar initiatives elsewhere in Tasmania. An example of the plaque sized 41 cm x 38 cm unveiled by the Mayor of Clarence Council is below.



STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no statutory requirements which relate to this report.

DISCUSSION

The placement of commemorative seats and commemorative plaques within the City, as endorsed by Council's Policy, is a visible and tangible recognition of the significant contributions made to the community by individuals, organisations, businesses, or clubs, and add to the amenity and interest of public open spaces.

The Master Mariners Association of Tasmania brings together serving and retired ship masters, harbour masters, pilots, maritime executive and other professionals involved in Tasmania's shipping industry. Historically it has advised governments on maritime matters and supported the establishment of the Australian Maritime College.

Because Devonport has such a strong maritime identity, representatives of the Master Mariners Association have occasionally attended or participated in maritime commemorations, port events and civic occasions around Tasmania.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement has been undertaken as a part of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Policy, the cost of purchasing and installing the commemorative plaque shall be borne by the applicant. Upon placement, the commemorative plaque becomes the property of the Devonport City Council, therefore there is minor cost for ongoing maintenance.

Further, Council reserves the right to remove the commemorative plaque, without referral or compensation, should the plaque fall into disrepair, become vandalised, or pose a risk to the public.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no known risks associated with this request.

CONCLUSION

The application relating to the installation of a plaque generally meets the criteria in respect of contribution made to Devonport.

The application may be approved, subject to a mutually agreeable location being determined.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter - Mayor - Merchant Navy Commemorative Plaque [**5.9.1** - 2 pages]

5.10 MOON PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT PROPOSAL

Author: **Claire Jordan, Executive Coordinator**

Endorser: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Moon Photography Project proposal and advise the proponent that it is not in a position to consider the proposal until the Hillcrest Permanent Memorial Project is established.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

- 4.2 A vibrant City is created through the provision of cultural activities, events and facilities

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to receive and note a proposal from Ian MacLeod Photography for a Moon Photography Interpretation Site.

BACKGROUND

A proposal has been received from Ian MacLeod Photography for a Moon Photography Interpretation Site to be established in Devonport.

A proposed site location at the eastern side of the Don River mouth has been identified, with the proposal consisting of a moon sculpture, seating, information panels and a designated "shooting spot".

It is proposed that the project will be funded by the proponent with the possible support or input from local service clubs. Once installed on-going ownership and responsibility for the assets would transfer to Council.

The proposed location is within close proximity of the Hillcrest Permanent Memorial Project site. Development works for this project are anticipated to commence in Spring 2026 and be completed around mid 2027.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Whilst this report is noting the proposal only, if a future decision is made by Council to support the project, Council as lessee of the area proposed for the project, will be required to make application to the Crown, as landowner, under the *Crown Lands Act 1976*.

DISCUSSION

Council has received a proposal from Ian MacLeod Photography to establish a Moon Photography Interpretation Site on the headland at the eastern side of the Don River mouth at Coles Beach, Devonport.

The proposed site would provide a designated location for photographing the moon, particularly when it rises behind the Mersey Bluff lighthouse. The concept includes seating, interpretive panels and a moon-themed sculpture or sign to support photography and promote awareness of moon photography opportunities in the area.

While the proposal has the potential to create an additional attraction and encourage visitation, the area is identified within Council's Public Open Space Strategy as having a primary function of "Environmental Land". Whilst this does not preclude the installation of built infrastructure, the intent is that the area remains predominately undeveloped.

The Hillcrest Permanent Memorial is planned for Crown Land immediately east of the proposed photography site. Whilst this has been considered by Council as suitable for the location, given the natural landscape focused design, opponents to the Memorial have been critical of the development on the basis that further built infrastructure should not occur in an area identified for environmental purposes.

Given this concern it would be prudent to wait until the Memorial is established before considering if the introduction of further infrastructure is appropriate.

Giving priority to the Hillcrest Permanent Memorial will also allow families and the wider community the time and space to connect with the site and use it for remembrance, reflection and commemoration. Introducing additional infrastructure or attractions nearby, particularly during the memorial's initial establishment, may affect the intended experience and significance of the Memorial.

Once the Hillcrest Permanent Memorial has been completed and the community has had time to connect with the space, the Moon Photography Interpretation Site proposal can be reconsidered. This will enable Council to more fully assess its suitability and any potential impacts on the Memorial and the surrounding area.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There is no community engagement associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

With any proposal such as this, there will always be different points of view and Council may be criticised by those who disagree with Council's decision.

CONCLUSION

That Council receive the Moon Photography Interpretation Site proposal and defer a decision on the proposal until completion of the Hillcrest Permanent Memorial Project.

ATTACHMENTS

Moon Photography Interpretation Site (Confidential Attachment)

6 INFORMATION

6.1 WORKSHOPS AND BRIEFING SESSIONS HELD SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Author: **Claire Jordan, Executive Coordinator**

Endorser: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That the report advising of Workshop Sessions held since the last Council meeting be received and the information noted.

Council is required by Regulation 10(3)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* to include in the Agenda the date and purpose of any Council Workshop held since the last meeting.

Date	Description	Purpose
22 June 2026	CEO Performance Review	Discussion and wrap up of CEO's Annual Performance Review process
13 July 2026	Indie School Tour	Tour of the new Indie School development in Fenton Way
	Minister Gavin Pearce MP, Minister for Primary Industries & Water, Minister for Veterans' Affairs	The Minister provided an update and opportunity for Q & A
	Don College Presentation – Flora and Fauna Emblem	Cr Martin OAM provided an update on the work being undertaken by Don College students to identify a flora and fauna emblem proposal for Devonport
	Surplus Properties	Preliminary discussion of potential surplus Council owned assets for future disposal
	Motions for LGAT General Meeting	Discussion of Motions received for LGAT General Meeting to be held in August 2026

Apologies from previous Workshop:

- Cr Leigh Murphy (22 June 2026) – Leave of Absence

Declarations of Interest received for previous Workshop:

Councillor	Item No	Reason	Remained in Workshop? Yes/No	If remaining, reason/s for decision
Cr L Murphy	Properties for disposal	Employed in Real Estate sector	Yes	No decision made – discussion only

6.2 MAYOR'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's Monthly Report be received and noted.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk and financial management

SUMMARY

This report details meetings and functions attended by the Mayor.

BACKGROUND

This report is provided regularly to Council, listing the meetings and functions attended by the Mayor.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

There are no statutory requirements which relate to this report.

DISCUSSION

In her capacity as Mayor, Councillor Alison Jarman attended the following meetings and functions between 17 June and 21 July 2026:

- Conducted radio interviews with 7AD, SeaFM, ABC and CoastFM
- Attended Council, Planning Authority Committee meetings and Workshops as scheduled
- Met with CEO and Council Officers on various matters
- Participated in video to promote Jazz, Roots and Blues Festival
- With the CEO, met with Simon Bennett from Koti Partners
- As part of the Cradle Coast Authority, attended a meeting hosted by Minister Kerry Vincent regarding Worker Accommodation & Report Release
- Attended Don College Production of 'The Campaign'
- Attended online meeting with Speaker and Moderator, Penny Terry, following on from the Tasmanian Women in Business Conference
- Attended online meeting for the Dame Enid Lyons Trust
- Attended online Finance Sub Committee Meeting for the Don River Railway
- Attended and presented awards at the STRIDE – School to Real Inclusion, Development and Employment Celebration Evening an initiative of Devonfield Enterprises Inc.
- Attended special preview of the 'you can be what you can see' storytelling campaign, an incentive of and hosted by Tasmania Jewels
- Attended Winter Feast at Dark Mofo
- Discussions regarding CEO's annual performance review with Councillors
- With the CEO, attended National General Assembly conference, Canberra
- Met with The Hon Ged Kearney MP and Hon Madeleine King MP on various matters
- Attended TasWater General Meeting
- With Cradle Coast Council Mayor, Cheryl Fuller, met with The Hon Peter Kahilil, MP
- With the CEO, attended the General Assembly Dinner hosted by Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese at the Australian War Memorial
- Met with Senator Tammy Tyrell

- Along with the CEO and local member Anne Urquhart MP, met with President of the Senate, the Hon. Sue Lines
- Toured the Australian War Memorial in Canberra with the Cradle Coast Council Mayor, Cheryl Fuller and Sharifah Zalia, Adviser, Office of Senator Josh Dolega
- Attended Rotary Club of Devonport North's Annual Changeover Dinner
- With the CEO, attended Dulverton Owners Representatives Meeting
- With the CEO, met with Devonfield Chair, Yvonne Edwards and CEO Sharlene Knight
- Attended and spoke at Miandetta Primary School Grade 5/6 following their persuasive writing exercise where they advocated for a water fountain at Miandetta Park
- Attended the Grand Opening Celebration for the recent rebranding and expansion of services of Complete Care Pharmacy, Devonport
- Attended a Spirit Readiness Tourism Workshop
- Attended A Wynyard Youth Crime Workshop
- Attended Lumen Cafe, East Devonport meeting new owners
- Attended a Memorial at the Country Club for the late Grant Goodwin
- With the CEO, attended the 2026 Barwon Health Gala Ball at the Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre
- Attended Devils v Box Hill Hawks game at the Dial Regional Sports Complex
- Attended Tiagarra Flag Raising Ceremony as part of NAIDOC Week
- Visited proprietors of Noodles and Rice following recent concerning activities
- Met with Advocacy Chair for Zonta Devonport and Tasmania, Jill Reid
- Attended Access and Inclusion Working Group Meeting
- Attended Devonport Transportation Roundtable
- Attended Teams meeting for Spirit of Tasmania with CEO Chris Carbone and Sophie Wright
- Participated in Term Plan Wrap up Video
- Joined online meeting hosted by the National Emergency Management Agency for AusAlert
- Joined Firmus webinar re data centres
- Attended Don River Railway Board Meeting
- Attended meeting regarding new Spirits with Community Services Manager and Events Coordinator, also attended by Marking and Events Specialist Alicia van Ek
- Along with Councillors, attended Workshop on Building Nature in Devonport to hear Professor Jason Byrne, University of Tasmania) who is assisting Council in developing the 'Build Nature In' Strategy
- Attended Volunteers Morning Tea at Don River Railway
- Participated in photo opportunity with Anne Urquhart MP and Don River Railway Board
- With Councillors, toured the Indie School
- Attended Don River Railway Finance Sub Committee meeting
- Presented trophies at the 2026 City of Devonport Squash Open
- Attended DCCI Breakfast with Federal Shadow Minister Small Business, Skills & Training Guy Barnett MP

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6.3 CEO'S REPORT

Author: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received and noted.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk and financial management

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the activities undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer, between 17 June and 21 July 2026. It also provides information on matters that may be of interest to Councillors and the community. For reference, the Chief Executive Officer was on leave from Monday 6 – Friday 17 July 2026, inclusive.

BACKGROUND

A monthly report provided by the Chief Executive Officer to highlight management and strategic issues that are being addressed by Council. The report also provides regular updates in relation to National, Regional and State based local government matters as well as State and Federal Government programs.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Council is required to comply with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and other legislation. The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Council and occupies the statutory position of General Manager, in accordance with the provisions of the *Act*.

DISCUSSION

1. COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

- 1.1. Attended and participated in regular scheduled internal staff and management meetings.
- 1.2. Attended Workshops, Planning Authority Committee Meetings and Council Meetings as required.
- 1.3. Attended Devonport Stadium PCG meeting.
- 1.4. Attended a tender assessment meeting for the proposed regional waste collection contract.
- 1.5. Along with the Mayor, met Simon Bennett from Koti Partners.
- 1.6. Attended Hillcrest Memorial Project Steering Committee Meeting.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (RESIDENTS & COMMUNITY GROUPS)

- 2.1. Met with Tim Hess & Stuart Ritchie to discuss the East Devonport marina project.
- 2.2. With the Mayor, met with Yvonne Edwards (Chair) & Sharlene Knight (CEO) – Devonfield Enterprises.
- 2.3. Met with Leigh Titmus from Rotary Club of Devonport North to discuss coastal pathway proposal for seat and shelter.

- 2.4. Attended meeting with Spreyton Cricket & Community Club Inc to discuss lease agreement.

3. NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND STATE BASED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- 3.1. Attended Cradle Coast Regional Land Use Strategy Steering Group Committee meeting and presentation.
- 3.2. Attended selection committee meetings (2 x) to discuss Director Recruitment for Dulverton Waste Management.
- 3.3. With the Mayor, attended the annual National General Assembly in Canberra.
- 3.4. Attended TasWater General Meeting.
- 3.5. Attended Dulverton Waste Management Owner Rep Meeting.
- 3.6. With the Mayor, attended as guests of the Greater Geelong City Council the 2026 Barwon Health Gala Ball, to recognise the opening of the Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre.
- 3.7. Met with TasWater CEO, George Theo and GM Operations, Brendan Windmeyer.
- 3.8. Attended TT Line Development Executive Steering Committee meeting.

4. STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

- 4.1. Along with the Mayor met with Federal Government Minister, the Hon. Catherine King MP.
- 4.2. Along with the Mayor and local member Anne Urquhart MP, met with President of the Senate, the Hon. Sue Lines.
- 4.3. Met with Minister Abetz's, Chief of Staff.
- 4.4. Met with Nic Street, Senior Advisor to the Premier.

5. OTHER

- 5.1. Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The information included above details any issues relating to community engagement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is not expected to be any impact on the Council's operating budget as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Any specific risk implications will be outlined in the commentary above. Any specific risk that may result in an issue for Council is likely to be subject of a separate report to Council.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided for information purposes only and to allow Council to be updated on matters of interest.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

6.4 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT - JUNE 2026

Author: **Claire Jordan, Executive Coordinator**

Endorser: **Matthew Atkins, Chief Executive Officer**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive and note the Monthly Operational Report for the period ending 30 June 2026; and
2. note a correction to the line item - Sale of Recycled Material in the 2026/27FY Fees and Charges, a correction to a fee per tonne is required, for these items.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL'S PLANS & POLICIES

Council's Strategic Plan 2009-2030:

5.3 Council looks to employ best practice governance, risk, and financial management

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of Council performance and general matters of interest during the month of June 2026.

BACKGROUND

This report is provided to update Councillors and the community on Council's performance over the previous month and includes:

- monthly financial performance reports;
- progress on annual plan actions;
- information on matters relating to operational activities of the Council;
- general council matters that may be of interest to the community; and
- tabling of minutes received relating to Council Committees, Authorities, and related External Organisations.

Further operational information can be obtained by viewing Council dashboards at Council's website: [Your Council Dashboards | Devonport City Council](#)

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

In undertaking its operational activities, Council is required to comply with the *Local Government Act 1993* and various other legislation.

DISCUSSION

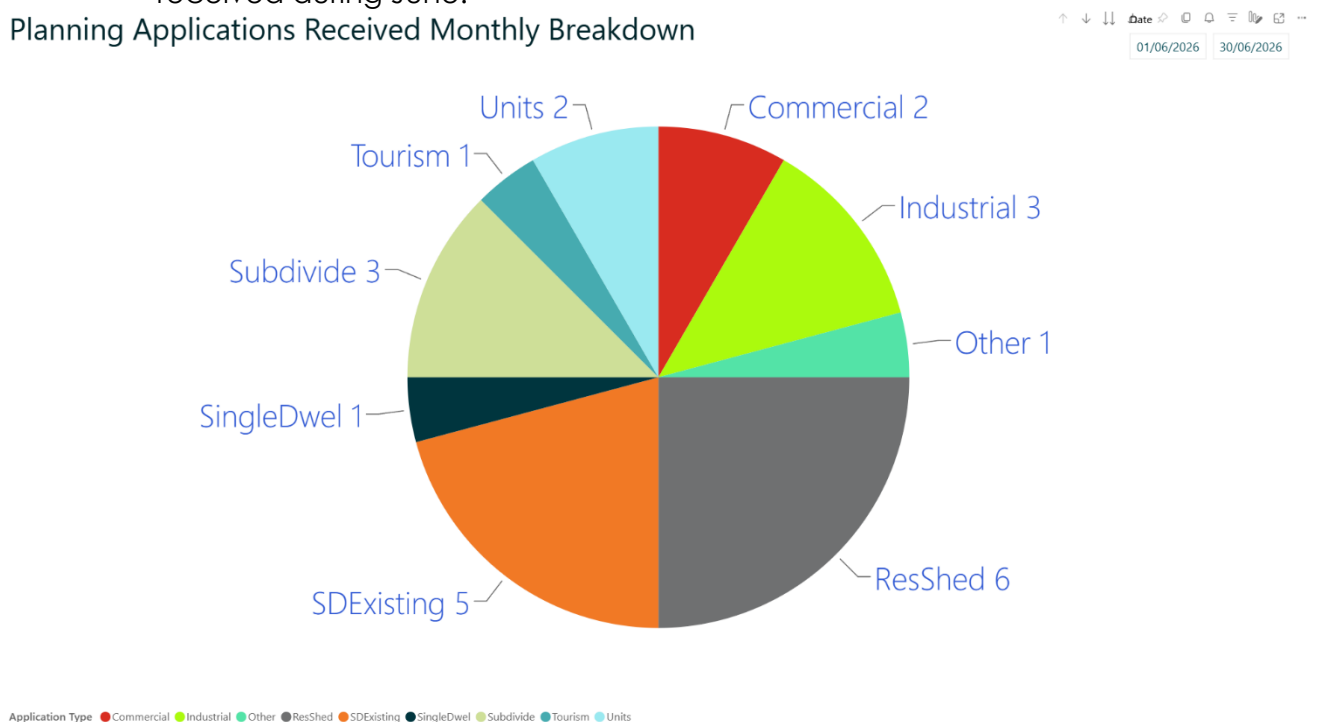
The following information is provided as an update on operational activity undertaken by Council during the month of June 2026:

1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

1.1. Planning:

1.1.1. The following graph details the breakdown of planning applications received during June:

Planning Applications Received Monthly Breakdown



Definitions:

- Single Dwellings – means residential dwelling on a single lot.
- Single Dwelling Existing – for alternations and additions to single dwellings
- Residential Shed – means shed on a residential lot.
- Units – means two or more dwellings on a site.
- Subdivision – means the division of a single lot into multiple lots giving separate rights of occupation, excluding boundary adjustments.
- Commercial – means bulky goods sales, business and professional services, community meeting and entertainment, educational and occasional care, equipment and machinery sales and hire, food services, general retail and hire, hotel industry, research and development.
- Tourism – means tourist operations and visitor accommodation.
- Industrial and Utilities – means extractive industry, manufacturing and processing, port and shipping, recycling and waste disposal. Resource processing, service industry, storage, transport depot and distribution, utilities, vehicle fuel sales and service.
- Other – means all other use classes.

1.1.2. The following graph details the number of Planning Applications received this financial year (permitted/discretionary):



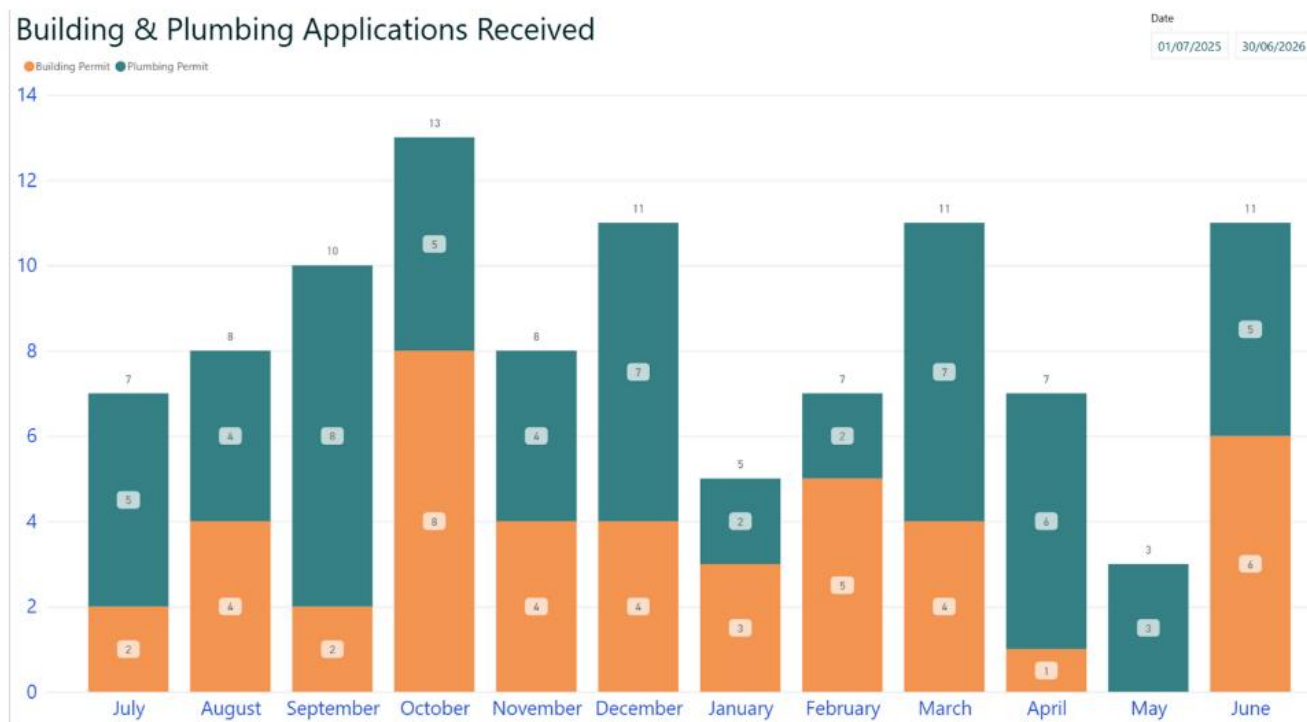
1.1.3. Planning Applications approved under delegation during June 2026:

Planning Applications approved for period June

# Applications	Primary Category	Application Address	Description
PA2025.0198	Discretion	2 GADSBY STREET STONY RISE TAS 7310	Bulky Goods (use and development x3 and associated infrastructure)
PA2026.0017	Discretion	16 MARCONI COURT STONY RISE TAS 7310	Service Industry (additional shed)
PA2026.0050	Permitted	40 NORTH CAROLINE ST EAST DEVONPORT TAS 7310	Visitor Accommodation
PA2026.0051	Discretion	5 SANDWOOD PLACE EAST DEVONPORT TAS 7310	Residential (multiple dwellings x2)
PA2026.0053	Discretion	23 ORCHARD CRESCENT SPREYTON TAS 7310	Manufacturing & Processing (development and use) and Signage
PA2026.0054	Discretion	10 RUNDLE RD STONY RISE TAS 7310	Residential (dwelling additions)
PA2026.0057	Discretion	66 SKYLINE DRIVE AMBLESIDE TAS 7310	Residential (multiple dwellings x2)
PA2026.0060	Discretion	67A LAYCOCK RD SPREYTON TAS 7310	Outbuilding
PA2026.0062	Discretion	28 SPIRIT WAY EAST DEVONPORT TAS 7310	Residential (single dwelling)
PA2026.0063	Permitted	162 MIDDLE RD MIANDETTA TAS 7310	Transport Depot & Distribution (additional vehicle parking)
PA2026.0064	Discretion	17 GATENBY DRIVE MIANDETTA TAS 7310	Residential (single dwelling and outbuilding)
PA2026.0065	Discretion	9B RUNDLE RD STONY RISE TAS 7310	Residential (single dwelling and outbuildings)
PA2026.0066	Permitted	26 LEARY AVENUE STONY RISE TAS 7310	Visitor Accommodation
PA2026.0069	Discretion	41 MUNGALA CRESCENT MIANDETTA TAS 7310	Retaining walls
PA2026.0076	Discretion	2/33 MURRAY ST EAST DEVONPORT TAS 7310	Visitor Accommodation

1.2. Building & Plumbing:

1.2.1. The following graph details the Building and Plumbing Applications received this financial year:

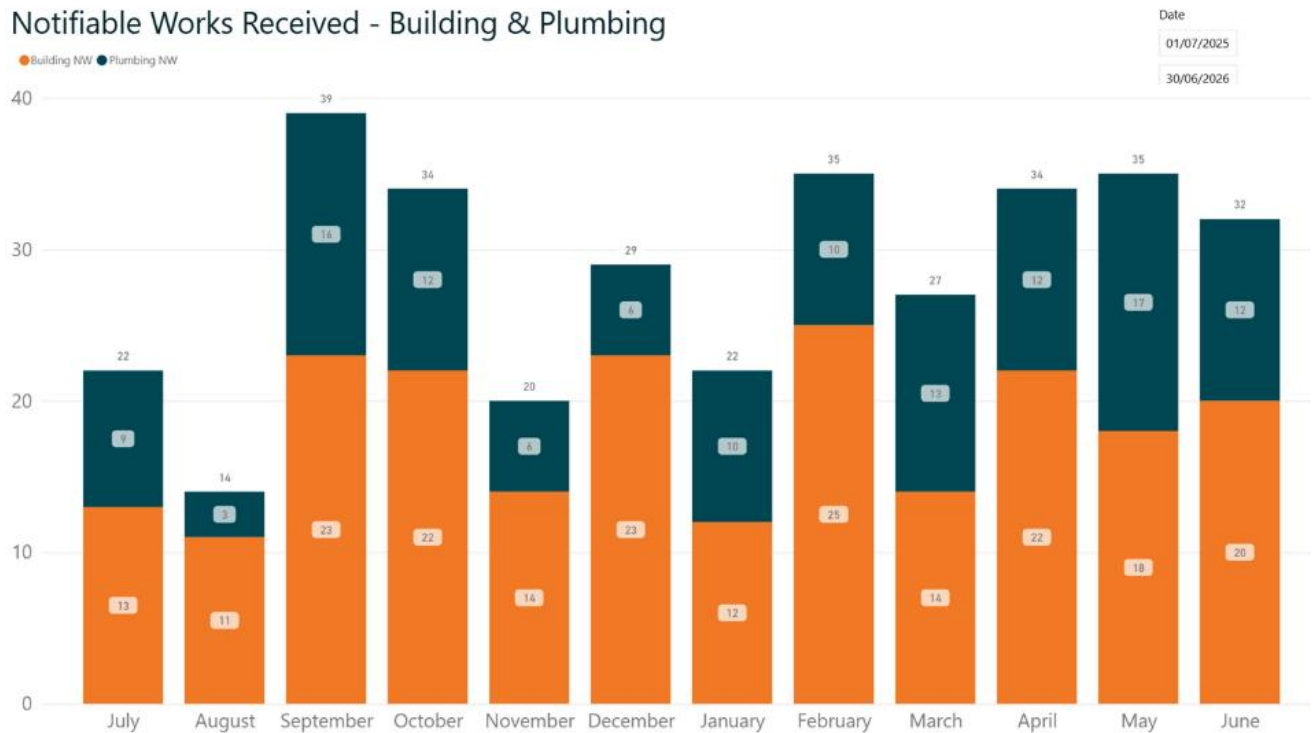


1.2.2. The following graph details the value of building works received this financial year:



1.2.3 The following graph details the notifiable works received for building that have been issued this financial year:

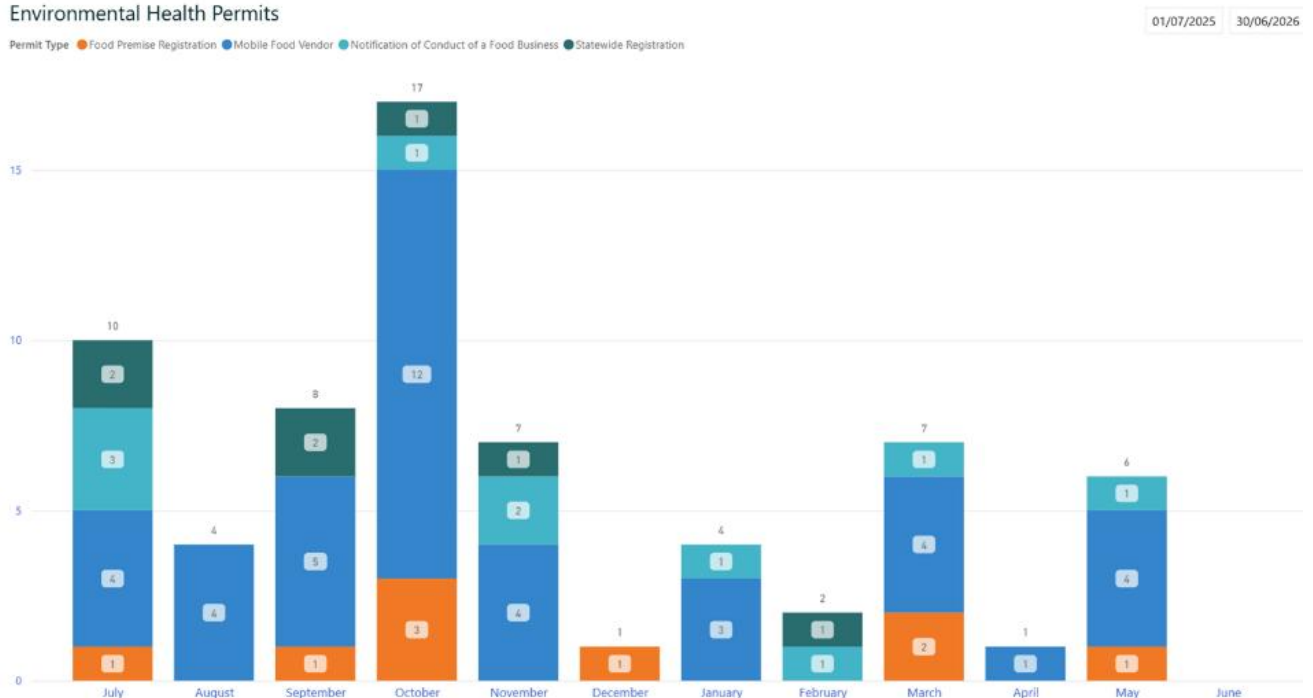
Notifiable Works Received - Building & Plumbing



1.3. Environmental Health:

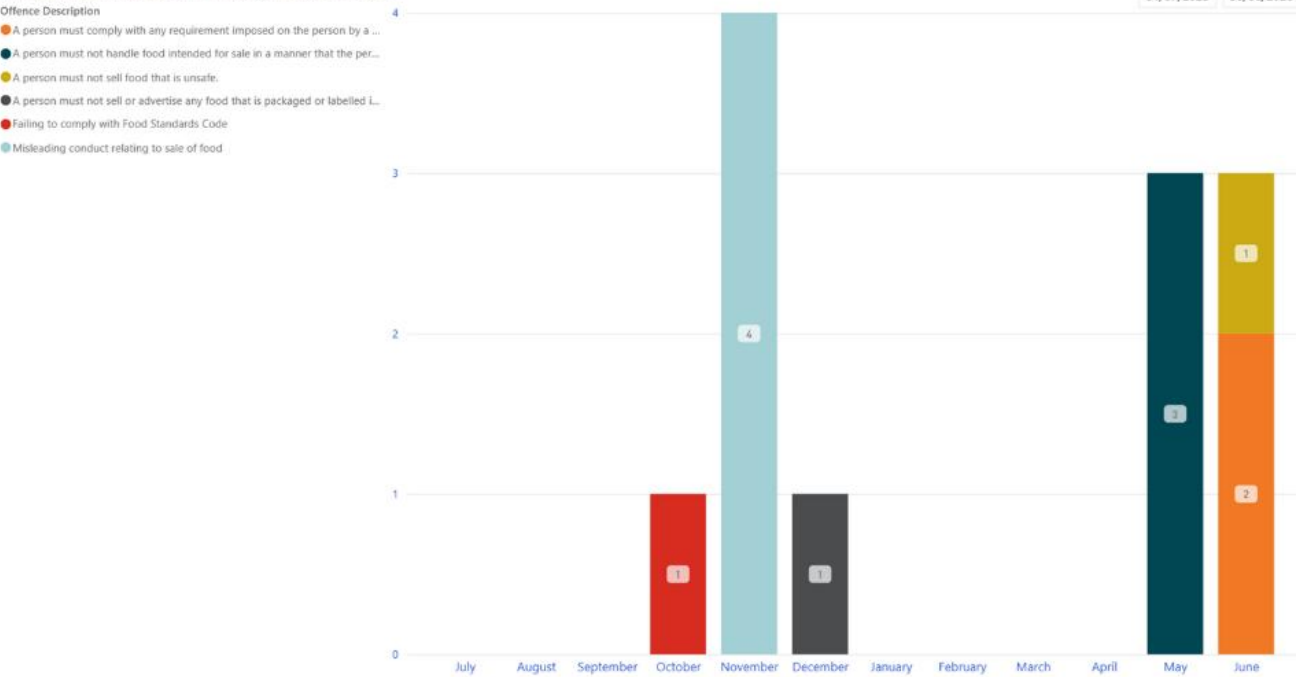
1.3.1. Permits Issued:

Environmental Health Permits



1.3.2. Infringements Issued:

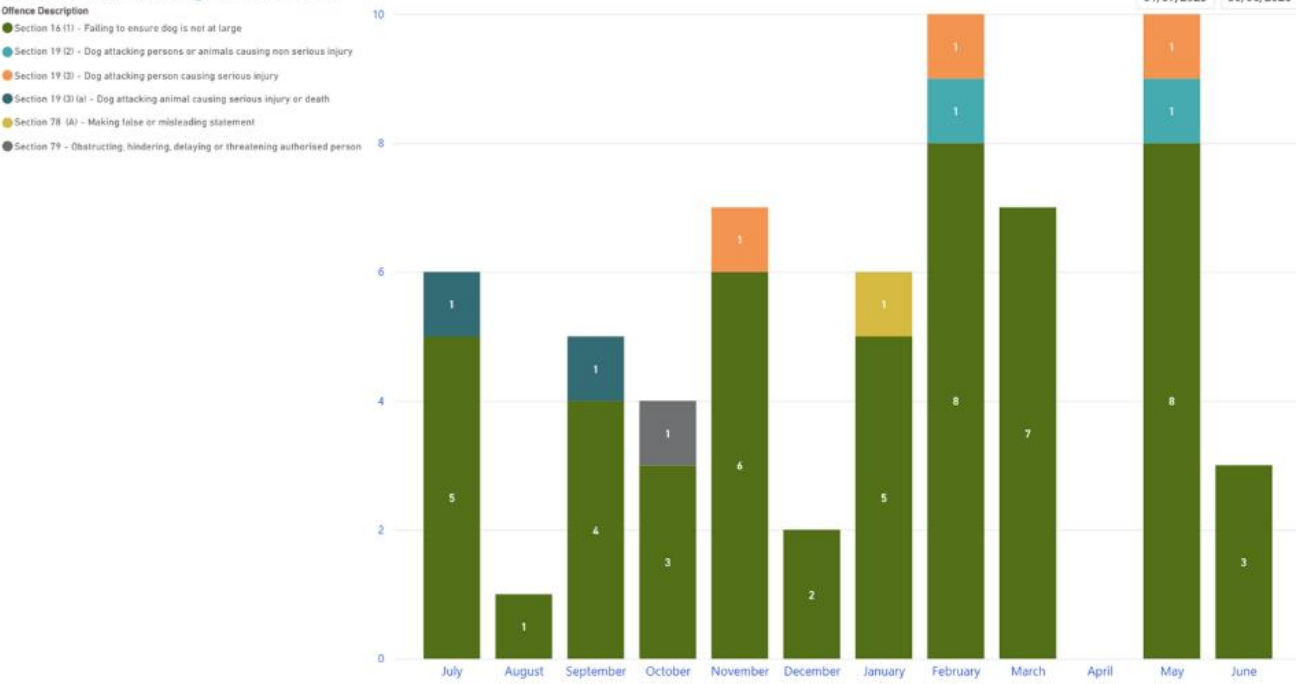
Environmental Health Infringement Notices



1.4. Animal Control:

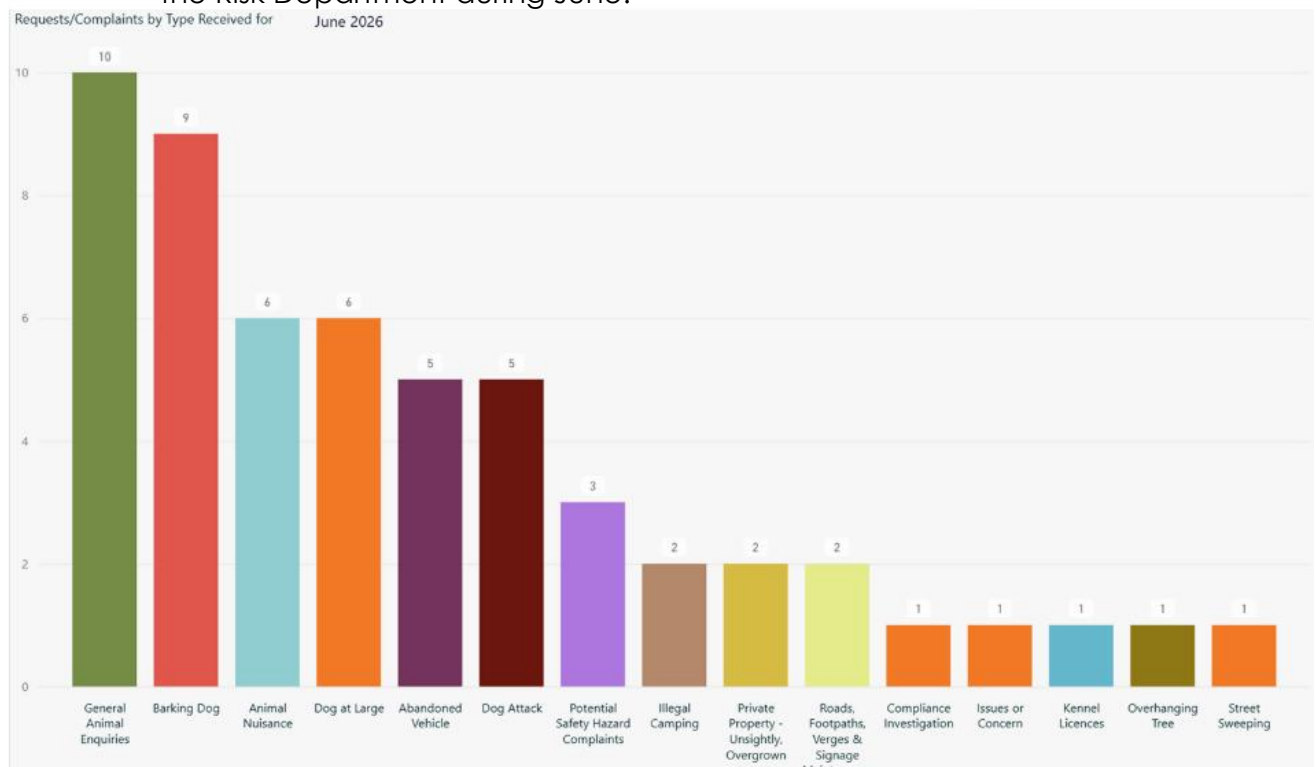
1.4.1. The following graph details the number of dog infringements issued for this financial year:

Animal Control Infringement Notices

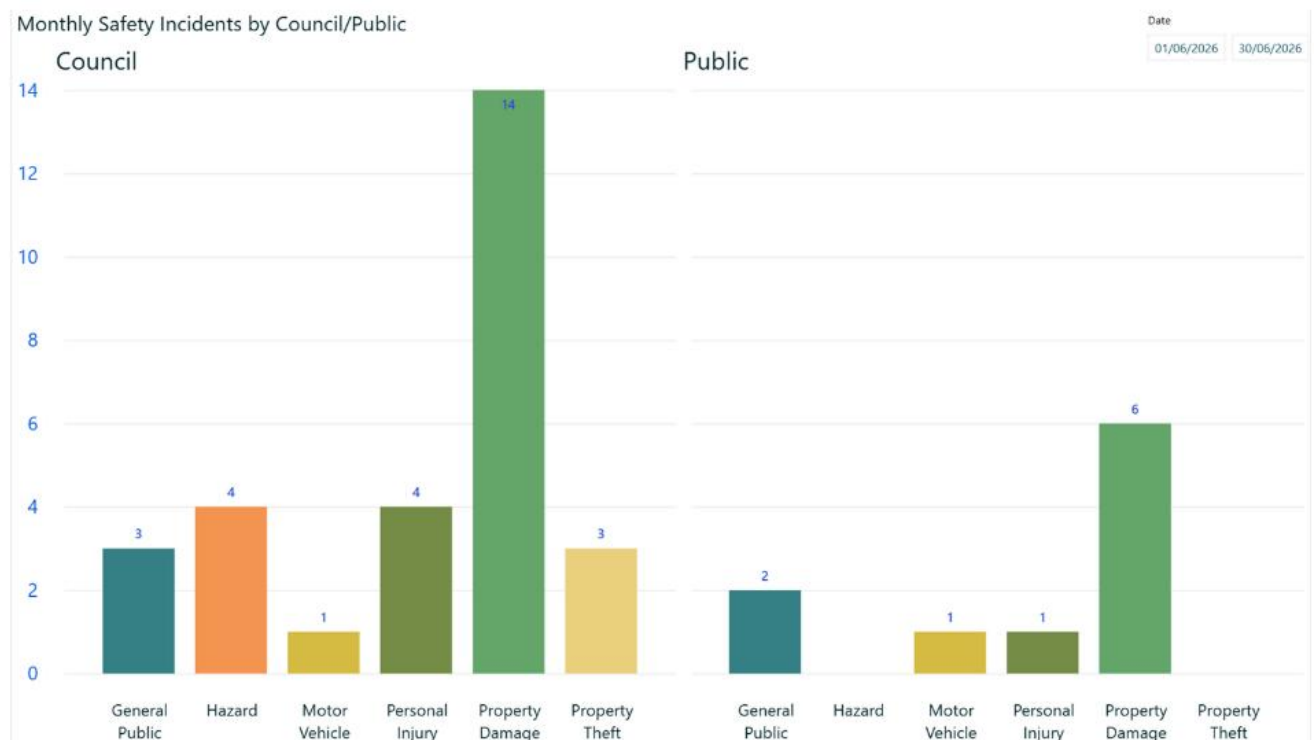


1.5. Risk & Compliance:

1.5.1. The following graph details the breakdown of the complaints received by the Risk Department during June:



1.5.2. The following graph details the types of incidents reported in June:



2. INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS:

2.1. Asset Maintenance:

Victoria Parade Walking Track – Asphalt



paranaple Centre Garden Bed – Rocks out / Bark in



**8 and 10
Sorell Street – Millouts**



Mangana Drive – Open Drain





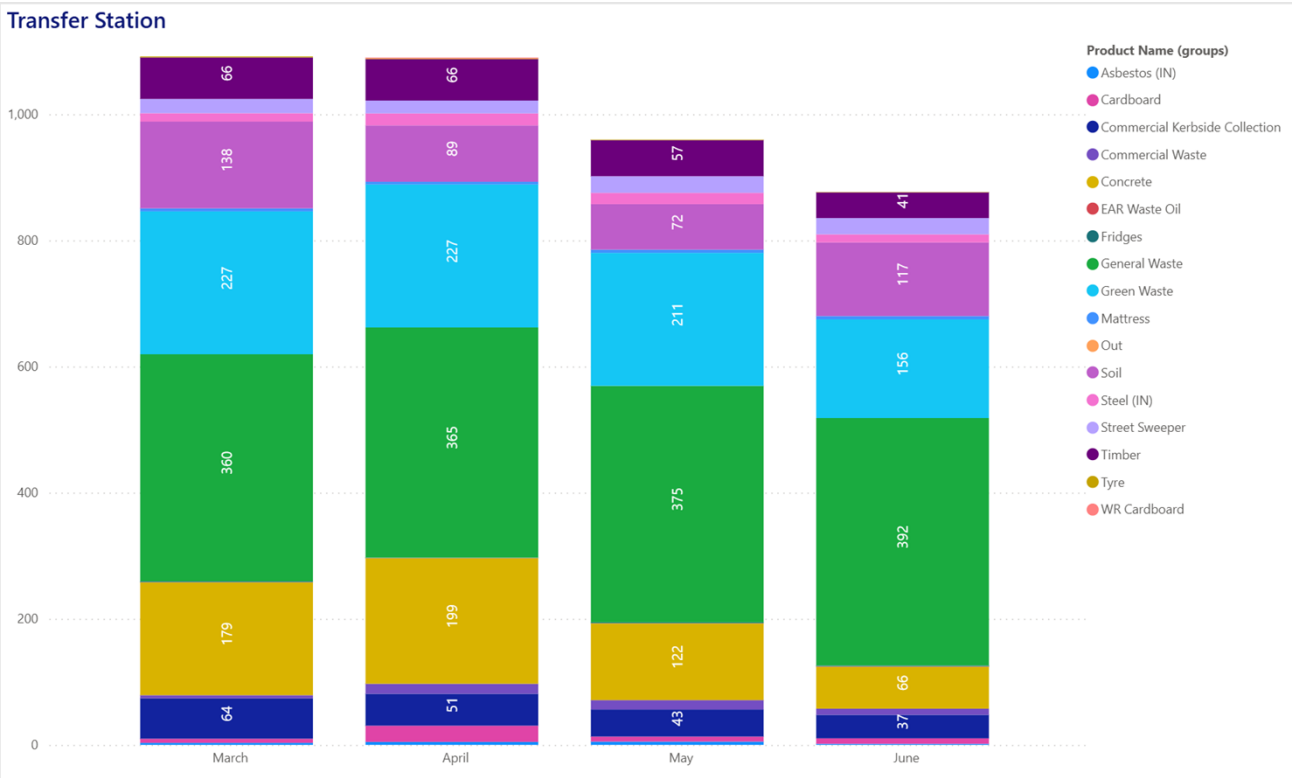
Maidstone Park Ticket Booth - Repairs



2.2. Waste Management:
2.2.1. Waste Transfer Station statistics

Note

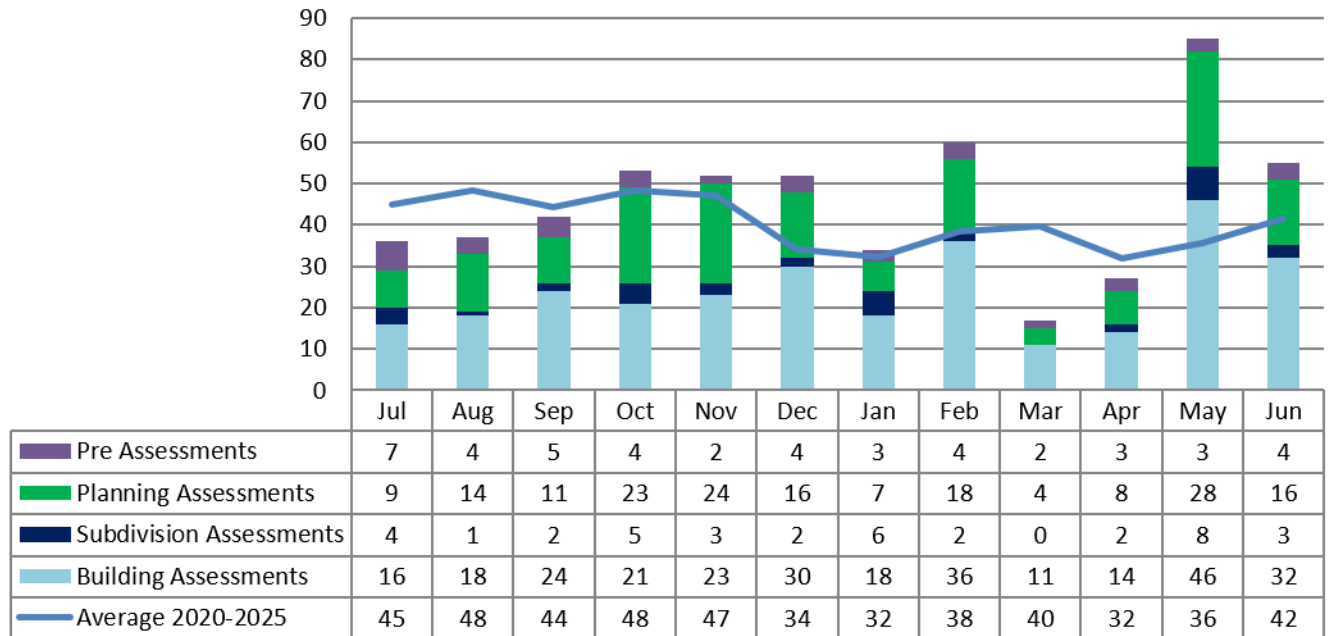
From February, Devonport City Council (DCC) implemented a transition to weight-based charging at the Waste Transfer Station. As a result of this change in charging methodology, waste data reported from February onwards is not directly comparable with data from previous reporting periods, which were based on alternative measurement methods. Council is currently working to refine and construct a revised reporting framework to ensure future data is consistent, transparent, and supports meaningful analysis over time.



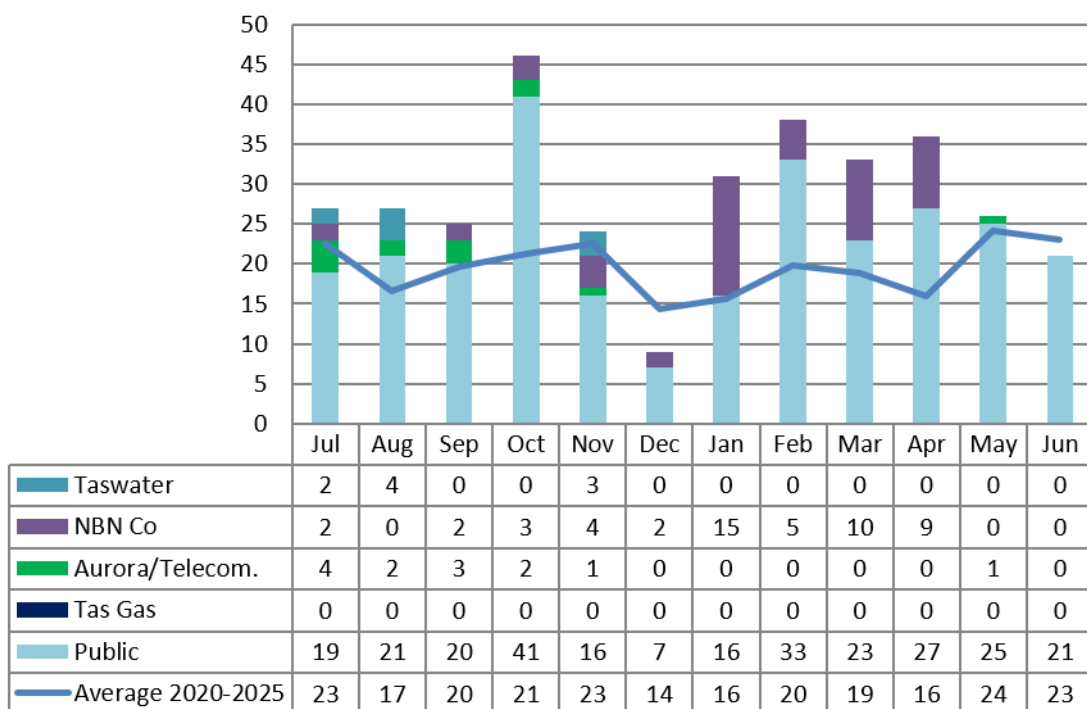
2.3. General Infrastructure Matters:

The following graphs detail the assessments processing through the Infrastructure Department. Each graph details the applications completed year to date, compared to a five-year average trend line.

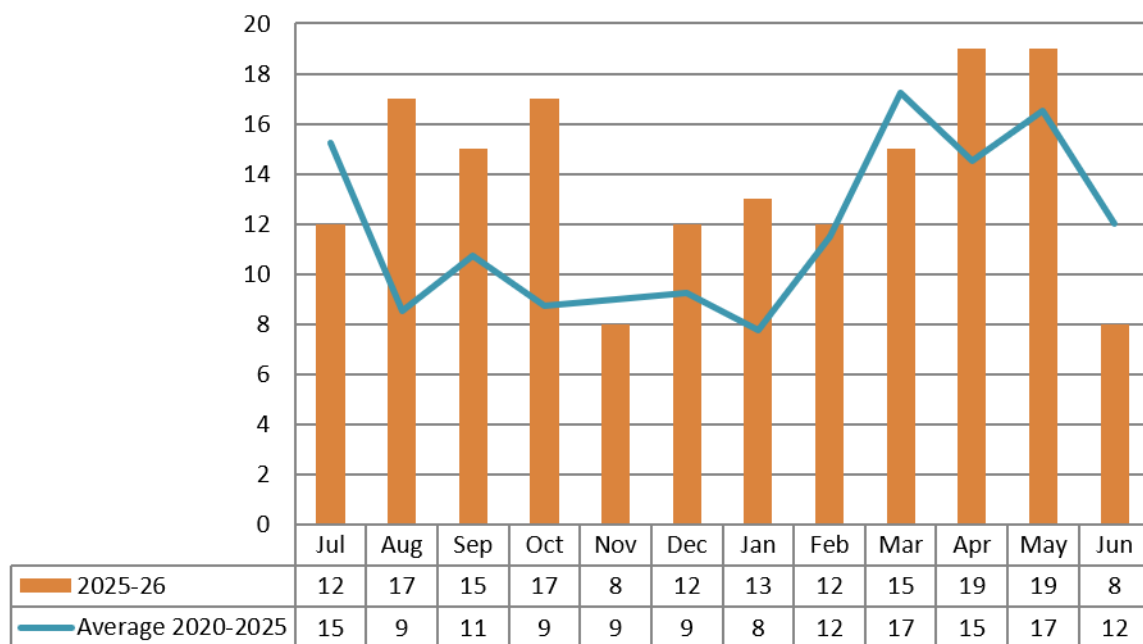
2.3.1. Engineering Assessments for Development Applications



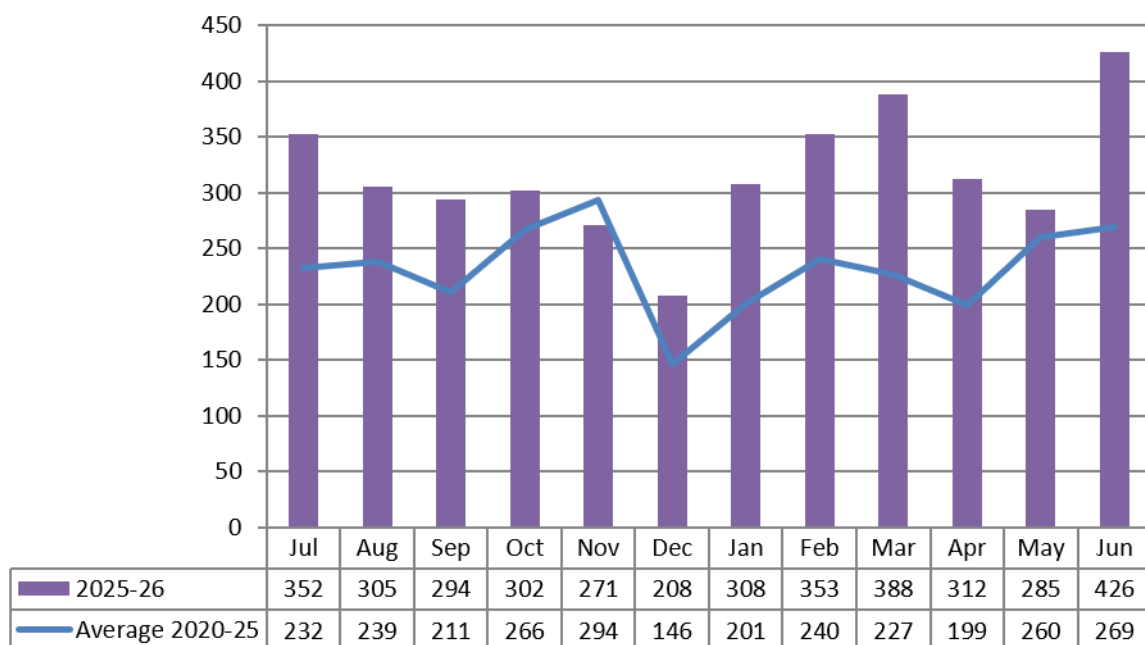
2.3.2. Road Reserve Permit Assessments



2.3.3. National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Assessments



2.3.4. Dial Before You Dig Requests



3. COMMUNITY SERVICES:

3.1 Community Development

3.1.1 Devonport Community Services Newsletter:

The online Devonport Community Services newsletter is used to disseminate information about:

- Available community assistance programs and services;
- Health information, programs and initiatives;
- Events and community projects; and
- Updates from across Council.

Recent editions can be found on the Council website located at:

www.devonport.tas.gov.au/live/your-community/community-services/newsletter/.

Council published one edition in June 2026.

Devonport events/locations that attracted attention by readers:

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow
- Devonport Jazz
- The Living Well Devonport – Expo of Everything

3.1.2 Citizenship Ceremony:

Devonport City Council welcomed 20 new Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony held on 15 June. The ceremony celebrated an important milestone for individuals and families choosing to make Australia their home, while recognising the diversity, contribution and sense of belonging that new citizens bring to the Devonport community.



Image: June 2026 Citizenship Ceremony

3.1.3 Working Groups:

Access and Inclusion Working Group

In June, the Devonport Access and Inclusion Working Group met once and discussed:

- Sport4All and their role in Devonport
- Consultation on Draft DCC Walking and Riding Strategy 2026-2031
- Reviewed the Draft DCC Disability and Inclusion Plan

Devonport Youth Advisory Group (DEVYAG)

In June, DEVYAG met once and discussed:

- Build Nature In Devonport Consultation
- Mission Australia Youth Survey

3.1.4 Volunteers

During June Council had 67 active volunteers across the organisation.

3.1.5 Financial Assistance Program:

The following acquittals were received in June:

Program: Minor Grant

Organisation: The Allstars Gymnasts Inc

Project: New Signage

Through Council's Financial Assistance Scheme, Allstars Gymnasts Inc. installed new building signage and promotional flags at its Appledore Street facility. The project has improved visibility of the club's new location, making it easier for participants and visitors to find the venue while providing clearer guidance to the entrance and supporting safer access.



Image: New Signage for The Allstars Gymnasts

3.1.6 Don Reserve Revegetation Resilience Project:

On Saturday 27 June, 14 volunteers from the community, Devonport Community Landcare, and Friends of Don joined a Council Officer to plant 162 trees.

The project is being delivered through a State Government Community Climate Action Grant.

More community planting sessions are planned over the coming months.



Image: Planting Working Bee in Don Reserve
(Image credit: Devonport Community Landcare)

3.1.7 Friends of Don Reserve:

The group attended one working bee in June. The focus was revegetation, maintaining past plantings and gorse/weed works in the environment around Don Oval.

3.2 Active Communities:

3.2.1 Living Well:

The *Living Well* program continues to build strong momentum, with registrations now surpassing 300 participants. This fantastic level of engagement highlights the growing community interest and positive response to the program.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will open in August, providing further opportunity for participants to get involved as we prepare for the next phase.

Feedback is being sought on the Promotional Pathways Program, which will play an important role in shaping future delivery and ensuring the program continues to meet community needs.

Living Well will have a stall at the upcoming Expo of Everything, promoting the program and engaging with the community in the lead-up to the September start date.

3.2.2 Recreation Centre Participation Data

*Casual Users not counted as User Groups, only bookings on behalf of Clubs/Organisations

DEVONPORT RECREATION CENTRE		
	BOOKINGS	USER GROUPS*
Sauna	186	
Squash Centre	68	4

Stadium	138	5
Table Tennis	52	5
Youth Centre	181	6
TOTAL	625	20

EAST DEVONPORT RECREATION AND FUNCTION CENTRE		
	BOOKINGS	USER GROUPS*
Stadium	63	6
Community Room	10	4
TOTAL	73	10

Recreation Centre User Numbers:

DEVONPORT RECREATION CENTRE	
Squash Centre	1492
Stadium	9370
Youth Centre	4396
Table Tennis	3140

3.3 Events:

3.3.1 External Events held during June:

- DJSC Devonport Cup – 5-7 June 2026
- Walk Against Elder Abuse – 9 June 2026
- Music of Joy – 17 June 2026
- Winter Solstice Splash – 20 June 2026

3.3.2 Upcoming External Events:

Event	Dates	Venue
Miandetta School Solstice Splash	10 July 2026	Devonport Bluff
Street Eats	16 July 2026	Market Square

3.3.3 Upcoming Council

Council's events team are currently working on the following upcoming events:

- Devonport Jazz/ Devonport Blues & Roots – 23-26 July
- Living Well Devonport – Expo of Everything – 19 September
- Seniors Month including the 50 Year Rate Payers Luncheon
- Spring Fling – 25 October

Event details can be found on Council's website as they come to hand:

<https://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/whats-on-devonport/> or events Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/devonportevents/>

4. CULTURAL FACILITIES:**4.1. Devonport Regional Gallery:**

4.1.1. Exhibition Program:

Exhibition	Date
Little Gallery: Joy – Cathy Jenner	2 May – 13 June
The Avenue Space: Faces from Our Town - Paul Grundy	11 May – 27 June
Main Gallery: Clay on Country – touring exhibition from ArtBack NT	30 May – 25 July
Upper Gallery: Visions by Cheryl Rose	6 June – 1 August
Little Gallery: This is us: High Schools and Colleges	20 June – 1 August

4.1.2. Education programs, activities and participation data:

Event	Participation	Date
Create & Make	15	3 June
Create & Make	12	4 June
Upper Gallery: Opening of Visions by Cheryl Rose	28	6 June
Create & Make	17	10 June
Books + Art	4	15 June
Indie School Gallery Visit: Clay On Country	19	17 June
Create & Make	13	17 June
Create & Make	9	18 June
Little Gallery: Opening This is us: High schools and Colleges	65	19 June
Indie School Gallery Visit This Is Us	14	22 June
Create & Make	14	23 June
Create & Make	12	24 June
Gallery visit and workshop activity: Our Lady of Lourdes Grade 1	60	25 June
Floor talk with Cheryl Rose on Visions	13	27 June
Probus Clubs Robinson presentation 'a walk down memory lane'	55	29 June
TOTAL	350	



Cheryl Rose and Dr Denise Robinson before the opening of the exhibition Visions



Opening night for This is us

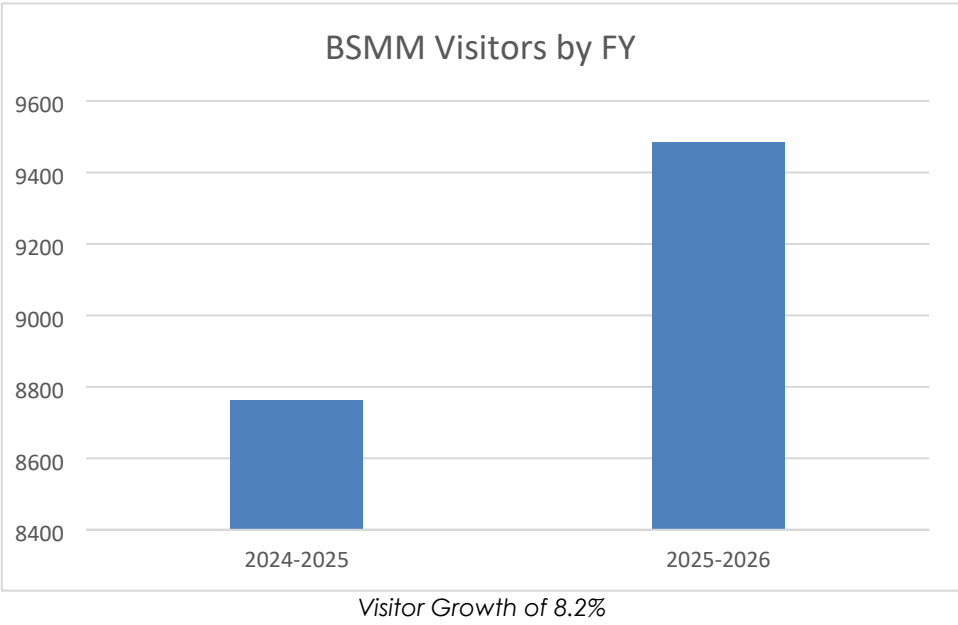
4.2. Bass Strait Maritime Museum:

4.2.1. Exhibition Program:

Current Exhibition	Date
Pop the Top	June 2026 – March 2027

4.2.2. Education and public program activities and participation data:

Event	Participation	Date
BSMM Tour groups - Smith's Travel	40	9 June
BSMM School groups – Port Sorrell Yr 6	28	10 June
TOTAL Combined Admissions	68	



4.3. paranable arts centre, Town Hall Theatre:

4.3.1 Performances and productions in June 2026:

Production	Participation	Date
Old Nick Company – Uni-Revue 2026	1,526	3 – 6 June
Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra	350	10 June
Jeff Carter Music – Thank You for the Music	394	11 June
Victorian State Ballet – Aladdin	249	23 June
A-List Entertainment – Jimeoin	276	28 June
TOTAL	2,795	

4.4. Visitor number data:

Facility	Visitors June
paranable arts centre	4,176
Bass Strait Maritime Museum	560
TOTAL	4,736

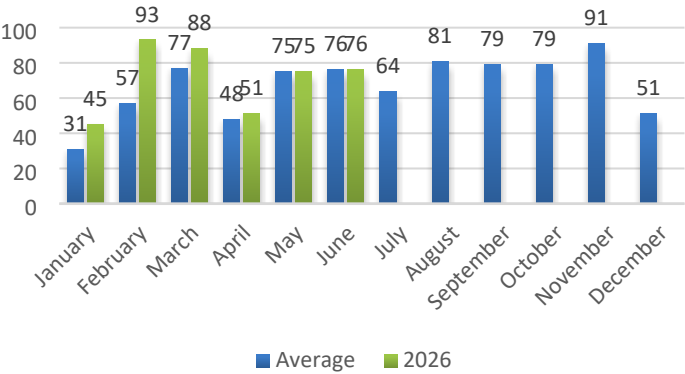
4.5. Convention Centre & Market Square:

Events including attendee numbers and utilisation trends:

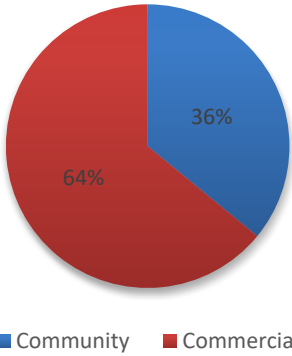
For June 2026, the DCC meeting rooms held 67 events and 9 in the convention centre. Total attendance of 1,869 patrons.

Event	Presenter	Attendance
8 th Tasmanian Energy Development Conference	Informa Connect	115 x 2
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) & Walk	COTA TAS	50
Family Violence Workshop	Primary Health Tasmania	40 x 2
Daffodil Gala Dinner	Cancer Council Tasmania	209
Citizenship Ceremony	Devonport City Council	100
Principal Forum 2026	DECYP	137
Digital Health Education Event	Primary Health Tasmania	30
Dairy Australia Awards Dinner	Dairy Tasmania	168
Business & Brew	Devonport Chamber of Commerce & Industry	45
TOTAL		1,049

2026 Meeting/Convention
Centre Bookings



Bookings Community
v Commercial



Daffodil Gala Dinner – Cancer Council Tasmania
(Oakburn Photography)



Dairy Australia Awards Dinner
Dairy Tasmania

5. CORPORATE SERVICES:

5.1. Human Resources:

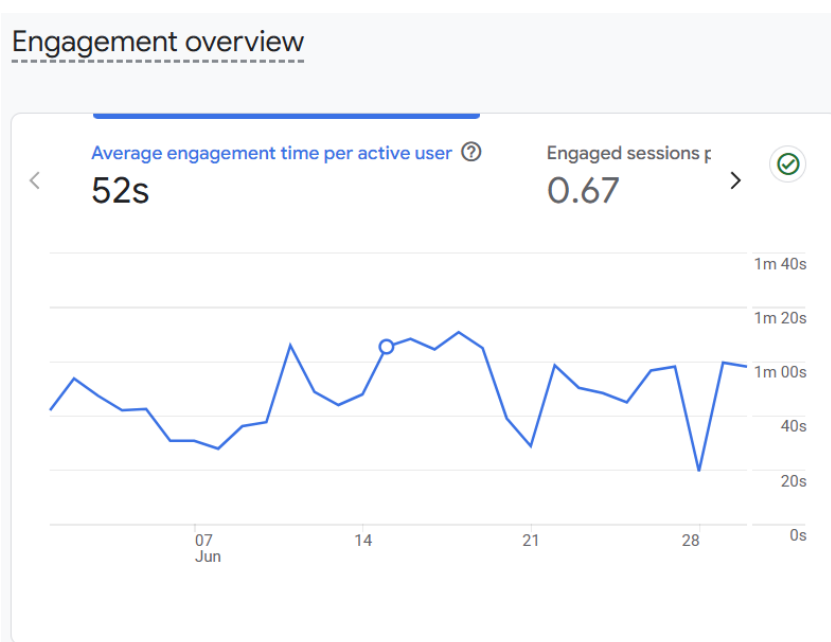
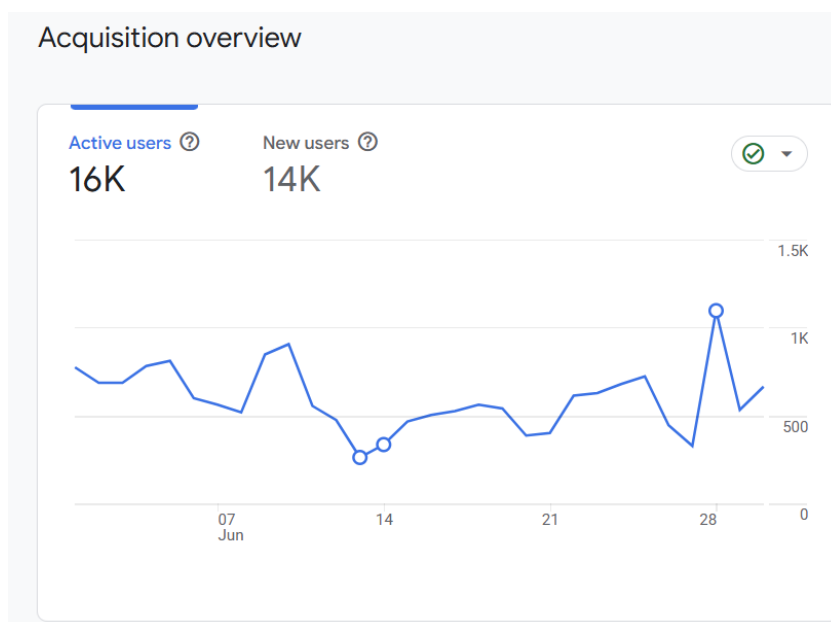
Staff departures, recruitment, and changes to employee roles (including advertised positions, staff appointments, hiring of casual employees, and role modifications). During last financial year, 30 employees have left the organisation, and 26 individuals have been hired.

5.2. Communications:

5.2.1. Website and social media statistics and data:

Devonport City Council Website

Devonport City Council website content is refreshed on an on-going basis, by updating information and the addition of new public notices, planning applications, news stories and events.



Top 10 Website Pages	June 2026
1. Forms and Payments	
2. Planning Permit Applications	
3. Parking Resolution Form	
4. Fortnightly Rubbish Collection	
5. Contact Us	
6. What's On Devonport	
7. Parking Patrol Fines	
8. Waste Transfer Station	
9. Employment Opportunities	
10. Parking in Devonport	
Note: Most visitors to the website begin at the home page, but this is not listed in the top 10 pages, as it would be a normal starting point for most website visits.	

Social Media

Social Media Council currently utilises Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn as social media tools to engage with the community and local media. Followers at the end of June 2026:

Facebook	17,899 up by 114
LinkedIn	1925 up by 16
X (formerly Twitter)	Deactivated
Instagram	87 up by 87
YouTube	262 up by 1

Devonport City Council's Corporate Facebook page engages the community with updates on capital works, events, media releases, emergencies, and roadworks. Additional social media accounts, managed by the Council's Events Team and the paranple arts and convention centre, provide targeted content for key demographics.

DCC Corporate Facebook Page Statistics	June 2026
Facebook Average Monthly Viewers: Number of Facebook users who have seen content associated with the page during the period.	Total Viewers: 86,471 Total Views: 558,053 (TY) 740,953 (LY)

During June, the top 10 Facebook posts in terms of audience views were:

1	Pop Up Retail Space - Rooke Street Mall	2	Free Recycling Bin Latch	3	Citizenship Ceremony	4	Council Meeting Outcomes - June	5	Devonport Stadium Milestone
									
Views	98.4K	Views	31.4K	Views	26.6K	Views	25.1K	Views	25.0K
Reactions	565	Reactions	129	Reactions	266	Reactions	104	Reactions	205
Comments	236	Comments	24	Comments	17	Comments	26	Comments	16
Shares	31	Shares	17	Shares	5	Shares	8	Shares	6

6	Be Like Kevin Reel	7	Devonport Cup Wrap Up	8	Free Tyre Disposal	9	Road Closure - Higgs Court Development	10	Weed Spraying Notice
									
Views	23.9K	Views	22.2K	Views	21.4K	Views	14.0K	Views	14.0K
Reactions	88	Reactions	153	Reactions	32	Reactions	19	Reactions	19
Comments	14	Comments	6	Comments	18	Comments	2	Comments	13
Shares	9	Shares	6	Shares	53	Shares	6	Shares	16

Community Consultation

There was no formal community consultation undertaken during June 2026.

5.3. Finance:
Operational Budget

The end of year financials for the 2025/26 financial year are currently being prepared and will form part of the 2026 Annual Report.

It is to be noted that a correction to the unit measure relating to the sale of recycled material in the 2026/27FY Fees and Charges has been made, and a correlating change to the unit price to reflect this change in unit made.

The unit measure used had been amended from m3 to per tonne, but the unit price was incorrectly adjusted to reflect the change to the unit measure.

Consequently, the fee for crushed concrete sales is \$14.00 per tonne (not \$36.00 m3 as listed) and \$17.00 per tonne (not \$54.00 m3 as listed).

5.4. Customer Service:

5.4.1. There is currently an error in the customer service dashboard reporting which has prevented an accurate report being run this month. The issue will be fixed for the next meeting.

5.5. Parking

5.5.1. Parking income statistics this financial year:

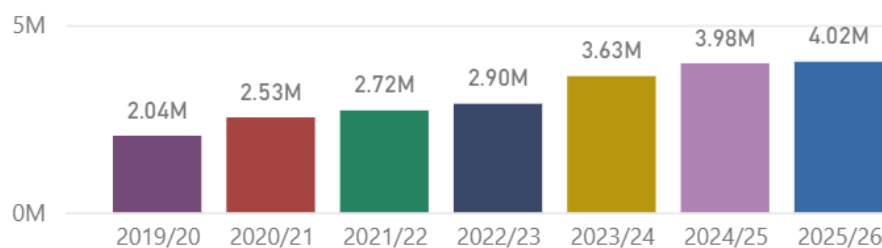
Budget v Revenue Period to Date



Revenue/Budget Period to Date

Description	Budget \$	Revenue \$	Variance \$	Variance %
Edward St CP	11,000.00	122,770.15	\$111,770.15	1016%
Fenton Way CP	44,000.00	52,549.64	\$8,549.64	19%
Fines Received	1,029,999.98	1,221,702.83	\$191,702.85	19%
Formby Rd CP	347,600.00	290,837.34	(\$56,762.66)	-16%
Fourways CP	124,300.00	111,486.31	(\$12,813.69)	-10%
Multi Storey CP	429,000.00	333,849.56	(\$95,150.44)	-22%
Other - MPES	380,000.00	464,120.08	\$84,120.08	22%
Parking Meters	825,000.00	750,549.83	(\$74,450.17)	-9%
Parking Permits	269,500.00	297,158.66	\$27,658.66	10%
Payne Ave CP	167,200.00	150,642.51	(\$16,557.49)	-10%
Steele St CP	88,000.00	92,503.78	\$4,503.78	5%
Wenvoe St CP	113,300.00	116,165.53	\$2,865.53	3%
Total	3,828,899.98	4,004,336.22	\$175,436.24	5%

Previous Years Revenue



NOTE:

The Edward Street Carpark budget assumed the carpark would be closed for construction of a new development.

5.5.2.Revenue (Revenue v Budget – type breakdown; location breakdown)

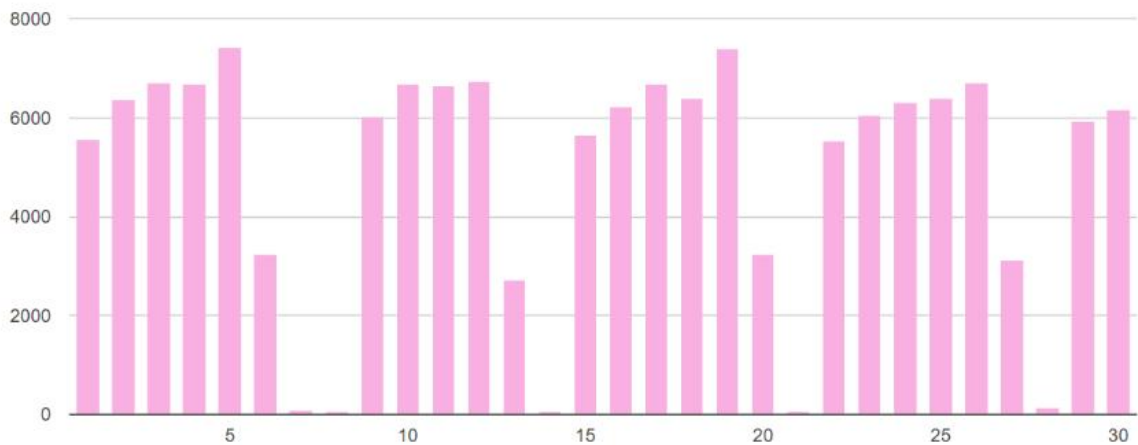


6. EasyPark Statistics

REVENUE (incl. GST)

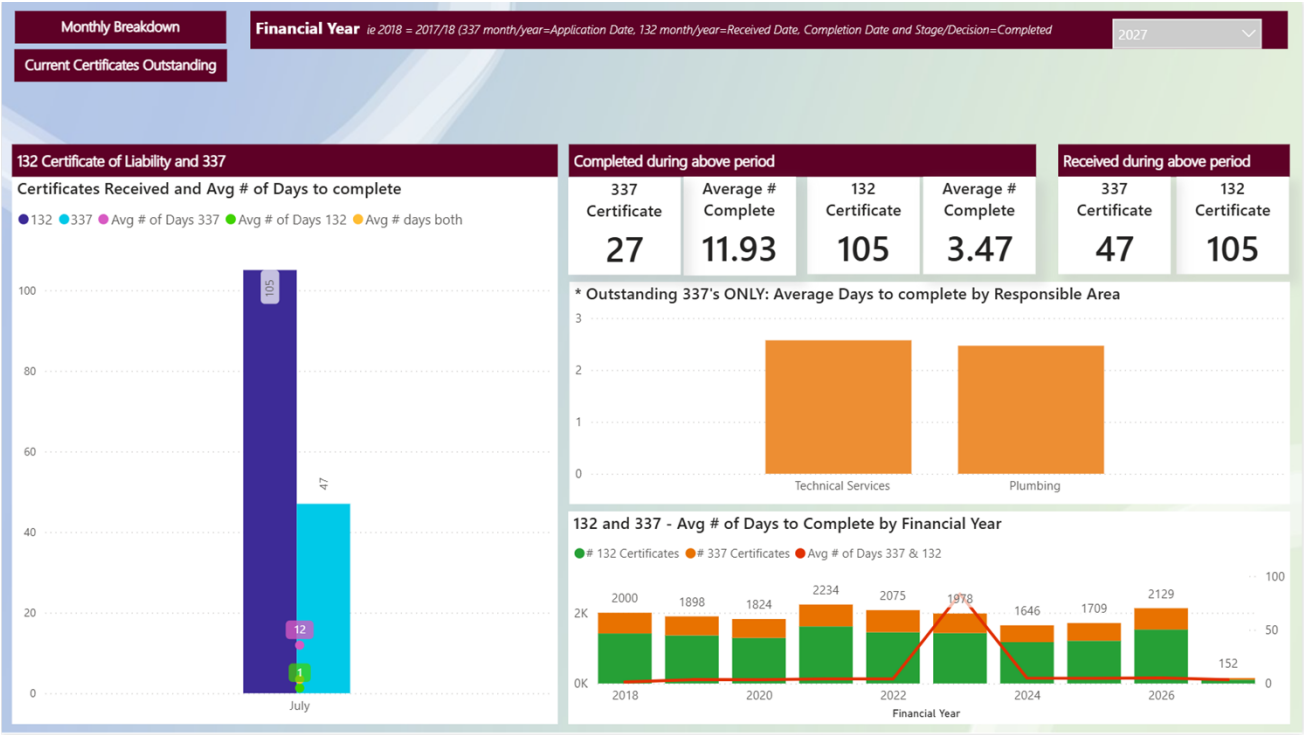
June 2026 ⓘ ↗

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Total 147 083 AUD

6.1. Section 132 & 337 Certificates:
6.1.1.Statistics on completed certificates Financial YTD:



6.2. Annual Plan Action Update:
The final status of Annual Plan actions for the 2025/26 financial year will form part of the 2026 Annual Report.

7. COMMITTEES, AUTHORITIES & EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

7.1. Minutes: There are no minutes of meetings for the month of June 2026 to be provided.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This report includes information that relates to community engagement undertaken in relation to operational activity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any financial or budgetary implications related to matters included in this report will be separately reported to Council.

There is not expected to be any impact on Council's operating budget as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Any specific risk implications have been outlined in the commentary included as part of this report. Any specific risk that is identified as an issue for Council would result in a separate report to Council.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided for information purposes only and to allow Council and the community to be updated on matters of interest.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Current & Previous Minutes Resolution - July 2026 [**6.4.1** - 1 page]

7 CLOSED SESSION

The Chief Executive Officer advises that in his opinion, the agenda items listed below are prescribed items in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (ie confidential matters), and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the following be dealt with in Closed Session.

Item No	Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference
3.1	Confirmation of Closed Minutes – Council Meeting – 22 June 2026	17(2)(h)
3.2	Requests and Notifications for Leave of Absence or Parental Leave	17(2)(i); 17(2)(j)
4.1	Confidential Attachments	17(2)(d); 17(2)(h)
5.1	CEO's Performance Review	17(2)(a)
5.2	Outstanding Rates Debtors Three Years and Over	17(2)(l)
5.3	Outstanding Debtors 90 Days and Over	17(2)(l)

8 CLOSURE