



COUNCIL MINUTES

21 JANUARY 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC)



MINUTES

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE (CAC), 47 COLE STREET,
SORELL ON 21 JANUARY 2025

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The meeting commenced at 6.01pm.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – MAYOR GATEHOUSE

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I would like to begin by paying respect to the traditional and original owners of this land the Mumirimina people, to pay respect to those that have passed before us and to acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community who are custodians of this land.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

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Mayor J Gatehouse
Deputy Mayor C Wooley
Councillor S Campbell
Councillor M Miró Quesada Le Roux
Councillor B Nichols
Councillor M Reed
Councillor N Reynolds
Councillor C Torenus
Councillor M Larkins
General Manager R Higgins
Director Service Delivery N Cameron

3.0 APOLOGIES

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Nil

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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The Mayor requested any Councillors to indicate whether they had, or were likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.

Mayor Gatehouse indicated a non-pecuniary interest in item 15.3 with family working in the Aquaculture industry.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 DECEMBER 2024

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5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2024



RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th December 2024 be confirmed."

1/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed,
Torenius, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

5.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2024

RECOMMENDATION

"That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th December 2024 be confirmed."

2/2025 REED/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed,
Torenius, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



6.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

"That the Mayor's communication report as listed be received."

3/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

7.0 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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RECOMMENDATION

"That the Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*."

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council by absolute majority may approve the consideration of a matter not appearing on the agenda, where the General Manager has reported:

- a) The reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- b) That the matter is urgent; and
- c) That advice has been provided under section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.



8.0 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS REPORT

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The following Council Workshops were held:

Date	Purpose	Councillor Attendance	Councillor Apologies
7 th Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillor briefing on motion passed at the Annual General Meeting. ○ Presentation by Jennifer Thain and Dr Denise Hardesty on Salmon Farming in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gatehouse, Campbell (by phone), Larkins, Miro Quesada, Reed, Reynolds, Torenus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wooley, Nichols
14 th Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillor briefing on motion passed at the Annual General Meeting. ○ Presentation by Dr Jeff Ross (IMAS) and Jessica McInerney (Petuna) on Salmon Farming in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gatehouse, Campbell, Larkins, Miro Quesada, Nichols, Reed, Reynolds, Torenus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wooley

9.0 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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10.0 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS ON NOTICE

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11.0 WORKGROUP REPORTS

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RECOMMENDATION

"That the workgroup reports as listed be received."

4/2025 LARKINS/TORENIUS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



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12.0 PETITIONS STILL BEING ACTIONED



Petition	Tabled at Council Meeting	Status
Withdrawal of the Blue Lagoon Draft Management Plan	18 th July 2023 ordinary Council meeting – S.58(2) LGA 1993.	<p>Council laid the matter on the table for further consultancy on review and options assessment for stormwater management at Blue Lagoon. Variation to the operating budget approved at August 2023 Council meeting to facilitate this - \$50k.</p> <p>Final consultant reports received April 2024.</p> <p>Council staff continue to progress matters with Red Handfish research team (NHRT) in first instance through exchange of consultant reports, development of an interim water level management SOP and ongoing engagement prior to determining further actions.</p> <p>Exchange of all project materials expanded to relevant state and federal agencies.</p> <p>Engagement with NRM EAG has also occurred.</p> <p>Alternative permanent outfall design exiting at Boat Ramp commenced.</p>

13.0 PETITIONS RECEIVED



At the time of preparation of this agenda no petitions had been received.

14.0 LAND USE PLANNING



The Mayor advised in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 25 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the intention of the Council to act as a planning authority pursuant to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 is to be noted.



In accordance with Regulation 25, the Council will act as a planning authority in respect to those matters appearing under item 14 on this agenda, inclusive of any supplementary items.

14.1 SORELL PLANNING AUTHORITY MINUTES



RECOMMENDATION

“That the minutes of the Sorell Planning Authority (“SPA”) Meetings of 10th and 17th December 2024 and 14th January 2024 be noted.”

5/2025 NICHOLS/LARKINS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**



15.0 GOVERNANCE



15.1 RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGARDING BONESEED ON FORESHORE LAND AT DODGES FERRY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) The report on the resolution from the Annual General Meeting to remove and eradicate Boneseed from foreshore land adjacent to First Avenue Dodges Ferry be noted.
- b) Council continue to pursue the Public Trustee and Crown Law to finalise ownership of the foreshore land adjacent to First Avenue Dodges Ferry that enables land management / maintenance by a future owner.

6/2025 REYNOLDS/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

15.2 RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION OF A TREE PROTECTION POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) The report on the resolution from the Annual General Meeting to introduce a Tree Protection Policy be noted.
- b) That Council include as part of the annual budget process consideration of resourcing requirements for a tree removal by-law on private property.

7/2025 LARKINS/MIRO QUESADA LE ROUX

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins



Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

15.3 **RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGARDING INSTALLATION OF SALMON FEEDLOTS IN STORM BAY**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

- a) Note the report on the resolution from the Annual General Meeting for Council to oppose installation of salmon feedlots in the Northeast of Storm Bay;
- b) Assist the community where relevant and appropriate by acting as a conduit between the proponent, regulatory agencies, IMAS and CSIRO;
- c) Advocate to relevant State and Federal elected members about the community feedback and sentiment strongly opposing the proposed establishment of salmon leases in the north east of Storm Bay;
- d) Further advocate to relevant State and Federal elected members that the community feedback and sentiment would equally apply to any potential future salmon leases in Frederick Henry and Norfolk Bays; and
- e) Review the EIS when available and prepare a submission as and if applicable and appropriate.

8/2025 **REED/MIRO QUESADA LE ROUX**

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

15.4 **RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGARDING MAINTAINING A HEALTHY WATER TANK AND DRINKING WATER**

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) The report on the resolution from the Annual General Meeting to partner with relevant agencies and circulate information to all ratepayers regarding safety around maintaining a health water tank and drinking water be noted.
- b) In response to the resolution it is recommended that Council continue to promote the topic of maintaining a healthy water tank.



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9/2025 CAMPBELL/LARKINS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

15.5 RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGARDING SIGNAGE ALONG PARK BEACH FOR DUNE PROTECTION RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) The report on the resolution from the Annual General Meeting to place signage along Park Beach to Carlton Rier to encourage dune protection be noted.
- b) In response to the resolution, it is recommended that Council forward this request to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment for their consideration.

10/2025 LARKINS/MIRO QUESADA LE ROUX

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

15.6 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LAND – PART OF LEWISHAM SCENIC DRIVE ROAD RESERVE RECOMMENDATION

"That Council:

1. resolve pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act") that Council intends to dispose, exchange or lease public land, being land ("the Land") described in - Certificate of Title Volume 35367 Folio 1 Part of Lewisham Scenic Drive Road reserve, Lewisham;



2. authorise the General Manager to take all actions necessary to complete public notification of Council's intent to exchange, sell or lease the Land in accordance with Section 178 of the Act; and
3. authorise the General Manager to consider and acknowledge any objection received pursuant to Section 178(6) of the Act and report to a future Council meeting."

11/2025 LARKINS/CAMPBELL

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

16.0 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS

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Nil Reports.

17.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Nil Reports.

18.0 FINANCE

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18.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2024 YTD

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Summary – FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2024 YEAR-TO-DATE be received and noted by Council.

12/2025 NICHOLS/WOOLEY

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins



Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

18.2 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolve pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1993 to accept and adopt the below adjustments to the 2024/2025 Capital Budget estimates."

13/2025 LARKINS/REYNOLDS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

19.0 PLANNING

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Nil reports.

20.0 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE

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20.1 SUBMISSIONS – NEW PUBLIC PLACES BY-LAW 1 of 2025

RECOMMENDATION

"That Council resolves in accordance with Section 159 of the Local Government Act 1993 that in consideration of the submission received the proposed by-law contained in Appendix 1 does not require amending."

14/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins



Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

21.0 ROADS AND STORMWATER

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Nil Reports.

22.0 FACILITIES AND RECREATION

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Nil Reports.

23.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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In accordance with Regulation 31 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council will conduct a Public Question Time.

At each meeting the Mayor will invite those members of the public present to ask questions. When requested please:

- Stand up; and
- State clearly your name and address.

This time is allocated for questions from the public. Questions are to be kept brief and specific to the topic to which they relate.

Members of the public are reminded that questions and any answers to such questions are not to be debated.

Questions may be submitted to Council in writing at least seven (7) days before an ordinary Council meeting.

23.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Karena Gregory of Connelly's Marsh submitted the following questions on notice.

Question 1.

Given that Council will receive no rates for Storm Bay developments, but the impacts will be borne by coastal communities as they have been both within Tasmania and globally, how does Council propose to budget for and implement coastal cleanups for plastics, debris and filamentous algae, or will this responsibility fall to communities?"

General Manager response:



Marine debris from aquaculture operations is the responsibility of the operator to manage and is regulated by the NRE - Aquaculture Branch.

The NRE – Aquaculture website specifies requirements and regulations for the management of marine debris inclusive of instructions and a hotline for public to report occurrences.

The likelihood of biological debris occurring along the Sorell municipal coastline from the proposed smolt lease area 15klms to the south and the proposed grow out lease area 24klms to the south would form part of the proponents EIS that will be the subject of statutory assessment and a public exhibition and hearing process.

Question 2.

An Australia Institute analysis of the real return to Tasmania suggests we will not reap any rewards but bear all the environmental and social consequences, in addition to impacting businesses that leverage our pristine waterways. Will the council request detailed socioeconomic modelling and assurances of economic contribution for the Storm Bay developments?

General Manager Response:

The matters to be considered in the EIS must include socio-economic aspects. Upon exhibition of the EIS, Council will then be in a position to determine if additional analysis is necessary and further, that such a request forms part of a public submission from Council.

Question 3.

Council highly regulates stormwater and sewage discharges to waterways. Given that open-pen salmon farming is permitted to discharge untreated waste to the marine environment, how does the Council propose to reconcile the discrepancy in such close proximity?

General Manager Response:

Council carries out a regular recreational water sampling program at specified public swimming beaches. Results are analysed by the Public Health Laboratory and assessed by qualified staff in consultation with Public Health Tasmania.

Inputs from human and natural sources are varied and influenced by climatic and environmental conditions.

Recreational water sampling guidelines relate to bacterial indicators from warm blooded animals not from fish. Any potential impact on recreational water quality would be included in the EIS.

The extent to which salmon farming operations a minimum of 15 and 24klms respectively from the Sorell coastline would result in negative impacts to recreational water quality levels are not known. The type, quantity and timing

of inputs from farming operations into Storm Bay must form part of the EIS to enable an informed assessment of potential impacts and their likelihood.

Question 4.

The LegCo Parliamentary inquiry found significant issues with salmon farming and the process that sees sole decision-making by a Minister. Given that Sorell Council has no say and no right of appeal over developments that will directly affect their coastal rate-paying communities, what plans does Council have to seek compensation or funds to address impacts, or does Council simply want to ignore the lived history of other councils in Tasmania?

General Manager Response:

At this stage Council has made no decision on seeking compensation or funds to address impacts.

The proponent has advised they are seeking to establish a revised MFDP lease area configuration in an area of Storm Bay assessed by IMAS as highly suitable for finfish farming. The proponent is preparing the requisite EIS.

It is submitted that until such time the EIS is publicly exhibited, Council is not in a position that would be considered to form a reasonable or robust evidentiary basis to seek compensation or funds to address potential but as yet unquantified impacts.

Question 5.

Residents bought coastal properties without being made aware of the potential for adjacent industrial operations to be approved, with 24/7 impacts from noise, light, and marine debris. How will the Council ensure that conveyancing processes are sufficient to warn potential residents of marine zoning so they can make informed decisions and select not to buy in Sorell municipality should they choose to live in peace?

General Manager Response:

Statutory S.337 certificates issued pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993 contained prescribed questions determined by the State Government. Review and update of the specified matters occurs infrequently.

Council could advocate through the LGAT for this to be considered given aquaculture operations are applicable to a number of LGA's.

Question 6.

Given the prevalence of noise complaints in other Tasmanian municipalities and the inaction of the EPA to deal with these, how does Sorell Council propose to ensure the amenity of affected residents?

General Managers Response:

Evidence based noise complaints associated with salmon farming would be a matter for the EPA noting Council would have a statutory role and input if noise impacts to residents breach regulated limits.

With the proposed MFDP lease areas, given their distance from the Sorell coastline and that vessels servicing the sites would be travelling from Margate, the likelihood of noise complaints is very low.

Cathy Minnucci of Primrose Sands questioned if there was any update as to what is causing the pollution at Primrose Sands beach?

The General Manager advised that the high levels are coming from the same area of the beach but as to what is causing it and from where, this is still under investigation.

Cathy further mentioned that Air Services Australia completed their community engagement back in 2024, ample time has passed for recommendations and considerations to be made. Would it be possible for Council to request and update on when they are going to release the information?

The General Manager advised that he would follow up with Air Services Australia in order to provide an update.

Cathy further questioned regarding the motion from the AGM re: tank water maintenance if information was going to be sent out via the Community Newsletter as not everyone has access to the internet?

The General Manager advised that we will be promoting not only via electronic means but would be included in the Community News July edition.

Sharon Fotheringham of Forcett questioned what 'STRLUS' that is referred to, means?

The General Manager advised Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

Sharon further questioned the Mayor regarding a meeting with Senator Tammy Tyrell and what this was about.

The Mayor advised that the meeting didn't occur.

Sharon questioned if there was an update on the status of the causeway expansion?

The General Manager advised that in the coming weeks DSG will be releasing information on the design. The project is still progressing with the process to get Federal environmental sign off taking significant time.

Sharon raised that the Dunalley Hotel offer free camping facilities at their site which doesn't have toilet facilities. When the hotel is closed people are going to the toilet everywhere. Does Council have any regulations regarding this?

The General Manager advised that this has been in operation for many years, and he would take this question on notice. The General Manager further commented he was talking recently with the owner on another matter and it was raised as to what steps would need to be undertaken to formalise this.

The Mayor added that she has spoken with Council's Manager Health and Compliance on this issue. He is aware of the situation and conversations are occurring as to the process to have correct permits in place.

Jennifer Thain of Dodges Ferry questioned the recommendation from the AGM motion on Salmon Farms and what form of advocacy will take place? What can be expected to hear what the Council is doing on behalf of the Community and how this will be fed back to the Community members?

The General Manager advised that when Council dealt with the flight path review issue, who the most relevant members to approach inclusive of Senators was informed by it being a federal matter thereby negating State members.

All Tasmanian Senators were approached, a number were met with and the outcomes / responses were provided back to Councillors.

The General Manager advised he is yet to determine whom are the most appropriate and relevant State and/or Federal members to approach. In terms of communication back to the group, he would discuss this with Jennifer.

Jennifer further questioned if the meetings would be something that a community member could attend?

The General Manager advised that with the previous flight path review issue, members of the community made their own advances to politicians and proactively sought meetings with them and that this was a more effective approach than just Council advocating. The General Manager further advised that he needs to consider if it was appropriate and beneficial for community members to attend Council's meetings with politicians (with associated protocols to consider).

The Director of Service Delivery added that there is the capacity for any community member to approach any local member in the State Government to commence a petition process for any matter of public importance. This process puts the same resolution and process to the State Government through the Parliamentary process.

Peter French of Dodges Ferry questioned regarding the Dodges Ferry Rec Reserve and the Taswater settling ponds. Have they indicated a time frame for when they will come up with a design?

The General Manager advised that he would take this question on notice and confirm once an update from TasWater has been received.

Peter further questioned if Taswater have undertaken any water testing along Rantons Road to see what the current state of any pollution is?

The General Manager advised that he couldn't comment on this but would find out.

Nicole Jamison of Dodges Ferry questioned regarding the Tree Protection Policy motion from the AGM, and asked was Council aware of how sick and ill White Gums are in our State and how poorly they are doing with climate change. Have they considered the cost of not trying to save the ones that we can?

The Mayor and General Manger advised that they don't have any expertise to comment on this matter. The Mayor advised that we do have some knowledge in the NRM advisory group and it is something that we are trying to consider practically.

Alistair from Dodges Ferry questioned when the EIS comes up for the Petuna Salmon farm expansion, can community put input into the Council submission? How would we know what the Council were saying in their submission?

The General Manager advised that we haven't participated in this type of statutory process before but would expect that all submissions will be public and that there will also be a hearing process. Without considering the matter more fully, the General Manager advised that his preference would be that Council would put their own submission in if they wish to or deem it appropriate, and that individuals or collective of individuals would do the same thing.

Jess Frost-Boyd made a statement thanking Council and Staff for their support of the Youth Matters program.

The open meeting concluded at 7.21pm.

CLOSED MEETING

Members are advised that items listed below in the CLOSED SESSION AGENDA are classified as CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

A Councillor must not discuss any item listed in a CLOSED SESSION AGENDA with any person (except another elected member, the General Manager or the author of a report to the closed session of Council or a Council Committee) without a specific resolution of the Council or a Council Committee that considered the report.

Section 338A (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 states that a Councillor must not disclose information:

- (a) seen or heard by the Councillor at a meeting or part of a meeting of a council or council committee that is closed to the public that is not authorised by the council or council committee to be disclosed; or*
- (b) given to the Councillor by the mayor, deputy mayor, chairperson of a meeting of the council or council committee or the general manager on the condition that it be kept confidential.*

Section 338A (3) states that a member must not disclose information acquired as such a member on the condition that it be kept confidential.

Additionally, Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that:

- (1) A councillor or a member must not make improper use of any information acquired as a councillor or member.*
- (3) Improper use of information includes using the information –*
 - (a) to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage or to avoid, directly or indirectly, a disadvantage for oneself, a member of one's family or a close associate; or*
 - (b) to cause any loss or damage to any council, controlling authority, single authority, joint authority or person.*



The closed meeting commenced at 7.31pm.

24.0 CLOSED MEETING

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

Reference	Item
24.1	Confirmation of the Closed Council Minutes of the Council Meeting of 10 December 2024– <i>Regulation 34(3)</i>
24.2	Disclosure of confidential information – <i>Regulation 15(8)</i>
24.3	Audit Panel Meeting Minutes November 2024 – <i>Regulation 15(2)(g)</i>

As prescribed items in accordance with Regulations 15 and 34 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, and therefore Council may by absolute majority determine to close the meeting to the general public.

RECOMMENDATION

That the meeting be closed to the public to enable Council to consider agenda items 24.1 - 24.3 which are confidential matters as prescribed in Regulations 34 and 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

15/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed, Torenus, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

24.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE CLOSED MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2024

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RECOMMENDATION

“That the Closed Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th December 2024 be confirmed.”

16/2025 LARKINS/NICHOLS



"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed,
Torenius, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

24.2 AUTHORISATION TO DISCLOSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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RECOMMENDATION

"That in accordance with Regulation 15(9) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to disclose information from this 'Closed Section' of this meeting in the course of implementing the decisions of Council."

17/2025 NICHOLS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed,
Torenius, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

24.3 SORELL COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL MEETING MINUTES

18/2025 NICHOLS/REED

"That the recommendation be accepted."

The motion was put.

For: Reynolds, Gatehouse, Miró Quesada Le Roux, Campbell, Wooley, Reed,
Torenius, Nichols, Larkins

Against:

The Motion was **CARRIED**

The closed meeting concluded at 7.34pm.



25.0 ACRONYMS



AGM	Annual General Meeting
AFL	Australian Football League
AIR	Australian Immunisation Register
ASU	Australian Services Union
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AWTS	Aerated Wastewater Treatment Systems
BEST	Business and Employment Southeast Tasmania
CAC	Community Administration Centre
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLRS	Councillors
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CRM	Customer Request Management
CRDSJA	Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority
DEDTA	Department Economic Development, Tourism & The Arts
DECYP	Department for Education, Children and Young People
DPAC	Department of Premier & Cabinet
DPFEM	Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management
DSG	Department of State Growth
DST	Destination Southern Tasmania
EBA	Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
EOI	Expressions of Interest
EOFY	End of Financial Year
EPA	Environment Permit Authority
EWaste	Electronic Waste
FMAC	Fire Management Assessment Committee
GM	General Manager
ICT	Information Communication Technology
LGAT	Local Government Association of Tasmania
LPS	Local Provisions Schedule
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
LTI	Lost Time Injury
MAST	Marine & Safety Tasmania
MEMC	Municipal Emergency Management Committee
NBN	National Broadband Network
NRE	Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania
NRM	Natural Resource Management
PWS	Parks and Wildlife Service
RACT	Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RSL	Returned Services League
RTI	Right to Information
SBIP	School Based Immunisation Program
SEI	South East Irrigation
SEBA	South East Basketball Association
SENA	South East Netball Association



MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
21 JANUARY 2025

SERDA	South East Region Development Association
SEUFC	South East United Football Club
SES	State Emergency Service
SFC	Sorell Football Club
SFL	Southern Football League
SMH	Sorell Memorial Hall
SPA	Sorell Planning Authority
STCA	Southern Tasmanian Councils Association
STRWA	Southern Tasmanian Regional Waste Authority
STRLUS	Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy
SWSA	Southern Waste Strategy Association
SWS	Southern Waste Solutions
TasCAT	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
TAO	Tasmanian Audit Office
TCF	Tasmanian Community Fund
TOR	Terms of Reference
UTAS	University of Tasmania

