GLAMORGAN SPRING BAY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers, Triabunna

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of our region and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Council Meeting of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will be held at the Triabunna Council Offices on Tuesday 24 February 2026, commencing at 2:00 pm.

QUALIFIED PERSON CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, in accordance with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any advice, information and recommendations contained in the reports related to this Agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations.

Dated this Thursday 19 February 2026

Dick Shaw
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- A recording of the meeting will be available via the link on the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council website following the meeting.

  In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulation 43, these video/audio files will be retained by Council for at least 2 years and made available for viewing live, as well as online within 5 business days of the scheduled meeting. The written minutes of a meeting, once confirmed, prevail over the video/audio recording of the meeting.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor to welcome Councillors and staff and declare the meeting open at [time].

Mayor's Opening Statement:
Please be advised that this meeting is being audio and visually recorded. I ask that all attendees remain respectful and considerate of others and advise that offensive, defamatory, or threatening language or behaviour to those present or listening, is not acceptable.

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

1.2 Late Reports

(Motion to receive required)

1.3 Declaration of an Interest in a matter of a Councillor

The Mayor requests Elected Members to indicate whether they have:

1. *any interest (personally or via a close associate) as defined in s.49 of the Local Government Act 1993; or*

2. *any conflict as described in The Model Code of Conduct for Councillors, in any item included in the Agenda.*

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council - 27 January 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 January 2026 at 2:04pm be confirmed as a true and correct record.

2.2 Date and Purpose of Workshop(s) Held

Tuesday 10 February 2026

In accordance with the requirement of Regulation 10(3)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, it is reported that a Council Workshop was held from 1:30pm to 4:00pm on 10 February 2026 at the Council Offices, Triabunna.

Present:

Mayor Cheryl Arnol
Deputy Mayor Michael Symons
Clr Rob Churchill
Clr Neil Edwards
Clr Kenneth Gregson
Clr Carole McQueeney
Clr Jenny Walker
Clr Robert Young

Apologies:

Nil.

In Attendance:

Dick Shaw, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ron Sanderson, Director Works and Infrastructure
James Bonner, Acting Director Planning and Development
Craig Bennett, Director Corporate and Financial Services
Isabelle Clarkson, Executive Officer
Shannon Mitchelmore, Information Management & Technology Officer

Guests

- Katie Pennington – cohealth Tasmania Operations Lead
- Mick Purves - Senior Planning Consultant

Agenda

- Strategic Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS)
- cohealth - 20 Year Preventative Health Strategy Draft & Federal rural, regional and remote Medicare access funding inquiry
- Long Term Financial Management Plan (LTFMP)
- Capital Works Program (CAPEX) for the 2026/2027 financial year
- Woodchipper
- Triabunna Car Parking Strategy
- TMPIP Update

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the information.

2.3 Audit Panel Minutes - Tuesday 2 December 2025

Author: Director Corporate and Financial Services (Craig Bennett)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Audit Panel Minutes 2025-12-02 Final [**2.3.1** - 6 pages]

PURPOSE

For Council to receive and note the Draft Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting that was held on Tuesday 2 December 2025.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Audit Panel (***the Panel***) held a meeting on Tuesday 2 December 2025. The meeting was held in the Council Offices at Triabunna, with Council's consultant accountant attending the meeting online.

The major items discussed at the meeting were as follows.

The:

1. Financial Reports as at 31 October 2025;
2. External Audit of the Financial Statements for the 2024/2025 Financial Year; and
3. Draft Long Term Financial Management Plan (LTFMP) and Financial Strategy (FS).

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance

This means

Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014;
- Local Government (Audit Panels Amendment Order) 2015;
- Local Government Audit Panels A Practice Guide; and
- Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Audit Panel Charter.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil to consider.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the attached Minutes of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Audit Panel Meeting held on Tuesday 2 December 2025.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time gives any member of the public the opportunity to freely ask a question on any Council related matter.

Answers to questions will be given immediately if possible or taken "on notice" if an 'on the spot' answer is not available.

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, Questions on Notice must be provided at least 7 days prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council at which a member of the public would like a question answered.

3.1 Responses to Previous Questions on Notice Taken on Notice - 27 January 2026

Mr John Heck

Q1. Why do shovel ready community backed projects get rejected by the administration or some within council? Two of which were Howells Hill lookout and spring streetscaping.

Response from Chief Executive Officer

All development applications are assessed in accordance with the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Local Provisions Schedule of Glamorgan Spring Bay. Projects that receive planning approval may never eventuate, and there are many reasons for that, but ultimately decision to progress (or not) is a matter for property owners, not Council unless Council is the asset owner and permit holder.

3.2 Questions on Notice

Mr Leon Richardson

Q1.

Question 1
Will Glamorgan Spring Bay Council be undertaking Bushfire Mitigation works with the engagement of Ground Proof Mapping/or others, to complete the GSBC Bushfire Mitigation plan in its entirety, this Autumn/Winter of 2026?
Large areas of these reserves have had no bushfire management/fuel reduction for well over 40yrs, even though, on council's website, the Coles Bay Reserves Fire Management Plan, dated June 2015, have areas highlighted to have fuel reduction burns completed.

A. Council management will recommend that the 2026/27 Council budget includes the fuel break fire management works recommended in the GPM report of July 2025 for the Harold Street and Rita & Doris Reserves.

Q2.

Question 2
Can council supply highlighted plan/areas where the Coles Bay Reserves Fire Management Plan has had fuel reduction works completed since 2015 to current?
Currently Emergency Service personnel would not be able to safely walk around the perimeter of these Reserves due to fallen trees, weeds, and excessive/dead undergrowth.
In a bushfire Emergency, Fire and Emergency vehicles have no access to supply protection to properties adjoining these reserves, let alone the remainder of the township of Coles Bay.

A. The fuel breaks have been mulched in the Rita and Doris Reserve and from the Brooker Street road reservation to Cosgrove Street in the Harold Street Reserve. A contractor will be engaged to slash these breaks in the next few weeks.

3.3 Questions Without Notice

Glamorgan Spring Bay Council will allow questions to be provided by written notice by 12 noon the day before the Ordinary Council Meeting by either emailing general.manager@freycinet.tas.gov.au or alternatively left in the post box outside the Council Chambers located at 9 Melbourne Street, Triabunna.

4 PLANNING AUTHORITY SECTION

Nil Reports.

5 FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1 Financial Reports for January 2026

Author: Accountant (Mary Oyeyiola)

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Financial Services (Craig Bennett)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Capital Works Projects 2026-01 [**5.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Group Financial Statements 2026-01 [**5.1.2** - 3 pages]

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The financial reports for the period ending 31 January 2026 (as attached to this report) are presented for the information of Council.

The first report of the attachments is the Capital Works Program (***CAPEX***) for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

The report details that Council has budgeted to spend just over $9M in Capital Works for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

The major components of the program are Roads, Footpaths and Kerbs (38%), Parks, Reserves, Walking Tracks and Cemeteries (17%), Buildings (15%) and Plant Equipment and Oher (14%).

As at 31 January 2026 Council has spent 41% of the revised budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Year ($3,714,946/$9,076,947).

Based on the budget year being for 12 months, Council is 59% of the way through the Financial Year.

The second report of the attachments is the Profit and Loss Statement as at 31 January 2026. This details that the Year-to-Date Actuals are $2.2M in front of the Year-to-Date Budget.

The third report of the attachments is the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 31 January 2026. This report details that the Net Assets are $267M as at 31 January 2026 ($262M as at 30 June 2025).

The final report of the attachments is the Statement of Cashflows as at 31 January 2026. This report details a net change in cash of $972K from 30 June 2025 ($12.7M) to $13.7M as at 31 January 2026. This is an increase of $1M or 8%.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications regarding this report as it is an information report.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme

Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Financial		By not receiving and reviewing the major financial reports on a regular basis, such as the Profit & Loss, Statement of Cash Flows, Capital Works and Balance Sheet, Council risks not meeting its financial management obligations.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Financial Reports as attached to this report for the period ending 31 January 2026.

6 SECTION 24 COMMITTEES

Nil.

7 INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer - Dick Shaw

CEO Report - Governance, Human Resources, Work Health and Safety, Economic Development, Community Development

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PURPOSE

This report provides information on the ongoing tasks of the Department in relation to Governance, Human Resources, Work Health and Safety, Economic Development, Community Development.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Officers commenced a review of the format (and content) of the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda for the purpose of satisfying legislative requirements and to identify how information sharing between Executive and Councillors can be streamlined/improved. A revised format will be presented at the March Workshop with a view introduce a new agenda format at the March OCM.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Council's Facebook page continues to be the most effective platform for community communication, supported by regularly updated municipal noticeboards.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Development Team has maintained a high level of engagement over the past month, delivering a range of activities across community recovery, events, stakeholder liaison and communications. Ongoing collaboration with Recovery and Resilience Tasmania remains a key focus.

Recovery and Community Engagement

- Council has continued to attend regular meetings relating to recovery and emergency management processes, including participation in the Dolphin Sands Cleanup Program Advisory Group. Council has also met with members of the Dolphin Sands community on several occasions. During the current recovery phase, the primary focus remains on maintaining strong relationships with community members and ensuring clear, consistent communication.

- As part of Council's commitment to the Dolphin Sands recovery process and in support of Swansea residents, Council has worked each Thursday from the East Coast Tourism Office at the Swansea Courthouse. This presence has provided a valuable opportunity for residents to raise Council-related matters locally and has strengthened the conduit between the community and Council staff.

- Council has also commenced regular dialogue with a mainland-based recovery mentor. This free service, facilitated by the State Government and the Red Cross is of high value. Mentoring will continue over the next twelve months. The expertise provided includes:
    - Local and State Government recovery processes
    - Development and implementation of Community Recovery Plans
    - Short- and long-term recovery planning and sustainability
    - Community-led recovery approaches
    - Recovery tools and frameworks

Events and Community Partnerships

- The Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony was held on Thursday 22 January 2026. The event was well attended and provided a meaningful celebration of volunteers and new citizens within the municipality. Significant planning and coordination were required, including liaison with the Department of Home Affairs to ensure all protocol requirements were met. The team delivered a professional and celebratory event, providing a fitting tribute to nominees and recipients.

- The Community Development Team also met with several organisations during the month, including Spoke Festival representatives, Tasmania Fire Service personnel and local community members, to discuss upcoming events and collaborative projects.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

- 7 January 2026 - Site visit Dolphin Sands Bushfire Clean-up Program – Swansea.
- 12 January 2026 - Meeting | John Lewis – Spring Bay Museum – Triabunna.
- 20 January 2026 – Meeting | Long-term Recovery 101 RE Dolphin Sands Bush Fire – Swansea.
- 20 January 2026 – Tas Waste | Soft Plastics Briefing
- 22 January 2026 – Australia Day Awards & Citizen Ship Ceremony – Triabunna
- 22 January 2026 - Dolphin Sands Cleanup program Advisory Committee
- 28 January 2026 – Meeting | Peter Stronach, Landcare Tasmania

STAFF MOVEMENTS

- Director Corporate and Financial Services commenced January 19 January 2026.
- the position description for the role of Health, Safety and Wellbeing Officer, and Property and Projects Officer were reviewed ahead of advertising in February 2026.
- Land Use Planner scheduled to commence on 09.02.26.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

- No new workers compensation or reportable incidents during the reporting period
- An occupational therapist organisation has been engaged to perform an ergonomic assessment for all indoor staff. Information gained from this process will inform the purchase of new office equipment.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director Works and Infrastructure's report be received and noted.

7.3 Director Works and Infrastructure – Ron Sanderson

Asset Management; Roads, Bridges and Footpaths; Stormwater; Waste Management; Public Amenities; Buildings and Marine Infrastructure, Parks, Reserves and Walking Tracks; Cemeteries

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PURPOSE

This report provides information on the ongoing tasks of the Department in relation to Asset Management; Roads, Bridges and Footpaths; Stormwater; Waste Management; Public Amenities; Buildings and Marine Infrastructure, Parks, Reserves and Walking Tracks; and Cemeteries.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Asset Management practice is the strategic driver for the activities of the Department and is partnered by works that operate to maintain essential services to the community.

CONSULTANT SERVICES

Consultant services are required to deliver specialised services to Council for a range of generally short-term requirements. Current consultant activities comprise:

- Hydraulic engineering reports
- Civil Engineering contract management
- Civil works and bridge design
- Building Design

OPERATIONAL WORKS

ROADS, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS, KERBS

- Unsealed road inspections for January: 15
- Maintenance grade of Court Farm Rd, Buckland- completed
- Maintenance grade of Twamley Road, Buckland- completed
- Maintenance grade of Brockley Road, Buckland- completed
- Resheeting of Woodsden Rd, Buckland- completed
- Resheeting of 1km of Sand River Rd, Buckland- completed
- Cold mixing of potholes across the municipality - Ongoing across municipality approx. 2 ton of cold mix placed for January
- Roadside weed spraying of sealed and unsealed roads – ongoing

- Replacement of corroded structural fasteners under Vicary St bridge, Triabunna- quote received and PO issued to contractor- completed
- Dolphin Sands Rd pavement failures (2 of) repair- Was planned for 8th of Dec but was cancelled due to the fires on the 4th of Dec. Will be rescheduled once the bushfire cleanup is completed
- New hold lines and giveway signs at intersection that have been reclaimed/resealed this FY- completed

STORMWATER, DRAINAGE

- Open drain and culvert/cross over maintenance - ongoing across municipality
- Reshaping/rock lining of eroded open drain on Esplanade East near Roberts St, Triabunna- completed
- Reshaping/rock lining of eroded open drain on Maria St near Meredith St Triabunna- completed
- Okehampton Rd culvert replacements and drain cleaning- completed
- Foster/Fraser St, Bicheno intersection- extend KC, install SW pit and side entry grate- completed
- Clean out Nugent Rd, Buckland open drains on sealed section- completed.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- All WTS's to return to Winter operating hours on 13th April
- Drum Muster are now also introducing Bag Muster for recycling of bulka bags, this will be implemented at the Swansea WTS alongside the Drum Muster program
- Tyrecycle removed one more load of tyres for recycling from Orford WTS
- Final 2 bulk general waste skip bins received for WTS's. GSBC now owns all the bulk general waste bins at WTS's.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, RESERVES, WALKING TRACKS, CEMETERIES

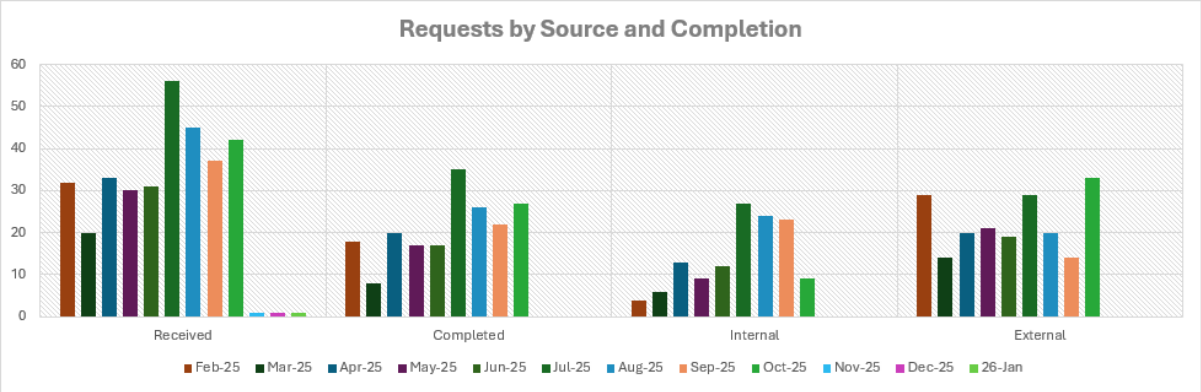
- New pitch cover for Orford cricket pitch due to vandalism- completed
- Considerable amount of work completed by council employees at the Bicheno Triangle to finish upgrade before grand opening.
- New footpaths and one pram ramp constructed to each access gate at Bicheno Cemetery- completed

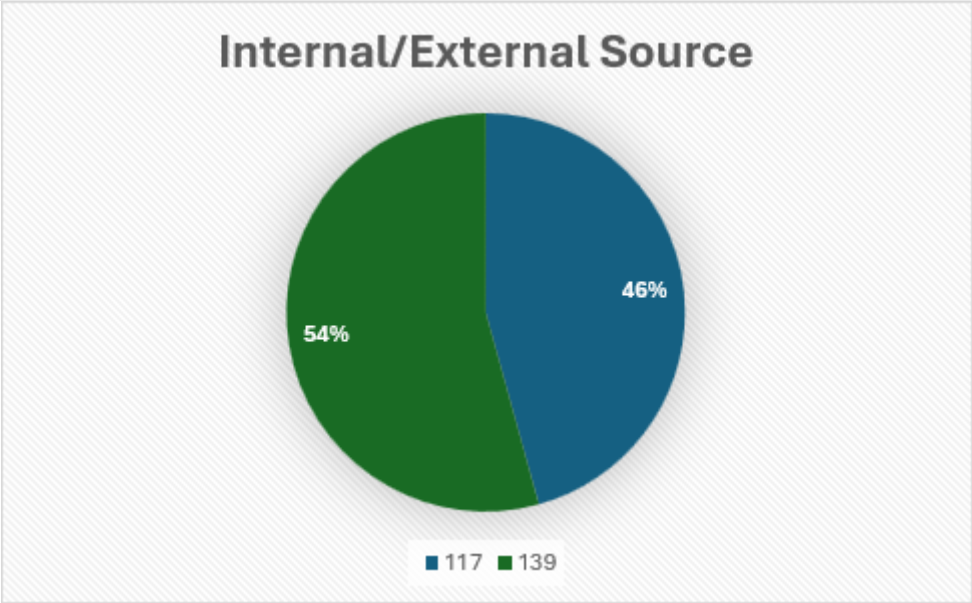
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

After hours rostering carried out as scheduled.

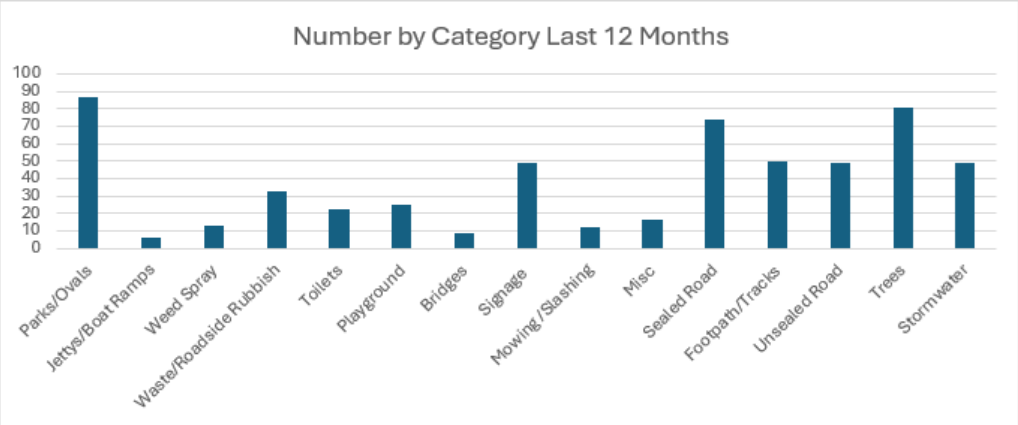
CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The chart below summarises the requests received year to date by the total numbers received; the number completed; those generated by the public and those generated by officers.





The requests are sorted into categories to provide an overview of the areas showing the most interest or greatest need for attention as per the bar chart below:



CAPITAL WORKS

- Lions Park Playground, Bicheno – requests for quotations were called with prices for the works far exceeding expectations. The budget is significantly short and will require additional funds from Council. The designer that completed the concept designs has now been engaged to produce IFC drawings and tender documents for GSBC- January 26- drawings and scope received and being prepared for tendering
- Pavement Rehabilitation and Bitumen Reseal- 95% completed
- Wielangta Rd Bridge #55 upgrade - currently sourcing material quotes.
- Duck Park, Swansea exercise equipment - new exercise equipment ordered, 22-week lead time for delivery.
- 25/26 FY footpath replacement plan- no new scopes for January
- 25/26 FY KC replacement plan: no new scopes completed for January
- Morrison St, Bicheno. Kerb install at cul-de-sac (cemetery) and asphalting – underway
- First stage of Nailer Ave, Bicheno works – underway
- Asphalt footpath to Bark Mill, Swansea - permit now approved by State Growth, boxing/edge materials ordered- planned for new year 2026
- Bicheno Skatepark toilet is at floor level, Slab has been ground, and sealed, concrete block walls are standing and core filled, the steel fabricators have been to measure up so works are progressing.
- Duck Park, Swansea replacement pedestrian bridge - GSBC development engineer in discussions with designers. The budget allocated for replacement will be well underfunded and will require further capital budget allocation- RFQ for design and construct, RFQ's received from 2 suppliers and extra funding requested for next financial year.
- Unsealed road re-sheet scopes and estimates approved for completion:
  1. Woodsden Rd, Buckland, 1.7km long- completed
  2. Oakhampton Rd, Triabunna, 1.2km long- Feb 2026
  3. Sand River Rd, Buckland, 1km long- completed
  4. Flacks Rd, Coles Bay, 2km long- Feb/March 2026
- New BBQ/shelter installation at Spring Beach- Now have PWS approval to proceed- planned for Feb/March
- New BBQ for Harold St Reserve (at hall), BBQ received currently planning install- PWS permit request submitted
- Playground renewal and upgrades
  1. New exercise equipment for Duck Park, Swansea- due Feb 2026
  2. New exercise equipment for Our Park. Orford- ordered
  3. New basketball hoop for Our Park, Orford- ordered.
  4. Refurbishment of Triabunna Rec Ground bike/BMX track- awaiting quotes

Grant funded

Generally, the grant funded projects are experiencing delays as consultation with major stakeholders is slower to progress than anticipated:

- Disaster Ready Fund - Round 3- project DRFR300037 Building Flood Resilience in key areas of Glamorgan Spring Bay, Tasmania has been successful for funding through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round Three.

- Coles Bay Black Water Station- Works Manager met with TasWater and PWS to look at one location, deemed not suitable. Now looking to install at boat parking area in Harold St. Test hole completed to confirm required depth for tank can be achieved. Permit for work now in with PWS for review- The proposed location has PWS approval in principle, awaiting design and plumbing permit.

PLANT AND VEHICLES

- Tender for new water cart/truck for grader crew - PO issued to successful supplier, expected delivery March 2026.
- Replacement of one outdoor team utility – received and in service
- Replacement of Facility Coordinators utility- received and in service
- Bulk 40m3 general waste bins for WTS's- all received, scope completed for FY
- Mower tilt trailer- ordered
- Approved/compliant lifting jib for Triabunna Komatsu loader- ordered

GENERAL

- Line marking
  1. Burgess St/Tasman Highway, Bicheno- repaint hold line and surrounding carparks- Also change give way signs to stop signs at this intersection as requested by Tas Police- completed
- Deck slashing of remaining municipal rural roads around Bicheno & Coles Bay- underway
- GSBC Development engineer- ongoing subdivision inspections and consultation with developers on projects including AWC at Mary St, Orford & Maria St, Swansea and Ramcorp at Julia St, Swansea.
- Very high demand on public toilets and public waste bins during January, many needing serviced multiple times per day by council resources.
- Removal of real-estate signs on council nature strips- underway, a very large quantity has been removed from Orford/Triabunna nature strips.

RESERVE BOOKINGS AND ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures for the events noted will be carried out under section 19.1(a) of the *Local Government Highways Act 1982* requiring consultation with the Commissioner of Police:

- Nil for January 2026

FACILITIES

- A new toilet block has been designed for Muirs Beach, Coles Bay by Edwards and Simpson Architects. Permission has been received from Aboriginal Heritage to drill test holes for the new toilet block and outflows.
- An accessible BBQ has been installed at Jubilee Beach park and the existing BBQ was moved under the old shelter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director Works and Infrastructure's report be received and noted.

7.3 Acting Director Planning and Development - James Bonner

Animal Control and Compliance; Building and Plumbing; Environmental Health; Natural Resource Management; *Planning and Property*

ATTACHMENT/S

Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the activities on the Planning and Development Directorate and to specifically report on the development approvals issued under delegation.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Animal Control and Compliance:

Draft Dog Management Policy 2024-2029 - Council has forwarded the Draft Policy to Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), for their approval for the draft policy to be reported to Council for the draft policy to go on public exhibition.

For the reporting period 19 dogs were registered, totaling 967 dogs for the year.

Fire abatement inspections have continued to be undertaken within the Municipality.

Building and Plumbing:

For the reporting period: 1 Building Permit, 7 Approvals for Notifiable Building Works, 0 Low Risk Building approvals, 0 Certificates of Substantial Compliance, 0 Temporary Occupancy Permits, 4 Plumbing Permits, 7 Approvals for Notifiable Plumbing Works, 1 Low Risk Plumbing approvals, 1 Building & Plumbing Notices were issued, and 1 Building & Plumbing Orders were issued.

Environmental Health:

Routine inspections of food premises continue in line with the inspection frequency set by the statewide Food Business Risk Classification System, with advice and instruction provided to ensure compliance with the *Food Act 2003*.

A range of complaints regarding food premises, environmental nuisance/harm continue to be received and addressed on a case-by-case basis. Issues have included failing on-site wastewater systems, odour, general food handling practices and date marking of packaged food.

Publicly accessible pools and spas continue to be monitored on a monthly basis by owners/operators, while sampling of popular recreational beaches was conducted in January by Council Officers. All nine (9) beach samples complied with the threshold microbiological

values as provided by the *Recreational Water Quality Guidelines 2007* (the Guidelines*).* Sample results are published on Councils website. Sampling will continue during February and March as required under the Guidelines.

Plans for the upcoming Spoke Motorcycle Festival (27 Feb – 1 March) have been reviewed and assessed in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Health Act 1997.* While a Place of Assembly license is not required for this event a public health risk activity will be conducted (tattooing), with both the operator licenced and the premises from which they operate (stall/tent/gazebo) registered by Council, while food vendors must be registered in accordance with the *Food Act 2003.*

Planning:

For the January period 16 new development applications were received and 11 applications were approved.

Council has provided delegation to the General Manager to approve an application where no more than two representations are lodged against the application. No applications assessed during the period received 1-2 representations. There are currently no planning appeals in mediation.

Property:

Advertising has commenced for the vacant Property and Projects Officer position.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Given this report is for information only, there are no statutory implications.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Given this report is for information only, there are no budgetary implications.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

No risk associated with receiving an information report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report on the activities on the Planning and Development Directorate.

7.4 Director Corporate and Financial Services - Craig Bennett

Financial Management, Information Technology, Customer Service, Risk Management, Records, Corporate Service and Rates.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PURPOSE

This report is an information report that provides information on a monthly basis of what is being undertaken in the Directorate of Corporate and Financial Services.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

A new Director Corporate and Financial Services commenced with Council on Monday 19 January 2026, Mr Craig Bennett. Mr Bennett, brings 30 years of local government experience to the Glamorgan Spring Bay Local Government Area.

Mr Bennett was born and raised in Launceston and spent the first five (5) years of his local government career working at Burnie City Council as its Cost/Management Accountant.

He has now returned to Tasmania after living and working in Western Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. He has spent the past fifteen (15) years working at the Senior Executive level in NSW local government.

Mr Bennett is looking forward to being part of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) at Council.

The following sections detail what has been undertaken in the Corporate and Financial Services Directorate over the past month.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Noting the new Director commenced 19 January and the reporting period closed 31 January, the focus of the new Director was learning current reporting practices and working with staff to complete the suite of standard financial reports. The new Director has vast experience across a range of jurisdictions and has identified opportunities to improve systems and process that will be considered in due course. Works also commenced to review the revision of the Capital Works Program (CAPEX) for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

The Financial Reports as at 31 January 2026 are subject to a separate report to this Ordinary Council Meeting Financial Report 5.1.

The revised CAPEX for the 2025/2026 Financial Year is also included as a separate report to this Ordinary Council Meeting Report 8.1. Commentary regarding the proposed revisions in February 2026 are also included in that report.

Note the draft Long Term Financial Management Plan (LTFMP) will be reported to the March 2026 or April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting for a final review and then adoption of the plan by Council. The LTFMP will be from 1 July 2026 until 30 June 2036.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Nill to report.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Nill to report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Nill to report.

RECORDS

Nill to report.

CORPORATE SERVICE AND RATES

Nothing major to report for this month.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nill to report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director Corporate and Financial Services report be received and noted.

7.5 Action Register

Governance, Human Resources, Work Health and Safety, Economic Development, Community Development

ATTACHMENTS

1. Council Motion Tracking Document [**7.5.1** - 1 page]

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on current and outstanding Active Resolutions at January 2026.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Active Resolution register is provided to inform Councillors of progress toward the implementation and completion of Council resolutions.

The introduction of this regular report will help to ensure transparency, support effective governance, and maintain clear oversight of Council's decision-making processes.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Active Resolution report.

8 OFFICERS' REPORT REQUIRING A DECISION

8.1 Revised Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year

Author: Director Corporate and Financial Services (Craig Bennett)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Revised Capital Works Program for the 2025-2026 Financial Year - February 2026 [**8.1.1** - 3 pages]

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a revised Capital Works Program (***CAPEX***) for the 2025/2026 Financial Year, as at February 2026 and request for Council to adopt the new revised CAPEX for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

A workshop was held with Councillors on Tuesday 10 February 2026. This workshop was held to guide Councillors through the proposed amendments to the CAPEX for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. It is now proposed that the program will be increased by $1.7M on the adopted budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Year (increased from $7.3M to $9M) as at February 2026.

The major increases to the program are as follows:

1. Triabunna Tomorrow Streetscapes – increase the revised budget from $445K to 1.36M. The entire $914K increase to this project is grant funded.

2. Duck Park Foot Bridge – increase the revised budget from $100K to $390K. The entire funding from this project will come from Council funds.

3. Playground at Bicheno Lions Park – increase the revised budget from $90K to $300K.

The funding sources for the $1.7M increase to the program is detailed under the budget implications section of this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance

This means

Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the CAPEX for the 2025/2026 Financial Year be increased by $1.7M.

The funding sources for this increase is proposed as follows:

External Grant Funding	$1,114,899
Council Funding Sources	$ 617,750
TOTAL	**$1,732,649**

Included in the Council Funding Sources above is the proposed allocation of $179,514 from the Recreation Reserve to the Bicheno Triangle Project. This allocation is part of the recommendation below.

There is currently $973K in the Recreation Reserve as at 16 February 2026.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	**Low**	**Medium**	**High**	**Extreme**

Financial		There will be insufficient funds to complete the CAPEX if Council does not adopt the revised CAPEX budget.
Reputation		The reputation of Council will be damaged if the projects are not completed.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Council is being requested to increase the CAPEX for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. This is to accommodate some significant increases in projects as detailed in the background/overview section of this report.

The three projects detailed above account for $1,415K. The remaining projects account for the remaining $318K.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the proposed increase in the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of $1,732,649, from an adopted budget position of $7,339,298 to a revised budget position of $9,071,947, as at 24 February 2026 and authorise for $179,514 of the funding to be allocated from the Recreation Reserve for the Bicheno Triangle Project.

8.2 Audit Panel Committee Member

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 [**8.2.1** - 4 pages]

PURPOSE

To appoint a new Audit Panel Member to the Audit Panel Committee.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Audit Panel Committee comprises of four members, two independent members and two Councillors, prior to Deputy Mayor Michael Symons' resignation in December 2025. The Chair of the Audit Panel advised that Council should have two Councillors appointed to the panel where capacity and interest exist.

The purpose of the audit panel is defined in the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014*:

Functions of audit panel

(1) In this clause:

Part 7 plan means a strategic plan, an annual plan, a long-term financial management plan or a long-term strategic asset management plan of a council prepared under Division 2 of Part 7 of the Act.

(2) For the purposes of section 85A(1)(d) of the Act, the following matters are specified as the matters that an audit panel is to consider in a review of the relevant council's performance:

(a) whether the annual financial statements of the council accurately represent the state of affairs of the council;

(b) whether and how the Part 7 plans are integrated and the processes by which, and assumptions under which, those plans were prepared;

(c) the accounting, internal control, anti-fraud, anti-corruption and risk management policies, systems and controls that the council has in relation to safeguarding its long-term financial position;

(d) whether the council is complying with the provisions of the Act and any other relevant legislation;

(e) whether the council has taken any action in relation to previous recommendations provided by the audit panel to the council and, if it has so taken action, what that action was and its effectiveness.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
1. Our Governance and Finance.

This means
Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Prior to a Motion being moved, the Chair will ask for nominations. A vote will be used to select the person to represent the council – this can be conducted by secret ballot where the need exists.

The recommendation is then to be moved with the identified Councillors name inserted into the drafted recommendation.

Note the term of the appointment is for a minimum of one year and a maximum of four years.

In accordance with *Local Government (Audit Panel) Orde*r 2014, the Acting CEO will inform the Office of Local Government of the appointment.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint [INSERT NAME] to the audit panel.

8.3 Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025

Author: Paul West – Independent Advisor, River Road Consulting

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. 1. Letter – Minister for Local Government – 8 December 2025 [**8.3.1** - 2 pages]
2. 2. Local Government Electoral Reforms – Consultation draft legislation overview [**8.3.2** - 9 pages]
3. 3. Local Government Electoral Reform – Exposure Draft Legislation and Prior Consultation Report [**8.3.3** - 51 pages]
4. 5. Local Government Amendment (Electoral Reforms) Bill 2025 [**8.3.4** - 24 pages]
5. Local Government Electoral Reforms Overview of draft legislation 2 SUBMISSION [**8.3.5** - 19 pages]

PURPOSE

This report provides as an attachment, the GSBC submission to the Minister for Local Government relating to the Local Government Electoral Bill.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Council has until 28 February 2026 to finalise its submission

Council engaged consultant services to draft and finalise the Council's submission. The process to engage Councillor's was presented at a Council workshop on 13 January 2026 and the consultant facilitated discussion to gain preliminary views to support drafting. A draft document was then provided to Councillor's at the 27 January 2026 meeting with instructions as to how additional feedback can be provided prior to the report being presented as final to the February Ordinary Council Meeting.

A comprehensive background was provided in the 27 January 2026 agenda.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
1. Our Governance and Finance

This means
Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Local Government Electoral Bill 2025*
- *Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2025*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Under the Reforms to Councillor Numbers and Allowances it is proposed to reduce Councillor numbers for GSBC from the current 8 to 7. The paper also proposes an increase to Councillor Allowances from the current $13,185 To $17,888 (an increase of $4,703 or 35.67%). The Office of Local Government paper indicates this change will result in a $27,792 negative impact on GSBC's budget.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil to consider.

COMMENTS

The process undertaken to draft and finalise the submission has utilised a consultant with recognised local government experience. Councillor's have been provided with a facilitated workshop and Council meeting to discuss the subject matter, and in addition were provided with a clear process in which feedback and input could be given.

It is noted that there are differing views within the Chamber on some matters of reform, and that the submission has made genuine attempts to reflect such. All parties recognise that consensus on matters such as proposed by the reform is unlikely, yet accepting the differing views and positions of others remains important.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the attached submission and approve the submission being submitted.

8.4 Review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) - Council Submission

Author: Consultant Land Use Planner (Mick Purves)

Responsible Officer: Acting Director Planning and Development (James Bonner)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Annexure 1 - STRLUS Report [**8.4.1** - 10 pages]

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider a submission to the exhibition of the review of the draft *Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy* (draft STRLUS).

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Regional Land Use Strategies were intended to provide a key task for setting priorities for the strategic delivery of land through the land use planning system in Tasmania. They were intended to provide a regional series of policies and strategies to enable growth and development from 2010 to 2035

The existing strategies for the south, north and northwest (Cradle Coast) regions were developed in the early 2010's and were used in the assessment of new planning schemes and local provisions schedules, amendments to planning schemes and local provisions schedules and various other planning processes such as major project or state project assessments.

For Glamorgan Spring Bay, the existing Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS) was used by the Tasmanian Planning Commission to assess the draft Local Provisions Schedule and planning scheme amendments for the Cambria Green proposal, bushfire hazard overlays, changes to the Dolphin Sands Specific Area Plan, and specific amendment applications for the Tempus retirement lifestyle village at Swansea, changes to the Louisville Road Specific Area Plan and the Rheban Road subdivision.

The STRLUS provided a policy and strategy framework to manage and control growth across biodiversity and geodiversity, water resources, the coast, risk and hazards, cultural values, recreation and open space, social infrastructure, physical infrastructure, land use and transport integration, tourism, strategic economic opportunities, productive resources, industrial activity, activity centres, and settlement and regional development.

Operation of the STRLUS has been problematic across the region, resulting in a series of election commitments to review the existing document, which commenced in 2024 and was handed to the State in mid-2025. The current review was intended to be a collaborative project between the State and the region, to update settlement patterns, establish regional priorities and address implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Polices across the region.

The December 2025 Liberal 100-day plan committed to the consultation of the draft STRLUS.

The draft STRLUS were available from the Shaping Tasmania website, together with background information and the following supporting reports:

- Draft STRLUS Background Report;
- Response to STRLUS Consultation Feedback
- Statewide Industrial Land Strategy (available from 10 February 2026)
- Phase One Consultation Report
- State of Play Report
- State of Play Report Summary
- Southern Tasmanian Economic Profile
- Residential Demand and Supply Study LGA Summary, and
- Residential Demand and Supply Study Markey Demand Report.

Consultation on the draft STRLUS commenced in November 2025 and closed on 22 February 2026. Council obtained an extension of time to allow presentation of this report to the February 2026 Meeting for consideration.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Land Use Planning and the role of the Planning Authority have a significant influence and impact on the achievement of the Council's Strategic Plan objectives to grow a sustainable population, improve housing affordability, enhance, maintain and protect the various assets of the municipality, diversify and support a local economy and preserve the natural environment. Strategic Plan focus areas include:

Guiding Principles

1. Balance economic and tourism growth with preserving our lifestyle, celebrating our rich history and protecting the region's unique and precious characteristics.
5. Ensure that our current expenditure and ongoing commitments fall within our means so that rates can be maintained at a manageable and affordable level.
7. Communicate and explain Council's decisions and reasons in an open and timely manner.

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance
2. Our Community

This means

Advocating and lobbying effectively on behalf of the community.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Regional Land Use Strategies are established at section 5A of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA), which establishes the following requirements:

1, 2 the Minister for Planning may declare and notify regions (South, North, Cradle Coast).
3 Minister may notify the making of regional strategies.
3A Minister must receive advice from the Tasmanian Planning Commission and determine consistency with the Schedule 1 Objectives of the Act, State Policies and the Tasmanian Planning Policies.
4 Minister must consult with the Commission, planning authorities and State service authorities.
5 Strategies may incorporate documents relevant to application to municipal areas.
6 Minister must keep strategies under regular and periodic review.
7 requires reviews to be consistent with assessment criteria at 3A.
8 Minister must review the RLUS as soon as practicable after making of the Tasmanian Planning Policies to determine compliance.

The RLUS is applied under the Act through the following:

- Development, amendment, review and assessment of Local Provisions Schedules (sections 34 LPS Criteria, 35N criteria for review of LPS), and
- Assessment of Major Projects (Division 2A of the Act)

The STRLUS is one of ten assessment criteria under the LPS criteria established at section 34 of the Act. They are (summarised):

(a) contains all the required SPP provisions in an LPS; and
(b) is in accordance with section 32 (contents of an LPS); and
(c) furthers the Schedule1 objectives of the Act; and
(d) is consistent with State policies; and
(da) satisfies the relevant criteria in the Tasmanian Planning Policies (34 policy areas, up to 254 policy statements); and
(e) practicable consistency with the **regional land use strategy**; and
(f) has regard to the Council strategic plan; and
(g) is practicably consistent with any adjoining LPS's; and
(h) is consistent with the safety requirements under the Gas Safety Act 2019.

The STRLUS is not and *cannot* be applied to the assessment of planning applications under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, rather it is used to assess the planning schemes themselves.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Ongoing participation on the planning reform process forms part of Council's operational budget.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	**Low**	**Medium**	**High**	**Extreme**

Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments

Political and Governance		**A submission provides an opportunity to comment on strategic impacts to future development of the municipality and region.**

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

There is little debate about the need and ability for regional land use strategies to perform a significant role in planning for the future development of the region and more particularly, enabling the long term strategic planning for infrastructure and service delivery to ensure current and future Tasmanians have a safe and pleasant place to live and work, and enable the long term investments to deliver those outcomes.

The current review is the first since declaration of the STRLUS in 2010. It must be supported, particularly given the changes to the land use planning system, economy, the wider social and demographic changes, the cost of living and the housing availability/affordability crisis Tasmania is facing.

That said, support of the draft STRLUS must be questioned.

The draft STRLUS reads like a background document and does not provide the future vision, strategies or priorities that are required to deliver those outcomes across southern Tasmania. This appears to result from numerous factors:

- the supporting documents rely on historical data to determine future needs, which presumes that historical supply has met the required demand across a range of sectors;
- it does not recognise the well-established housing crisis, the commitments under the National Housing Accord, nor establish priorities or strategic initiatives to address these;
- the only future development strategies or scenarios provided are based on historical data, entrenching the existing status quo, and do not consider any external inputs of strategic initiatives, particularly around the future impacts of Tasmania as a lifestyle destination, climate change and broader needs to build a sustainable population base and age profile within the region and across the State;
- a long-term lack of integration of land use and strategic infrastructure investment, planning and delivery across successive governments; and
- a long-term failure by the State to properly resource and support strategic land use planning within Tasmania, and the lack of a clear shared vision to identify the future direction for Tasmania by the current and previous administrations.

The statutory functions of the STRLUS are set through the assessment criteria at section 5A and other sections of the Act as consistency with the Schedule 1 Objectives of the Act, State Policies and the recently made Tasmanian Planning Policies. It should play a critical role in delivering the future of the greater Hobart area and the southern region. It fails to do this, and as a result, is inconsistent with the Schedule 1 objectives of the Act.

The constrained process for development of the draft STRLUS impacted its development. A significant example of this is the late provision of the *Statewide Industrial Land Strategy*,

despite clear statements that it was a supporting appendix for the consultation period (available from 10 February 2026).

The draft STRLUS applies solutions to manage future growth within the region that appear to be based on a *management and control* approach, similar to the existing STRLUS:

- growth boundaries based on existing zoning regimes;
- interventions based on management of issues relevant to the urban Hobart area, and not the full range of settlements and networks across the region;
- an activity centre hierarchy based on existing service provision rather than strategic analysis of future needs, economics and aspirations of the local communities; and
- a growth control strategy rather than a range of enabling frameworks that reflect the many faces of the region with the greater Hobart area and economy, and the network of other settlements outside that area that serve lifestyle, agriculture, and tourism sectors.

The exhibited draft appears to set a strategic framework that will continue the status quo.

The lack of planning for future scenarios, combined with the universal use of restrictive nature of tools such as the growth boundaries across the region, will restrict the delivery of land for housing, increasing costs to end users, opportunity for land banking and speculative advantage/disadvantage and ultimately be counterproductive.

Many strategy statements appear to suggest that local planning should provide alternative use and development provisions to those in the State Planning Provisions for delivery of the required outcomes. This is inconsistent with the statutory tests for assessment of Local Provisions that set aside or vary the State Planning Provisions.

Recent decades have seen increased change and uncertainty in political, social, economic and environmental landscapes globally and locally. Good strategic planning for development is more important than ever.

A new STRLUS needs to enable response to global changes and projected and strategic growth over the next 25 years, enable flexible and timely responses to current and emerging issues and enable a future where Tasmania is something other than the projected large retirement village where the young and actively mobile leave.

The next STRLUS needs to establish:

- a clear process to enable aspirational growth, timely response to changing markets, conditions, technology, climate and environmental pressures and trends;
- enable /support strategic land use planning programs to be enacted by local government across the southern region, not focused on the greater Hobart area;
- clear priorities for the region that provide confidence for investment in land use and development;
- the evidence base for the interventions and priorities;
- a State-supported and led process to improve integration of land use planning and the strategic investment and delivery of infrastructure to improve the cost and delivery of land for housing and our communities within the region; and

- a process to deal with those matters or projects that arise that are outside the scope of the STRLUS development (either within the STRLUS or through an external process).

The State-based population profiles project Tasmania will effectively become a large retirement community, where the active and the young leave. This is not inevitable, rather it is a conscious choice that the draft STRLUS is likely to enable due to its structure and lack of long-term vision or strategy.

Delivery of revised regional land use strategies around Tasmania must be accompanied by increased funding for ongoing maintenance of the final document. Suitable operational budget allocations are required to deliver this commitment. This would prevent the stagnation that occurred with the existing STRLUS under previous Governments.

Maintenance of the STRLUS is now linked to the commitments established under the Tasmanian Planning Policies and the requirements for data and information they establish. The pending completion of the draft STRLUS raises many questions about who will deal with the aspirational elements of the Tasmanian Planning Policies when Councils are progressing planning scheme amendments through the Tasmanian Planning Commission. For example, strategies 3.2.2.1 c, d and e identify the management of impacts to regional biodiversity corridors, yet little data appears to be available to establish the base for these interventions. We are concerned that the obligations for delivery of the data and operational policy for these interventions will fall on Council if this is not delivered and maintained by the State.

Similarly, Regional Strategies for Cultural Heritage identify the protection, collaboration and mitigation of impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage values and sites at section 3.6.2.1. These statements assume the required conversations, engagement and support has been achieved with the relevant agencies, groups and stakeholders by the State.

These types of obligations result from the Tasmanian Planning Policies. Absent completion of significant work by the State to ensure the support from the relevant stakeholders and the provision of the required data and frameworks for these interventions, this work is likely to fall on Council, the Local Government sector and developers when preparing and assessing planning scheme amendments and appearing before the Tasmanian Planning Commission. This is neither consistent with the intent nor the specific outcomes of the Schedule 1 Objectives.

Given the issues identified in this review, it is recommended that the current review forms a transitionary document for the first stage of implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Policies.

The next 5 year period (2030) would be used to review application of the Tasmanian Planning Policies, develop a set of future scenarios, complete meaningful consultation and enable a full review of the STRLUS as part of the next 5-year review.

Following the discussion within this report and Position Paper, it is concluded that a comprehensive review STRLUS can be supported as a concept but the current proposal is premature and cannot be supported.

RECOMMENDATION

That a submission be made on the draft Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy reflecting the Discussion in this report and the detail commentary provided in Annexure 1.

8.5 Draft 20-Year Preventative Health Strategy

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

Responsible Officer: HR Business Partner (Tracy Fergusson)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. GSBC Submission Draft 20- Year Preventative Health Strategy [**8.5.1** - 4 pages]
2. the health revolution 20 year preventive health strategy 2025 (1) [**8.5.2** - 43 pages]

PURPOSE

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has drafted a response (on behalf of Local Government) to the State Governments DRAFT 20-Year Preventative Health Strategy. Council officers have drafted comments and feedback to the LGAT submission, for LGAT to consider in its response to Government. Council will not make its own submission. The purpose of this paper is to provide Councillors with the opportunity to consider the comments and feedback and suggest amendments where necessary.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

At the end of last year, the Government released the draft strategy for consultation. The Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Minister for Ageing, Bridget Archer wrote to all Councils on 5 January 2026 seeking a submission by 27 February 2026.

This letter was provided as an attachment 7.1.1 to the January 27 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

A copy of the strategy can be located at:
https://www.health.tas.gov.au/publications/exposure-draft-health-revolution-20-year-preventive-health-strategy

LGAT has requested Council feedback by Tuesday 24 February 2026 (same day as the Council meeting). It is anticipated that Council comment and feedback will be provided on Wednesday 25 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
2. Our Community

This means
Developing our facilities to be accessible and inclusive for all.
Support and facilitation of social activities that promote community wellbeing.
Collaboration with Councils' contracted medical provider to improve health services.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The opportunity for Council to leverage off the LGAT submission does provide a degree of business efficiency and ensures that the position of Council is fed into the consultation and stakeholder engagement process.

The Strategy is high-level and the areas where comment was sought have been addressed by the attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That the comments and feedback as per attached are noted and approval is given to submit the attached material to LGAT for consideration by LGAT in terms of the submission requested by the Minister.

8.6 Integrity Commission – Gifts and Donations Consultation Paper

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. local-government-gifts-donations-consultation-paper [**8.6.1** - 22 pages]
2. GSBC DRAFT Submission Integrity Commission – Local Government Gifts and Donations Consultation Paper [**8.6.2** - 4 pages]

PURPOSE

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has drafted a response (on behalf of Local Government) to the Integrity Commissions release of the Local Government Gifts and donations Consultation Paper.

Council officers have drafted comments and feedback to the LGAT submission, for LGAT to consider in its response to the Integrity Commission. Council will not make its own submission.

The purpose of this paper is to provide Councillor's with the opportunity to consider the comments and feedback and suggest amendments where necessary.

Consultation closes on Monday 2 March 2026.

LGAT has requested Council submissions by 27 February 2026.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Refer to attached Consultation Paper.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance

This means

Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Nil at this point in time.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nill to consider this point in time.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Refer to Consultation Paper and the draft Council response to the draft LGAT submission. The timeline between release of the Consultation Paper and the submission deadline should be considered sub-optimal for all stakeholders – the short consultation period limits the capacity of stakeholders to find capacity, assign resources and consider the matter with the respect that it deserves. The quality of submissions is likely to be weakened by the established consultation programme.

RECOMMENDATION

That the comments and feedback as per attached are noted and approval is given to submit the attached material to LGAT for consideration by LGAT in terms of the submission requested by the Integrity Commission.

8.5 Emergency Management Roles

Author: Director Works and Infrastructure (Ron Sanderson)

Responsible Officer: Director Works and Infrastructure (Ron Sanderson)

ATTACHMENT/S

None

PURPOSE

To update the roles of Municipal Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Coordinator for the Glamorgan Spring Bay Emergency Management Plan.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The roles in Council's Emergency Management Plan as shown in the table below need to be updated.

Table 5: Council's primary and relief roles and officers

Primary role	Relief role
MEMC Chairperson (Mayor or representative)	General Manager
Municipal Coordinator (MC) (Director Works and Infrastructure)	Deputy Municipal Coordinator (DMC) (Works Manager)
Municipal Recovery Coordinator (MRC) (Director Works and Infrastructure)	Deputy Municipal Recovery Coordinator (DMRC) (Community and Communications Officer)

The following staff members are put forward to be appointed to these roles:

Municipal Coordinator - Manager Works and Infrastructure – Darren Smith

Deputy Municipal Coordinator - Southern Lead – Hayden Arnol

Municipal Recovery Coordinator - Community Development Coordinator – Bernadette Pogorzelski

Deputy Municipal Recovery Coordinator - Works and Infrastructure Administrator – Megan Watts

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
1. Our Governance and Finance

This means
Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Emergency Management Act 2006

23. Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators and Deputies

(1) The Minister is to appoint a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and a Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for each municipal area.
(2) The Minister is to appoint as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, or Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, for a municipal area a person nominated by the council in that municipal area.
(3) Each Municipal Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Coordinator may hold that office in conjunction with any other appointment, position or office.

24G. Municipal Recovery Coordinator

(1) In this section –
general manager has the same meaning as in the Local Government Act 1993 .
(2) A general manager of a council may appoint a Municipal Recovery Coordinator for the municipal area governed by the council.
(3) A Municipal Recovery Coordinator may hold that office in conjunction with any other appointment, position or office.
(4) A Municipal Recovery Coordinator holds office for the period, and on the terms and conditions, specified in his or her instrument of appointment.
(5) If no Municipal Recovery Coordinator is appointed under this section, the Municipal Coordinator for the municipal area is to perform the functions and exercise the powers of a Municipal Recovery Coordinator as specified in section 24H .

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil risks to consider.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Council nominates persons for the Municipal and Deputy Municipal Coordinators for appointment by the Minister.

The recovery roles are appointed by council's general manager.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council makes the following nominations to be forwarded to the Minister for appointment in accordance with the Emergency Management Act 2006:

Municipal Coordinator - Manager Works and Infrastructure – Darren Smith

Deputy Municipal Coordinator - Southern Lead – Hayden Arnol

8.8 Event Support Request - East Coast Harvest Odyssey Festival (ECHO) 2026

Author:	Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)
Responsible Officer:	Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. ECHO Festival. Site Map. Overall [**8.8.1** - 1 page]
2. Event Support Grant Application Form 2024 - Fillable [**8.8.2** - 6 pages]
3. Event- Information-and- Check- List [**8.8.3** - 4 pages]
4. P 170761~f 0 fbcd 5113054 abdb 4 f 3 d 0 ee 6 c 103 a 3 f.1 [**8.8.4** - 3 pages]
5. Traffic Management Permit - Breanna Smith - Tasman Highway - SIGNED [**8.8.5** - 3 pages]
6. Waste Managment Plan [**8.8.6** - 2 pages]

PURPOSE

To request Council to provide Event Funding of $10,000 to East Coast Arts Events Tasmania Ltd for The East Coast Harvest Odyssey event.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Council periodically provides a level of financial and in-kind assistance to community events that aim to involve, engage, and provide benefit to community groups within the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality. Events supported by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council celebrate and engage local communities and promote tourism to our region. Councils ongoing support to organisations and groups assists in the delivery of events in the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area that have creative, community and economic outcomes.

East Coast Arts Events Tasmania Ltd – ABN 97663729299

About the Event and Organiser

ECHO is a boutique cultural festival held over one immersive weekend on Tasmania's East Coast. The event brings together food, wine, live music, visual art, storytelling, and knowledge-sharing to celebrate harvest season and the region's distinctive coastal lifestyle. Through carefully curated, sensory experiences, ECHO fosters meaningful connection between audiences, place, and culture.

A central pillar of the program is the sharing of Tasmanian Aboriginal knowledge. This component strengthens cultural understanding, supports truth-telling, and deepens participants' connection to Country through respectful engagement with First Nations perspectives and stories.

ECHO was founded in 2019 by Tasmanian musician and creative producer Ange Boxall in response to a recognised gap in the regional cultural calendar. The festival was established to

amplify authentic East Coast narratives—its people, histories, landscapes, and creative voices—while providing high-quality cultural experiences in a regional setting.

Since its inception, ECHO has grown into a valued platform for Tasmanian artists, musicians, and producers, contributing to the cultural vitality of the region. The festival supports the local visitor economy, encourages extended stays, and fosters civic pride by showcasing the East Coast as a destination for contemporary cultural events.

ECHO has a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and coastal care. The event actively champions environmentally conscious practices and promotes responsible engagement with natural landscapes, aligning with broader community values around sustainability and stewardship.

Despite its high-quality programming, ECHO intentionally remains boutique in scale, creating an intimate festival village atmosphere that encourages social connection, accessibility, and community participation.

Local Producers and Economic Impact

ECHO prioritises the showcasing of local East Coast produce and beverages, including shellfish, salt, honey, meats, fruits, wine, and gin. Local producers are actively promoted through ECHO's marketing channels, including the festival website, e-newsletters, and social media platforms, extending the economic and promotional benefits beyond the event itself.

The festival has received national media coverage in respected publications, including *Rolling Stone*, *Broadsheet*, *Jetstar Magazine*, *Gourmet Traveller*, *The Age*, *Country Style Magazine*, and the *New Zealand Herald*, raising the profile of Tasmania's East Coast to a broad interstate and international audience.

Cost of tickets

General Admission 18+ and Native Bounty Feast	$266.00
General Admission 18+	$103.05
ECHO Express General Admission (Saturday NIGHT ONLY) 18	$73.30
General Admission 18+/Pay it forward	$103.05
ECHO Express General Admission 18+/Pay it forward	$73.30
Woodworking Workshop (Plus GA Ticket Cost)	$47.70
Blacksmithing Workshop (Plus GA Ticket Cost)	$57.95
Ceramics Workshop (Plus GA Ticket Cost)	$32.30
Wine, Gin and Whiskey Masterclasses (Plus GA Ticket Cost)	$32.30 each
Yoga Class (Plus GA Ticket Cost)	$32.30
Camping and Caravan (Plus GA Ticket and classes)	From $22.05 to $411.55

Request for support from Council:
East Coast Arts and Events Tasmania Ltd have applied to Council for $10,000 of financial support for the East Coast Harvest Odyssey event, which is scheduled to run 13 to 15 March 2026 at Redbanks, Swansea.

Approximately 550 people are expected to attend ECHO across the two-day event. Based on patron surveys and previous data, the average attendee spends approximately $360 locally outside of the festival itself, on accommodation, groceries, cafes, fuel, and other services. This represents a significant direct economic contribution to the local community and regional businesses.

2025 - $2000 and in-kind assistance
2024 - $2000 and in-kind assistance
2023 - $1000 and in-kind assistance.
2022 - $2200 and in-kind assistance.

Estimated costs for event activities to be covered by Community Small Grant funding:

Item	**Cost**
To assist in production cost including staffing, public liability, road signage and traffic management, on-site safety equipment and security personnel, cleaning services.and supplies.	$10,000
Plus, In-kind Assistance of Wheelie Bin Hire	
Total	$10,000

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
2. Our Community

This means
Support and facilitation of social activities that promote community wellbeing. Support for the arts, cultural activities, programs and events.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Section 77 of the Local Government Act 1993 outlines the statutory requirements in relation to grants.

77. Grants and benefits

(1) A council may make a grant or provide a pecuniary benefit or a non-pecuniary benefit that is not a legal entitlement to any person, other than a councillor, for any purpose it considers appropriate.

(1A) A benefit provided under subsection (1) may include –

a. in-kind assistance; and
b. fully or partially reduced fees, rates or charges; and
c. remission of rates or charges under Part 9.

(2) The details of any grant made or benefit provided are to be included in the annual report of the council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

To date these are the events that Council has funded:

Event Support
Applications for funding are considered throughout the financial year until such time as the available funds are exhausted. There is a $50,000 Event Support Grants Program provision in the 2025/26 budget. ($45,000 as $5,000 is withheld for Council run Community events)

To date $17,955 has been distributed to external events and consequently there is $27,045 remaining for this event application.

Name	In-kind Assistance	Amount donated $	Date Approved
Freycinet Winter Challenge 2025 (SES Water and Road Safety)	Social media and marketing support . • Provision of extra wheelie bins and removal of bins at the conclusion of the event.	$2,000	22 July 2025
Swansea Chamber of Commerce – Local Events Committee (Mental Health Roadshow)	Nil	$1,100	22 July 2025
Bicheno Festivals Committee Inc – Bicheno Food and Wine Festival	Provide in-kind support of: • Permit fees waiver •Venue/Site hire waiver • Power for event •Collection of recycling post event	$2,000	22 July 2025
Swansea Community Christmas	Nil	$2,000	26 August 2025
Pop Up Books Stall (PUBS) Inc.	Nil	$1,745	28 October 2025
Friends of Buckland Church Inc	Nil	$1,000	28 October 2025
Spring Bay Rotary	Nil	$1,850	28 October 2025
Triabunna Christmas Crew	Road closures for event and additional waste bins	$2,500	25 November 2025
SpringBay Arts Group Inc	Provision of Wheelie bin for month of January and event promotion support	$1,260	25 November 2025
Maria Voices Inc	Nil	$1,000	9 December 2025

Bicheno Community Development Association	Nil	$1,500	9 December 2025
Spoke Motorcycle Festival	Nil	$2000	

* and any potential shortfall

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme

Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Contractual and Legal		
Environmental and Public Health		
Financial		**Risk to event viability**
Industrial Relations		
Information Technology		
Natural Hazards		
Work Health and Safety		
Political and Governance		
Professional Indemnity		
Property and Infrastructure		
Public Liability		
Reputation		Damage to Council's reputation for not supporting the community event.
Other		Not approving the recommended grant may result in missed opportunities for community development

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Economic and Community Impact

Festivals provide a range of benefits to local communities, including stimulation of the local economy and increased visitation to the region. Retail and tourism operators, in particular, benefit from higher visitor numbers associated with such events. The ECHO Festival is anticipated to generate a positive economic impact for the local area.

Council Support Considerations

The ECHO Festival organisers have requested a higher level of Council support compared to other events. Council has a history of supporting the ECHO Festival over several years; however, it is proposed that any assistance provided remains within the scope of standard operational capacity and existing budget allocations.

To ensure equitable treatment across all event organisers, Council officers recommend consideration of the following support options:

- Provision of wheelie bin hire, subject to resource availability.
- A financial contribution of $2,000 towards event-related expenses.

Conditions of Support

As a condition of support, the event organiser will be required to:

- Provide current copies of Public Liability Insurance, Traffic Management Plan and Waste Management Plans
- Provide photographs of the event to Council and grant permission for their use in Council communications.
- Acknowledge Council support by displaying the Council logo on the event website, electronic direct mail (EDM) communications, and social media platforms.

Integrity Assessment: The East Coast Arts and Events Tasmania LTD are registered Australian Public Company ACN: 663 729 299 ABN: 97 663 729 299

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the application for event support from East Coast Arts Events Tasmania Ltd for $2,000 towards the East Coast Harvest Odyssey Event.

8.9 Event Support Request - Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club Inc (Bicheno Devil of a Swim)

Author:	Community and Communications Officer (Eliza Hazelwood)
Responsible Officer:	Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Event Support Grant Application Form - Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club Inc [**8.9.1** - 6 pages]

PURPOSE

To request for Council to provide Event Funding of $2,500 and in-kind assistance to Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club Inc for the Devil of a Swim event.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Council periodically provides a level of financial and in-kind assistance to community events that aim to involve, engage and provide benefit to community groups within the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality. Events supported by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council celebrate and engage local communities and promote tourism to our region. Councils ongoing support to organisations and groups assists in the delivery of events in the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area that have creative, community and economic outcomes.

Event Description: Ocean swim events over 5 km, 2 km, 1 km, and 400 m for juniors
Date: 26 April 2026
Expected Attendees: 600

Event Overview:
The *Devil of a Swim* has been held annually by the Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club since 2009, with 330 entrants in 2025. The event is entirely volunteer-run and caters to swimmers of all abilities, taking place within Waubs Bay and across to Dimond Island.

The event includes:

- Swimming events for a range of ages and abilities
- Food and drinks for participants, volunteers, and the public
- Fundraising to support the Club's operations

Community Contribution:

- Supports community safety through Beach Patrols and Youth Education programs
- Part of the Tasmanian Marine Search and Rescue Organisation, assisting with call-outs on the East Coast
- Funds raised contribute to the purchase and maintenance of vital lifesaving equipment
- Collaboration with other Tasmanian surf life saving clubs ensures adequate water safety during the event

Benefits to Glamorgan Spring Bay Residents:

- Encourages fitness and community engagement
- Provides entertainment and spectator opportunities
- Offers a challenging swimming event for all abilities
- Supports the Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club, which provides water safety for schools and community organisations
- Funds raised enable the purchase of equipment vital for lifesaving services

Request for support from Council:
The request from Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club Inc is for a $2,500 financial contribution and Waste Management Services – rubbish bin provision. *Note:The cost to Council for this in-kind support cannot be calculated, as no fees for bin hire or related services have been set in Council's Fees and Charges.*

Estimated costs for event activities to be covered by Grant funding:

Item	**Cost**
Timing	$950
Officials' Accommodation	$200
Webscorer	$480
SLST Insurance	$600
Administrative Costs	$320
Medallions	$300
Race Caps	$200
Total	$3050

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
2. Our Community

This means
Support for the arts, cultural activities, programs and events.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Applications for funding are considered throughout the financial year until such time as the available funds are exhausted. There is a $50,000 Event Support Grants Program provision in the 2025/26 budget. ($45,000 as $5,000 is withheld for Council run Community events)

To date $17,955 has been distributed to external events and consequently there is $27,045 remaining for this event application.

Event Support Grant Recipients 2025/2026

Name	In-kind Assistance	Amount donated $	Date Approved
Freycinet Winter Challenge 2025 (SES Water and Road Safety)	Social media and marketing support . • Provision of extra wheelie bins and removal of bins at the conclusion of the event.	$2,000	22 July 2025
Swansea Chamber of Commerce – Local Events Committee (Mental Health Roadshow)	Nil	$1,100	22 July 2025
Bicheno Festivals Committee Inc – Bicheno Food and Wine Festival	Provide in-kind support of: • Permit fees waiver •Venue/Site hire waiver • Power for event •Collection of recycling post event	$2,000	22 July 2025
Swansea Community Christmas	Nil	$2,000	26 August 2025
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Maria Voices Inc	Nil	$1,000	9 December 2025
Bicheno Community Development Association	Nil	$1,500	9 December 2025

* and any potential shortfall

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme

Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Contractual and Legal		
Environmental and Public Health		
Financial		
Industrial Relations		
Information Technology		
Natural Hazards		
Work Health and Safety		
Political and Governance		
Professional Indemnity		
Property and Infrastructure		
Public Liability		
Reputation		Not approving the recommended grant may result in missed opportunities for community development
Other		

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Devil of a Swim is a well-established, volunteer-run event that provides community, health, and tourism benefits.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the application for event funding of $2,500 and in-kind assistance to Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club Inc for the Devil of a Swim event.

8.10 Event Support Request - Swansea Local Events Committee - Auspiced by Swansea Community and Men's Shed Inc (Swansea Car, Bike and Truck Show)

Author:	Community and Communications Officer (Eliza Hazelwood)
Responsible Officer:	Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Event Support Grant Application - Swansea Local Events Committee [**8.10.1** - 8 pages]
2. Auspice Letter - Swansea Local Events Committee [**8.10.2** - 1 page]

PURPOSE

To request for Council to provide Event Funding of $2,000 to Swansea Local Events Committee (auspiced by Swansea Community and Men's Shed) for the Swansea Car, Bike and Truck Show on 4 April 2026.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Council periodically provides a level of financial and in-kind assistance to community events that aim to involve, engage and provide benefit to community groups within the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality. Events supported by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council celebrate and engage local communities and promote tourism to our region. Councils ongoing support to organisations and groups assists in the delivery of events in the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area that have creative, community and economic outcomes.

Event Description: Swansea Car, Bike and Truck Show
Date: 4 April 2026
Expected Attendees: 400

The Swansea Car, Bike, and Truck Show is hosted annually by the Swansea Local Events Committee, a group of local volunteers, and is now in its 4th year. Attendance and community donations have increased each year. The event celebrates vehicles of all kinds, brings the community together, and promotes local businesses.

The event includes:

- Display of cars, bikes, and trucks (old and new)
- Food and market stalls
- Family-friendly activities and entertainment (including live music)
- Volunteer opportunities
- Raffles and fundraising for local causes

Community Contribution:

- Encourages community engagement and local participation
- Promotes local tourism and supports the regional economy

- Provides volunteering opportunities and showcases community pride
- Funds raised go toward local causes and community initiatives

Benefits to Glamorgan Spring Bay Residents:

- Offers an affordable, family-friendly event ($5 tickets)
- Provides entertainment, food, and market options
- Supports local businesses and tourism
- Encourages volunteerism and community connection

Request for support from Council:
The request from Swansea Local Events Committee is for a $2,000 financial contribution and Waste Management Services – rubbish bin provision. *Note: The cost to Council for this in-kind support cannot be calculated, as no fees for bin hire or related services have been set in Council's Fees and Charges.*

Estimated costs for event activities to be covered by Grant funding:

Item	**Cost**
Clinton Hutton Music	$1,500
Local Community Insurance Services – Public Liability Insurance	$760.93
Total	$2,260.93

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
2. Our Community

This means
Support for the arts, cultural activities, programs and events.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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c. remission of rates or charges under Part 9.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Applications for funding are considered throughout the financial year until such time as the available funds are exhausted. There is a $50,000 Event Support Grants Program provision in the 2025/26 budget. ($45,000 as $5,000 is withheld for Council run Community events)

To date $17,955 has been distributed to external events and consequently there is $27,045 remaining for this event application.

Event Support Grant Recipients 2025/2026

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Bicheno Festivals Committee Inc – Bicheno Food and Wine Festival	Provide in-kind support of: • Permit fees waiver •Venue/Site hire waiver • Power for event •Collection of recycling post event	$2,000	22 July 2025
Swansea Community Christmas	Nil	$2,000	26 August 2025
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Maria Voices Inc	Nil	$1,000	9 December 2025
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RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme

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Financial		
Industrial Relations		
Information Technology		
Natural Hazards		
Work Health and Safety		
Political and Governance		
Professional Indemnity		
Property and Infrastructure		
Public Liability		
Reputation		Not approving the recommended grant may result in missed opportunities for community development
Other		

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Swansea Local Events Committee is not an incorporated body and will be auspiced by the Swansea Community and Men's Shed Inc (IA12674) for the purposes of this grant funding. This event provides good community benefit by bringing people together, supporting local businesses, and contributing to local tourism.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the application for event support from Swansea Local Events Committee (auspiced by Swansea Community and Men's Shed) $2,000 and in-kind assistance towards the Swansea Car, Bike and Truck Show.

8.11 Event Support Request - Spoke Motorcycle Festival 2026

Author:	Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)
Responsible Officer:	Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Event Support Grant Application Form Spoke Motorcycle Festival Signed [**8.11.1** - 6 pages]
2. MA Certificate of Insurance GL 2025 - Spoke Festival [**8.11.2** - 3 pages]
3. Spoke Motorcycle Festival Environment Action Plan [**8.11.3** - 5 pages]

PURPOSE

To request Council to provide Event Funding of $2,000 to Swansea Motorcycle Association Ltd (Trading as Spoke Motorcycle Festival).

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Council periodically provides a level of financial and in-kind assistance to community events that aim to involve, engage and provide benefit to community groups within the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality. Events supported by Glamorgan Spring Bay Council celebrate and engage local communities and promote tourism to our region. Councils ongoing support to organisations and groups assists in the delivery of events in the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipal area that have creative, community and economic outcomes.

Swansea Motorcycle Association Ltd (Trading As Spoke Motorcycle Festival).
ABN No 64 655 640 805.

About the event and organiser:

Event Overview and Community Benefit

Spoke is a world-class motorcycle event that delivers a safe, inclusive and family-friendly environment for participants and spectators alike. The event is designed to be accessible to all members of the community, whether they wish to compete, learn, or simply attend as spectators. Admission fees range from $35 to $215, ensuring a range of participation options.

A core component of Spoke is the delivery of free coaching and education sessions for both junior and adult motorcycle riders. These sessions focus on improving on-road and off-road riding skills, enhancing rider safety and increasing overall enjoyment. Participants benefit from direct access to Motorcycling Australia-qualified coaches and instructors, providing a level of training and expertise not otherwise readily available to local riders.

Community Connection, Mental Health and Inclusion

Spoke was intentionally designed as a place of connection and belonging. The name "Spoke" reflects both the spoke of a motorcycle wheel and the spoken conversations that occur between attendees—whether between new acquaintances or long-standing friends sharing stories of past adventures and motorcycles owned.

The event has a strong focus on mental health and community wellbeing, addressing a significant gap in the market for non-competitive, low-pressure motorcycle events. Spoke provides a welcoming space where individuals of all ages and experience levels can safely try motorcycle riding and racing in a supportive, non-intimidating environment.

Economic and Tourism Impact

Spoke attracts attendees from across Australia and internationally, bringing significant economic benefit to the region. International and interstate visitors stay an average of 14.5 nights in Tasmania, contributing to local accommodation providers, hospitality venues, fuel stations and retail businesses. While on-site camping is available, many attendees choose to stay in local accommodation within the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council (GSBC) area, further increasing local economic impact.

The event also promotes the East Coast of Tasmania through high-quality media assets captured during the event. These images and videos are shared across Spoke's website and social media channels throughout the year, providing ongoing destination marketing exposure for the region.

Local Participation and Volunteer Engagement

Approximately 24% of event attendees are residents of the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality. The event receives strong support from local volunteers, who play an integral role in event delivery. Volunteers consistently express appreciation for having a high-quality, nationally recognised event hosted within their local community.

Spoke is held at the pristine Mayfield Estate, showcasing the natural beauty of the region while maintaining a strong focus on environmental care, safety and community engagement.

Request for support from Council:
Swansea Motorcycle Association Ltd (Trading as Spoke Motorcycle Festival) has applied to Council for $2,000 of financial support for the Spoke Motorcycle event, which is scheduled to run on 27th February to 1st March 2026.

Previously the Council has provided the following support to the Spoke Festival:
2025 $2000
2024 $2000

Estimated costs for event activities to be assisted by Event Support funding:

Item	**Cost**
Delivery and removal of general waste and recycling skip bins	
Delivery and storage of on-site drinking water	
Site safety signage and portable toilets and accessible toilets	

Total	**$2,000**

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations
2. Our Community

This means
Support and facilitation of social activities that promote community wellbeing.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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c. remission of rates or charges under Part 9.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Council has allocated $50,000 in the 2025/26 budget for events and programs. Of this total, $5,000 has been quarantined for Council run events with the remainder available for external event support.
To date $17,955.00 has been distributed to external events and consequently there is $27,045 remaining for this event application.

To date these are the events that Council has funded:

Name	In-kind Assistance	Amount donated $
Freycinet Winter Challenge 2025 (SES Water and Road Safety)	Social media and marketing support . • Provision of extra wheelie bins and removal of bins at the conclusion of the event.	$2,000
Swansea Chamber of Commerce – Local Events Committee (Mental Health Roadshow)	Nil	$1,100

Bicheno Festivals Committee Inc – Bicheno Food and Wine Festival	Provide in-kind support of: • Permit fees waiver •Venue/Site hire waiver • Power for event •Collection of recycling post event	$2,000
Swansea Community Christmas	Nil	$2,000
Pop Up Books Stall (PUBS) Inc.	Nil	$1,745
Friends of Buckland Church Inc	Nil	$1,000
Spring Bay Rotary	Nil	$1,850
Triabunna Christmas Crew	Road closures for event and additional waste bins	$2,500
SpringBay Arts Group Inc	Provision of Wheelie bin for month of January and event promotion support	$1,260
Maria Voices Inc	Nil	$1,000
Bicheno Community Development Association	Nil	$1,500
	TOTAL	**$17,955**

* and any potential shortfall

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	**Low**	**Medium**	**High**	**Extreme**

Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Reputation		Damage to Council's reputation for not supporting the community event.
Other		Not approving the recommended grant may result in missed opportunities for community development

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

This application satisfies the necessary criteria of the relevant policy.

Integrity Assessment:
Swansea Motorcycle Association Ltd (Trading as Spoke Motorcycle Festival).
ABN No 64 655 640 805.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the application for event support from Swansea Motorcycle Association Ltd (Trading as Spoke Motorcycle Festival) for $2,000 towards the event.

9 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Clr Young put the motion that

the Councillor Allowances and reimbursement Policy be forthwith amended to include a regular monthly reimbursement payment to each Councillor of $140 to cover the use of all telephone, telephone rental, Microsoft Zoom, Facetime and like services, the use of the internet regulatory and statutory access; and generally like expenses.

10 PETITIONS

Nil.

11 COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

11.1 Questions Taken on Notice from Previous Meeting – 27 January 2026

Agenda Item 5

Clr Edwards

Q. Asked for an update on Triabunna Tomorrow Project and the Removal of 17 Acre bridge weight limit sign.

A. 7 Acre Bridge load limit- Grant was applied for in October 2025 with govt. Still have not heard if this grant is successful. This weight limit maybe further reduced very shortly if the grant is not successful.
There has not been a meeting of the TTMPIP Project Team since September 2025. Next meeting is 20 February 2026, following which a summary email will be provided to Councillors. A paper requesting a recommendation regarding a future wharf arrangement will be presented to Council for the March Ordinary Council meeting.

Agenda Item 5

Clr McQueeney

Q. Requested that the Triabunna Tomorrow Minutes dating back to November 2025 be circulated to Councillors.

A. No meetings since September 2025 – no Minutes to provide.

Agenda Item 7.1

Clr McQueeney

Q. Could we include the quarterly report which gives us the basis for arguing for grants consideration and advocating generally?

A. It is understood the report referred to is the quarterly report developed in response to Performance Improvement Directive No.3. The reporting requirements of PD 3 have been satisfied and the report discontinued.

Agenda Item 7.2

Clr Gregson

Q. Asked for clarification of what Drum Muster and Bulka bags are in W&I report

A. DrumMUSTER are now introducing BagMUSTER. GSBC currently has DrumMUSTER at Swansea transfer station to recycle farm chemical containers, predominately from surrounding vineyards, this has been very successful to date.

BagMUSTER is a not-for-profit, industry-led initiative that offers a safe, eco-friendly solution for disposing of single-use polypropylene (PP) agricultural plastic bags. By participating, we contribute to reducing landfill waste and supporting the processing of bags into new products. Bag Muster will be located at Swansea Waste Transfer Station

Clr Gregson

Q. Asked for clarification about which water tanks Council was filling for free in the Dolphin Sands area following the bushfire event?

A. The water tanks we filled free of cost were designated fire water tanks only (not drinking water tanks), and all designated tanks in the burn zone only that residents requested to be filled were filled irrelevant of whether they were government funded tanks or other designated fire tanks.

Agenda Item 7.3

Clr McQueeney

Q. About animal control, compliance and dog management committee, a draft report that went to PWS was agreed would be shared with the committee by the previous Director. Could there be an update on that process?

A. The draft Dog Policy has been amended as requested by Parks and returned to them for approval to place the document on exhibition. When this has been received, the policy will be reported to Council for approval to exhibit.

It is unclear why the draft policy needs to go back to the committee prior to going to the exhibition.

Agenda Item 8.1

Clr McQueeney

Q. In the interest of the Audit and Risk Committee sensitivity to the reserves we hold, what reserves will there be after Capital Purchase of Two New Vehicles?
A. Cash reserves will reduce from approximately $8.26M to $8.145M after the purchase of the two vehicles that were approved for inclusion into the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year at the 27 January 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 8.2
Council does not proceed with the action in the motion 289/25

Clr McQueeney

Q. Could we please make a public statement—either now or at a later time—clarifying the council's position on this matter?

A. Council does not have a policy or procedure on how monies collected from the sale of a Council owned property is spent nor does the Open Space Contribution Policy specify where monies collected under that policy are spent.

Agenda Item 11.1

Clr Gregson

Q. Would council consider implementing green waste bins?

A. Green waste bins - not being considered, would increase kerb side collection costs dramatically

Q. Asked about Sherbourne Road (Apslawn) and the status of the report from Peter Porch. Could Council investigate and report back in the next Council meeting in February 2026?

A. Sherbourne Road is not a council-maintained road, it is a private access casement.
We are not aware of any reports in relation to Sherbourne Road.

Agenda Item 11.1

Clr McQueeney

Q. Have we had a response yet or any indication as to whether that communication between the State and Federal Treasurers has occurred?

A. A reply to the letter of 24 December 2025 to the Treasurer, was received from the Treasurer's office on 6 February 2026 and shared with Councillors via email on 9 February 2026.

11.1 Questions With Notice

Nil.

11.1 Questions Without Notice

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS (CLOSED SESSION)

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Mayor is to declare the meeting closed to the public in order to discuss the following matter/s:

Item 1.1 **Requests for Leave of Absence**
As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (i) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

Item 1.2 **Notification of Leave of Absence for parental leave**
As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (j) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

Item 2.1: **Minutes of Closed Session – Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 January 2026**
As per the provisions of regulation 39 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.*

Item 3: **Triabunna Tomorrow Marina Precinct Infrastructure Project – Update**
As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (d)(i)(ii)(iii) and (f)(i)(ii) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Item 4: **Appointment of Selection Panel Recruitment of CEO**
As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (a) (e) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves into Closed Session at [time].

The Mayor to confirm that the recording has been terminated.

13 CLOSE

The Mayor to declare the meeting closed at [time].

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

Date: **Mayor Cheryl Arnol**