



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 26 MAY 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 26 May 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 21 May 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.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed Councillors, staff and members of the public and declared the meeting open at 2.03pm

Mayor's Opening Statement:

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, please be advised that this meeting is being audio and visually recorded. I ask that all attendees remain respectful and considerate of others. Offensive, defamatory, or threatening language or behaviour will not be tolerated.

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

Present:

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

Apologies

Nil.

In Attendance

Dick Shaw, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ron Sanderson, Director Works and Infrastructure
Tasha Tyler-Moore, Acting Director Planning and Development
Isabelle Clarkson, Executive Officer
Shannon Mitchelmore, Information Management & Technology Officer

1.2 Late Reports

Nil.

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.*

Please note that Clr Neil Edwards declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.2

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council - 28 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 2:11pm be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION 429/25

Moved Clr Jenny Walker, seconded Clr Neil Edwards:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 28 April 2026 at 2:11pm be confirmed as a true and correct record.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Clr Rob Churchill, Clr Neil Edwards, Clr Kenneth Gregson, Clr Jenny Walker and Clr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

2.2 Date and Purpose of Workshop(s) Held

12 May 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 4:30pm on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at the Council Offices, Triabunna.

Present:

Mayor Cheryl Arnol
Clr Rob Churchill
Clr Kenneth Gregson
Clr Jenny Walker
Clr Robert Young

Apologies:

Deputy Mayor Michael Symons
Clr Neil Edwards

In Attendance:

Dick Shaw, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ron Sanderson, Director Works and Infrastructure
Tasha Tyler-Moore, Acting Director Planning and Development
Danielle Tuck, Acting Director Corporate and Financial Services – Online via teams
Marissa Walters, Consultant Accountant

Agenda

- Draft Budget 2027
- SERDA Constitution Review and Update
- State Grants Commission

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the information.

DECISION 430/25

Moved Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, seconded Cllr Neil Edwards:

That Council notes the information.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

2.3 DRAFT Audit Panel Minutes - Tuesday 24 March 2026

Author: Executive Officer (Isabelle Clarkson)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. GSBC Draft Audit Panel Minutes 24 March 2026 1 [**2.3.1** - 5 pages]

PURPOSE

For Council to receive and note the Draft Minutes of the Audit Panel Meeting that was held on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Audit Panel (***the Panel***) met on Tuesday 24 March 2026 at the Council Offices at Triabunna.

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 to consider.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nil to consider.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the attached Draft Minutes of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Audit Panel Meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

DECISION 431/25

Moved Clr Rob Churchill, seconded Clr Kenneth Gregson:

That Council receives and notes the attached Draft Minutes of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Audit Panel Meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Clr Rob Churchill, Clr Neil Edwards, Clr Kenneth Gregson, Clr Jenny Walker and Clr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

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

Nil.

3.2 Responses to Previous Questions Without Notice Taken on Notice - Tuesday 28 April 2026

Ms Carole McQueeney

For the last 2 years I have worked tirelessly to achieve a better local government grant allocation for this community. My research identified that there were 2 core parts to getting a fairer share.

- The first part was to ensure that the no Council (i.e us) could be left further and further behind other Councils. This simply sets a new ‘lowest amount’ for us. As of last week this has occurred with a more than doubling from last year to the coming year – from \$240K to \$501K.*
- The second part was to get the Grants Commission to make changes to its grant formula with a key focus on cost adjustors. These would ensure ongoing increases into the future for this community. This has yet to occur.*

Changes to methodology only occur as part of a 2-4 year cycle. Luckily a cycle is actually happening in 2026 with formula changes to be determined in May/June. the cycle closes. The closing date for the cycle is now literally 2 days away.

Happily, as all Councillors know, the President of the Commission agreed to a meet with me/interested parties for formula discussions. They have reconfirmed their willingness, noting that Council have someone in attendance.

The opportunity exists right now, but only for the next few days, for a credible, technical formula discussion that could deliver the basis for ongoing increases for this area. I am willing, the Commission are willing but awaiting a reply from Council. The only requirement is an hour of someone’s time for participation in a TEAMS meeting.

I am struggling to imagine what our ratepayers would make of Councillors not wanting to

take advantage of this rare advocacy opportunity that can actually lead to a fairer outcome for this community, for an hour of someone's time online.

Q 1. My question to you, Mayor and Councillors, is quick simply if one or more of you are willing to be available for an hour of your time, to ensure that this rare opportunity is not squandered. I would request an urgent response given the 2 day deadline, and the week's that have already passed since the Commission agreed.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer

An online meeting was held with representatives of the State Grants Commission (SGC) of the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) on Thursday 7 May 2026 between 1000-1100. The meeting was attended by Acting Chief Executive Officer Dick Shaw, Councillor Neil Edwards and former councillor Carole McQueeney. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the *Review of Base Grant Cost Adjustors* - Discussion Paper DP26-01 February 2026. The key outcome was that Council has the opportunity to write to the Commission to discuss matters raised in the meeting, namely this relates to alternate sources of data that the Commission may want to consider the merits of, in the context of the Discussion Paper.

3.3 Questions on Notice

Nil.

3.4 Questions Without Notice

Nil.

4 PLANNING AUTHORITY SECTION

Nil Reports.

5 FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1 Financial Reports for April 2026

Author: Accountant (Mary Oyeyiola)

Responsible Officer: Acting Director Corporate and Communications (Danielle Tuck)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Capital Works Project 2026-04 [5.1.1 - 2 pages]
2. Group Financial Statements 2026-04 [5.1.2 - 3 pages]

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The financial reports for the period from 1 July 2025 until 30 April 2026 (of which is attached to this report) are presented for the information of Council.

The first of the attachments is the Capital Works Program (**CAPEX**) for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. This attachment details that Council has budgeted (revised budget) 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 (14%) and other capital works (16%).

As at 30 April 2026, Council has spent 51% of the revised budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Year (\$4,756,102/\$9,151,947). There is therefore 49% of the revised budget left to spend from now until 30 June 2026. Based on the budget year being for 12 months, there is therefore only two more months to complete the CAPEX, it is highly unlikely that Council will expend the rest of the revised budget this Financial Year (\$4,395,845).

The second attachment is the Group Financial Statements. Included within these statements are the following sections.

The first section is the Profit and Loss Statement as at 30 April 2026. The Profit and Loss Statement details that the Year-to-Date Actuals are \$3.9M in front of the Year-to-Date Budget.

The second section is the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 30 April 2026. The Statement of Financial Position details that the Net Assets are \$264M as at 30 April 2026 (\$262M as at 30 June 2025).

The final section is the Statement of Cashflows as at 30 April 2026. The statement of cashflows details a net change in cash of \$2.7M from 30 June 2025 (\$12.7M) to \$15.4M as at 30 April 2026. This is an increase of 21.31% from 30 June 2025.

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

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Financial Reports as attached to this report for the period ending 30 April 2026.

DECISION 432/25

Moved Clr Robert Young, seconded Clr Neil Edwards:

That Council receives and notes the Financial Reports as attached to this report for the period ending 30 April 2026.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Clr Rob Churchill, Clr Neil Edwards, Clr Kenneth Gregson, Clr Jenny Walker and Clr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

6 SECTION 24 COMMITTEES

6.1 Eldercare - Minutes - February and April 2026

S24 Committee – Spring Bay Eldercare Units Minutes

Location: Meeting Room – Council Offices

Date: 16th February 2026

Time: 10:00am

Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:02am

AGENDA DETAILS

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Jenny Walker - Lona Turvey – Rob Kelly – Tony Brown – Kath Fergusson – Margaret McElwee
– Acting CEO Dick Shaw

Apologies

Nil

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Confirm that the minutes of the Spring Bay Eldercare Committee meeting held on the 13th October 2025 are true and correct.

Moved - Lona Turvey Seconded - Margaret McElwee

Decision – unanimous subject to small grammatical changes

Please note that Item 3 was moved to Item 5 on the agenda

3. Maintenance Report

No report received.

Inquiry as to whether the rear access door problem in Units 7 and 8 have been repaired?

Requested building report from Building Manager Dan Herman that was to be supplied before the meeting not provided.

Costing of accounts, does this come from the Eldercare monies from the Building Managers budget?

4. Financial Report

No report received. Acting CEO Dick Shaw to request that a financial statement and summary be distributed to committee members by Councils new Corporate and Community Director as soon as possible.

Acting CEO Dick Shaw flagged some ideas on how the Spring Bay Eldercare Units could possibly progress into the future. He will provide a report and distribute it to the committee for discussion and consideration before our next meeting on the 13th April 2026.

5. Rent

Discussion was held about rent increase for the year 2026 – 2027. It was proposed that there be no increase in rent for the year.

Subsequently the below motion was put and supported for consideration by Council in their 2026 – 2027 budget deliberations.

Moved Rob Kelly **Second** Tony Brown

That there be no rent increase for the financial year 2026 – 2027.

Decision Unanimous

5. Acknowledgement

The committee acknowledges the resignation of former CEO Creg Tory and wishes him and his partner well for the future.

6. Other Business

No other business was forthcoming, however Kath provided the committee with her 'scrap books' on the news reported history of the Eldercare Units. Committee members stayed after the close of the meeting to look at and reminisce. Thank you Kath.

7. Close

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:01am

S24 Committee – Spring Bay Eldercare units Minutes

Location: Meeting Room – Council Offices

Date: 13th April 2026

Time: 10:00am

Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:20am

AGENDA DETAILS

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Cl Jenny Walker – Lona Turvey – Rob Kelly – Tony Brown – Kath Fergusson – Acting CEO Dick Shaw

Apologies

Margaret McElwee

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Confirm that the minutes of the Spring Bay Eldercare Committee meeting held on the 16th February 2026 are true and correct.

Moved – Kath Fergusson Seconded – Lona Turvey

Decision – unanimous subject to small grammatical changes

3. Maintenance Report

No report received

The committee raised its concerns over the fact that we haven't received a maintenance report since the July 2025, when we received a brief verbal report from the Facilities Co-Ordinator, Mr Dan Herman. The committee are not aware if the reported unit maintenance concerns from the last meeting have been fixed.

*Acting CEO Dick Shaw has **actions** to rectify this.*

*Also, an **action** that there needs to be an asset and condition assessment undertaken by Council as to the condition of the Eldercare Units with a way forward for ongoing maintenance and reporting of requested maintenance from residents of the Units.*

4. Financial Report

No report received

Again, the committee are concerned that this request has not been facilitated by Council officers. The committee have not received a report since February 2025, even though we have requested it for each meeting. We appreciate that Council has been heavily understaffed and changes within the office over the past few years, but the committee are in the dark about the finances.

*Acting CEO Dick Shaw has **actions** to rectify this.*

5. Other Business

Action Acting CEO to send to all committee members the Terms of Reference and the Guidelines for Section 24 Special Committees of Council

Discussion was held about the lack of information the committee receives and a way forward in a practical sense. As mentioned before, we understand the unsettling movements within the Council offices and are hoping for improvement going forward.

The chairperson closed the meeting at 11:08am

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Eldercare Unit Committee meeting held in February and April 2026 be received and noted.

DECISION 433/25

Moved Cllr Jenny Walker, seconded Cllr Neil Edwards:

That the Minutes of the Eldercare Unit Committee meeting held in February and April 2026 be received and noted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

7 INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer - Dick Shaw

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Key Activities and Highlights

Communications and Promotion

- Council's Facebook page remains the most effective channel for community communication and the noticeboards are updated frequently throughout the municipality. Topics featured throughout February included:
 - Devil of a Swim
 - Recruitment GSBC
 - Triabunna Native Nursery Workshop
 - Services Australia visits
 - Triabunna Recreational Ground Bike Track Upgrade
 - Waste Transfer Station updates
 - ANZAC Day
 - Telstra Mobile Network Disruptions
 - Footpath Upgrade – Franklin St Swansea
 - Arthritis and Osteoporosis Tasmania
 - Craigie Knowe Free Event- Minnie and the Moonrakers
 - CSIRO Field Day Demonstrations

Work is underway on the Winter edition of SeaSpeak

Community Development Team – Monthly Report

During early April, community engagement activity was reduced due to staff leave arrangements. Despite this, service continuity was maintained The Community Development

Team continued to deliver a high level of engagement throughout the reporting period, supporting a range of activities across community recovery, stakeholder engagement, events and communications.

Ongoing collaboration with Recovery and Resilience Tasmania remains a key focus area to support community resilience and recovery outcomes across the municipality. Staff maintained a regular on-ground presence within the community, meeting with members of the Dolphin Sands community each Thursday in Swansea to provide ongoing recovery support and strengthen community connection. The Recovery Coordinator is currently working alongside Recovery and Resilience Tasmania to progress the next phase of recovery initiatives through the development of a Community Outreach Program.

Events and Community Partnerships

The Community Development Team engaged with a range of organisations and community stakeholders to support the planning and delivery of upcoming events and collaborative initiatives, this included meetings and liaison activities with representatives from:

- The Salvation Army Street2Home Program
- Bicheno Community Development Association (BCDA)
- Business and Employment South East Tasmania (BEST)
- Regional Engagement and Experience Program
- Bicheno Memorial Hall Committee

These engagements continue to strengthen partnerships and support collaborative approaches to community wellbeing and development initiatives.

Community Engagement

The Community Development Team continues to deliver strong engagement across recovery support, community events, stakeholder collaboration and communications. Current activities remain focused on fostering resilient and connected communities through accessible local engagement, effective partnerships and clear communication.

The Team is currently exploring opportunities to improve engagement with young people and identify activities and support options for youth, particularly within the Triabunna area. Planning has also commenced for a series of activities and events to be delivered as part of Seniors Week in October.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- The Long Term Financial Plan 2026–2036 was formally adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 April 2026 and is now available on Council’s website.
- The Financial Audit Strategy is currently under review and progressing accordingly.
- Two dedicated Budget workshops have been undertaken with Councillors to develop and refine the 2026/27 budget.
- The 2026/27 Annual Plan is also in the final stages of drafting.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Departures

- Retirement - Acting Director Planning and Development (Permanent Full time)
- Resignation - Senior Planner (Permanent Full Time)
- Resignation - Works Officer Bicheno (Casual)

Recruitment Underway

- Senior Planner – currently advertised
- Plumbing Inspector – currently advertised

Appointments

- Short-term contract - Interim Director Planning and Development – commenced Monday 4 May.
- Permanent full time - Property and Projects Officer – commenced Monday 27 April 2026
- Permanent full time - Health, Safety and Wellbeing Officer – commenced Monday 27 April 2026

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

Works Completed

- Review of Dog Control related safety documentation
- Established register for Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS)
- Completed 2 depot inspections
- Completed 2 job site inspections
- New trial office chairs in response ergonomic assessment
- Reviewed and updated Outdoor staff and Contractor induction program

Works Ongoing

- Review of all current Safe Work Method Statements.
- Review all current Safe Operating Procedures.
- Complete Inspection of Depot's and Council Work Site's.
- Review and update Indoor staff induction program.
- Encourage Council Staff to participate in the Annual Winter Solstice Swim on the 20th June at Raspins Beach Orford.
- Encourage Council Staff to participate in our internal – Winter Warm Up Lunch on the 11th June at 12.30pm.

Incidents / Return to Work

- One return to work case, now on light duties and back at work 3 days per week.
- One minor incident.
- Two active workers compensation cases.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Acting Chief Executive Officer's information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

DECISION 434/25

Moved Cllr Jenny Walker, seconded Cllr Neil Edwards:

That the Acting Chief Executive Officer's information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

7.2 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

OPERATIONAL WORKS

ROADS, BRIDGES, FOOTPATHS, KERBS

- Cold mixing of potholes across the municipality - Ongoing across municipality approx. 8 ton of cold mix placed for April.
- Roadside weed spraying of sealed and unsealed roads – ongoing
- Dolphin Sands Rd pavement failures (2 of) repair, box-out/geo-grid/reseal (277m2)- Completed
- Maintenance grade of Rosedale Rd, Bicheno- completed
- Maintenance grade of Ferndale, Bicheno where needed- completed
- Maintenance grade of Courland Bay Rd, Bicheno- completed
- Maintenance grade of Grange Rd, Swansea- completed
- Maintenance grade of Old Coach Rd, Cranbrook- underway
- Bridge #51, 17 Acre Creek, now downgraded to 5t load limit (was 10t)- replacement tender closed on 12th May 26
- Bushfire on McNeill's Rd, road inspection, replacement of damaged guideposts and damaged tree removals before road reopening- completed
- New footbridge at Swanwick Rd, Swanwick to replace damaged wooden bridge- bridge deck ordered.

STORMWATER, DRAINAGE

- Ongoing cleanouts and maintenance across the municipality
- Rheban Rd, Spring Beach open drain upgrade and rock lining- May 26

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- New security fence and gates at Bicheno WTS- starting on 12th May

- New security fence/gates at Orford WTS- completed
- Green waste mulching at all WTS's- completed
- Bulk skip bins at Buckland removed due to ongoing user abuse- completed

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, RESERVES, WALKING TRACKS, CEMETERIES

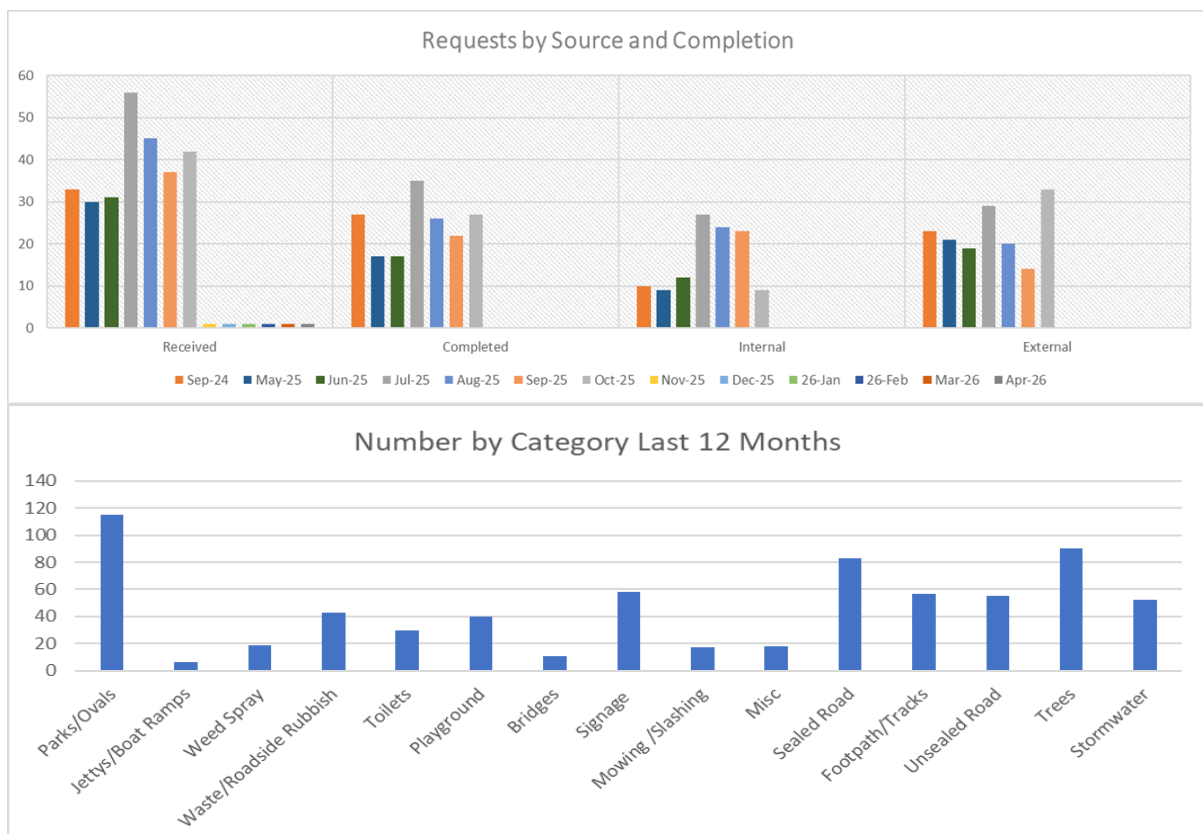
- Ongoing general maintenance across the municipality
- Replenishing soft fall in numerous playgrounds across municipality- ongoing
- Mulching and trimming of public gardens across Orford/Triabunna/Spring Beach- underway.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- After hours rostering carried out as scheduled.
- Review of Glamorgan Spring Bay Municipal Emergency Management Plan- underway
- Review of Dolphin Sands Associate Emergency Management Plan- underway
- Appointment of Darren Smith to Municipal Coordinator (formerly Deputy Coordinator) and Hayden Arnol as Deputy Coordinator- underway

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

- Wielangta Rd Bridge (Sandspit Overflow) #55 upgrade – underway
- Asphalt footpath to Bark Mill, Swansea – completed
- New BBQ/shelter installation at Spring Beach, including new underground power supply- completed except for removal of second old BBQ, this will be completed in 4 weeks
- New BBQ for Harold St Reserve, Coles Bay (at hall)- BBQ installed- completed
- Playground renewal and upgrades
 1. New exercise equipment for Our Park. Orford- ordered
 2. New side fence (Victoria St side) for Triabunna Rec Ground playground- awaiting quote
- Swansea main street stone wall repairs- completed.
- Duck Park, Swansea pedestrian bridge replacement- tender awarded
- New playground, Lion Park, Bicheno- tender awarded
- Ryans Rd, Spring Beach stormwater upgrade- underway
- Reseal/Reclaiming for 26/27 FY- working on scope

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- Implementation Plan now approved.
- Coles Bay Black Water Station, Harold St Reserve-PWS permit approved and plumbing permit approved. PO issued to supplier/installer to get works underway- installing week of 19th May
- Triabunna Tomorrow Vicary St Upgrade- contract signed and forwarded to successful tenderer. Starting works late May/Early June 26

PLANT AND VEHICLES

- Approved/compliant lifting jib for Triabunna Komatsu loader- ordered

GENERAL

- Removal of real-estate signs on council nature strips- underway, a very large quantity has been removed from Orford/Triabunna nature strips- ongoing
- Reach slashing of River & Rocks Rd and Flacks Rd Coles Bay- completed
- Reach slashing of existing fire breaks in Rita & Doris Reserve and Harold St Reserve, Coles Bay- completed
- Reach slashing of Waubs Esplanade & Rosedale Rd, Bicheno- completed

- Line marking of Swansea boat ramp, parking and emergency vehicle areas, Jetty Rd- completed
- Renew parking signage at East Shelly boat ramp- completed
- Request For Quote (RFQ) to supply arborist services across the municipality- currently out to suppliers

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:

- Triabunna Anzac Day traffic management- completed
- Bicheno Anzac Day traffic management signage- completed

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director Works and Infrastructure's information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

DECISION 435/25

Moved Cllr Jenny Walker, seconded Cllr Kenneth Gregson:

That the Director Works and Infrastructure's information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

7.3 Acting Director Planning and Development - Tasha Tyler-Moore

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

ATTACHMENT/S

1. NRM Quarterly Report March 2026 1.1 [7.3.1 - 4 pages]
2. GSBC Letter Draft Development delays reform submission [7.3.2 - 7 pages]

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.

OVERVIEW

Animal Control and Compliance:

Draft Dog Management Policy 2024–2029

All Councils are required to develop a Dog Management Policy in accordance with *Section 7(1)* of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

A working group was established in early 2023, including community members from various regions of the Municipality; representatives from the Tasmanian Dog Walking Club of Tasmania; Parks & Wildlife Service (PWS); Birdlife Tasmania; and Glamorgan Spring Bay Council to start the process of reviewing Council's existing Dog Management Policy 2020-2026, as required in accordance with *Section 26* of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

As Councils do not have legal ability to designate dog management areas on PWS land (which is included in the policy) managed under the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002*, the policy requires approval by the Deputy Secretary of PWS prior to Council's endorsement. Council has continued to work collaboratively with PWS on the policy since the first version in 2008. The approval for the recent draft has been granted.

This draft policy will be presented to Council for endorsement shortly, after which it will move to public consultation.

Dog Registration

For the reporting period, 8 new dogs were registered.

Dog registration renewals will be issued in June 2026 for the upcoming financial year. All dogs must be registered by 1 July each year.

Fire Abatement

Fire abatement inspections are continuing. There have been no abatement notices or infringement notices issued for failing to comply with an abatement notice since the last reporting period.

Building and Plumbing:

For the reporting period: 0 Building Permits, 6 Approvals for Notifiable Building Works, 0 Low Risk Building approvals, 3 Permit of Substantial Compliance, 0 Temporary Occupancy Permit, 3 Plumbing Permits, 3 Approvals for Notifiable Plumbing Works, 0 Low Risk Plumbing approvals 0 Building & Plumbing Notices were issued, and 0 Building Orders & 0 Plumbing Order were issued.

Environmental Health:

In addition to complaint follow-up (re potential environmental nuisance/harm), recreational water quality sampling (of popular beaches) and planning/building assessment processes, focus has been on achieving compliance with the requirements under the *Food Act 2003* to inspect registered food businesses in accordance with the set frequencies as prescribed by the statewide 'priority risk rating system'. Food businesses assessed as handling higher risk foods/undertaking higher risk processes must be inspected more frequently than those with a lower risk, with current plans in place aiming for all registered food businesses to be inspected within the 2025-2026 financial year.

Natural Resource Management:

Attached is the Landscape Recovery Foundation's quarterly report, which outlines recent activity, progress of grants and introduces their newest team member. - Attachment 1.

Planning:

Application lodgment, decisions and appeals

For the April period, Council received 23 development and subdivision applications, and 6 applications were approved.

During the reporting period, no applications received more than two representations, therefore there were no applications requiring consideration at a Council Meeting.

There are currently no active planning appeals.

Short Stay Accommodation Dashboard

On 14 May 2026, the State Government launched a new interactive Short Stay Accommodation Dashboard. The dashboard provides data for each Council on information such as total number on individual properties that have short stay accommodation registered, how many are primary residence, what the increase or decrease is per quarter.

Strategic Planning:

Policy Submission

A submission was prepared and sent to the State Planning Office in response to their request for submission on the topic of *Preventing delays in development assessment timeframes - Position Paper*. A copy is attached Attachment 2.

Subdivision or rezoning applications

SA 2022/028 – 13512 Tasman Highway, Swansea, awaiting proposal plans and supporting reports from applicant.

SA 2023/006 - 17498 Tasman Highway, Bicheno, request to rezone to Rural Living and subdivision – awaiting revised plans and supporting documents from applicant.

SA2024/021 - Tasman Highway – awaiting submission of revised plans by applicant.

Property and Projects:

A review of Council's land disposal policy framework has commenced; identifying properties to which the policy may be applicable and assessing their tenure status against current legislative requirements.

Work has also started on auditing and updating Council's lease and license register, including progressing documentation for foreshore and boathouse tenure arrangements.

Another key project is identifying gaps in data integrity and developing improved workflows to support property governance functions.

Initial property inspections have been undertaken to assess the condition and compliance of Council-managed assets, with formal reporting underway.

Engagement with internal stakeholders to understand current processes and system capabilities is ongoing, with a view to identifying opportunities for business improvement aligned with the council's direction of moving forward.

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

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Acting Director Planning and Development information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

DECISION 436/25

Moved Cllr Neil Edwards, seconded Cllr Rob Churchill:

That the Acting Director Planning and Development information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

7.4 Acting Director Corporate and Financial Services - Danielle Tuck

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

This current information report is for the month of April 2026.

The following sections detail what has been undertaken in the Corporate and Financial Services Directorate from 1 April 2026 until 30 April 2026.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Staff have continued working through the Draft Budget Timetable for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.

A Council workshop was undertaken on 14 April to work through the Budget and Fees and Charges.

The revision of the Long-Term Financial Management Plan went to Council in April and was adopted.

We have finalised the planning for the annual financial audit in collaboration with Audit Tasmania, and the Audit Panel has been provided with Council's Financial Audit Strategy. The interim audit with Audit Tasmania is scheduled to commence in June.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Nothing to report for April 2026.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Nothing to report for April 2026

RISK MANAGEMENT

Nothing to report for April 2026

RECORDS

Nothing to report for April 2026

CORPORATE SERVICE AND RATES

The 4th instalment was issued and due on 28 April 2026. We continue preparing rates models in preparation for the rates resolution to be set at the June Council meeting.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Nothing to report for April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director Corporate and Financial Services information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

DECISION 437/25

Moved Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, seconded Clr Kenneth Gregson:

That the Director Corporate and Financial Services's information report for the month of April 2026 be received and noted.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Clr Rob Churchill, Clr Neil Edwards, Clr Kenneth Gregson, Clr Jenny Walker and Clr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

Clr Robert Young left the meeting at 3:05 pm returned to the meeting at 3:08 pm.

8 OFFICERS' REPORT REQUIRING A DECISION

8.1 Draft Fees & Charges for 2026/2027 FY

Author: {position} ({author-name})

Responsible Officer: Acting Director Corporate & Financial Services (Danielle Tuck)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. DRAFT Fees and Charges for the 2026-2027 Financial Year (1) [8.1.1 - 10 pages]

PURPOSE

To recommend that Council adopts the DRAFT Fees and Charges Register for the 2026/2027 financial year.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Council every year as a part of its budget deliberations sets its fees and charges for multiple functions, including:

- Administrative Fees
- Marine Infrastructure Fees
- Waste Management Transfer Station Fees
- Cemetery Fees
- Private Works Fees
- Planning and Development Fees
- Building Fees
- Plumbing Fees
- Environmental Health Fees
- Dog Management Fees

These draft fees and charges reflect Council's desire to maintain a system of fees and charges based on the user pays principle, while also recognising the community service obligation inherent in certain service functions.

In reviewing the draft fees and charges, the impact of any increases on the community has been considered. The draft fees and charges can be found in [Attachment 1](#). Overall, a small number of fees have been removed and also new ones added, and the majority of fees have increased in line with CPI (projected CPI for 2026/27) to better align with the external market and to assist with Council's cost recovery. The draft Fees and Charges Register was workshopped to Council at the 20th April 2025 Workshop. A variety of scenarios were presented to consider costs borne by Council for these activities and impacts on user groups. The recommended draft fees and charges in [Attachment 1](#) reflect a reasonable partial recovery of cost for statutory charges whilst being in line with neighbouring Councils.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance

This means

Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Fees and Charges – S.205 and S.206 of the Local Government Act 1993

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is noted that the fee increases align with Council's budget and long-term financial plan.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Political and Governance	Low	Conforms with legislative requirements

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Some fees have been removed due to recommendations made by the Auditor General's Office, such as Private Works Fees. Additionally, some new charges have been included to ensure some administrative and service costs are recouped including some new Dog Management and Environmental Health Fees.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and adopt the DRAFT Fees and Charges Register in Attachment 1 to this report for the 2026/2027 financial year.

DECISION 438/25

Moved Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, seconded Cllr Kenneth Gregson:

That Council receive and adopt the DRAFT Fees and Charges Register in Attachment 1 to this report for the 2026/2027 financial year.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

Cllr Neil Edwards left the meeting at 3:08 pm and returned to the meeting at 3:09 pm.

8.2 Event Support Grant Application - Triabunna Football Club Inc

Author: Community and Communications Officer (Eliza Hazelwood)

Responsible Officer: Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Event Grant - Steven Thompson [8.2.1 - 7 pages]

PURPOSE

To request Council approval to provide \$2,000 in event funding to the Triabunna Football Club Inc for the 'Football back to Swansea' event on 18 July 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. Council's 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.

TRIABUNNA FOOTBALL CLUB INC -

About the Organiser: The Triabunna Football Club is a community-based Australian rules football club located in Triabunna. The club competes in the Oatlands District Football Association and plays its home games at the Triabunna Recreation Ground.

Founded around 1900, the club has a long history in Tasmanian football. In the 2000s, it competed as the East Coast Bombers in regional competitions before returning to its original identity as the Triabunna Roos.

The Roos have achieved premiership success, including titles in 2002 and 2023. The club plays an important role in the Triabunna and wider Glamorgan Spring Bay community, supporting local participation in Australian rules football and strengthening community connection. The club also supports junior development through the Triabunna Roos Junior Football Club, providing opportunities for young players to get involved in the sport.

Event Description: Community football match hosted by the Triabunna Football Club featuring a home game at Swansea Recreation Ground, bringing local football back to Swansea for a day.

Event Dates: 18 July 2026, 12:30pm

Expected Attendees: Approximately 400 people

Event Overview The Triabunna Football Club will host a one-off community football match at the Swansea Recreation Ground against the Oatlands Tigers. The event responds to community requests to see football return to Swansea following the Swansea Football Club going into recess several years ago. Many former Swansea players now play for Triabunna, strengthening the connection between the two communities.

Community Contribution: The event brings football back to Swansea, supporting community connection, local pride, and social activity. It provides an opportunity for residents to reconnect with the sport, supports volunteer involvement, and helps activate a key community facility that has not hosted regular senior football in recent years.

Benefits to Glamorgan Spring Bay Residents:

This event provides a range of social, recreational, and community benefits for residents across the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council area. It brings senior football back to Swansea for the first time in several years, allowing residents to once again enjoy live sport locally without needing to travel.

The match helps strengthen community connection by reconnecting former Swansea players and supporters with their home ground at the Swansea Recreation Ground, while also fostering pride and engagement through a shared regional sporting event.

It also supports social wellbeing by creating an accessible, family-friendly event that encourages community participation, volunteering, and local interaction. Additionally, the event promotes positive use of community infrastructure and helps maintain the relevance of local sporting facilities.

Request for Support from Council: Amount Requested \$2,000

The requested Council funding will contribute to the safe and effective delivery of the Triabunna Football Club community match at Swansea Recreation Ground, specifically supporting:

- Covering and preparation of the cricket pitch prior to the event
- Removal of pitch protection following the event
- Oval line marking
- Set-up of the ground for match day operations
- Cleaning of the facility before and after the event

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

2. Our Community

This means

Support and facilitation of social activities that promote community wellbeing.

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

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 \$32,855 has been distributed to external events and consequently there is \$12,145 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
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	\$2,000	24 February 2026
ECHO Festival	Provision of extra wheelie bins and removal of bins at the conclusion of the event.	\$4,000	24 February 2026
Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club – Devil of a Swim	Provision of extra wheelie bins and removal of bins at the conclusion of the event.	\$2,500	24 February 2026
Swansea Local Events Committee (Auspiced by Swansea Community and Men’s Shed – Swansea Car, Bike and Truck Show	Provision of extra wheelie bins and removal of bins at the conclusion of the event.	\$2,000	24 February 2026
Bicheno Crays Youth Club (Coastrider Surf Academy Surf Event)		\$1,400	24 March 2026
Bicheno Community Development Association – Skate Park Subcommittee (Skate of Mind Big Hart Project)		\$2,000	24 March 2026
Spring Bay RSL Sub-branch		\$1,000	28 April 2026

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* and any potential shortfall

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Reputation		Not approving the recommended grant may result in missed opportunities for community development.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

This application meets the eligibility criteria outlined in Council's Event Support Assistance Guidelines. The Triabunna Football Club is a valued community organisation that plays an important role in fostering local participation, connection, and wellbeing through sport. The proposed event provides an opportunity to extend these benefits across the municipality by bringing senior football back to Swansea, strengthening community engagement and encouraging wider regional involvement in local sporting activities.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Event Support Grant application for \$2,000 submitted by **Triabunna Football Club Inc.** to support the delivery of the 'Football Back to Swansea' event.

DECISION 439/25

Moved Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, seconded Cllr Jenny Walker:

That Council approve the Event Support Grant application for \$2,000 submitted by **Triabunna Football Club Inc.** to support the delivery of the 'Football Back to Swansea' event.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

8.3 Event Support Grant Application - Bicheno Beams 2026

Author: Community and Communications Officer (Eliza Hazelwood)

Responsible Officer: Community Development Coordinator (Bernadette Pogorzelski)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Quotation - Bicheno Community Development Association - Bicheno Beams - production hire - June 2025 [8.3.1 - 1 page]
2. Certificate of Currency 2026 [8.3.2 - 1 page]
3. Event Support Grant Application - BCDA Bicheno Beams 2026 [8.3.3 - 6 pages]

PURPOSE

To request Council approval to provide \$2,000 in event funding to the Bicheno Community Development Association (BCDA) sub-committee, Bicheno Beams, for the 2026 Bicheno Beams 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.

BICHENO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC -

About the Event Organiser: Bicheno Community Development Association Incorporated (BCDA) are an incorporated community organisation that oversees a range of local initiatives, including the Bicheno Beams Sub-committee, which delivers the annual Bicheno Beams event on behalf of the community.

Event Description: Bicheno Beams is a free, family-friendly winter festival featuring a spectacular laser light show set to atmospheric music, held nightly in Lions Park, Bicheno.

Event Dates: 27 June 2026 – 25 July 2026 (1 month) 6:30 pm nightly

Location: Lions Park, 78 Burgess Street, Bicheno TAS 7215

Expected Attendees: Approximately 12,400 visitors attended in 2025, with continued growth anticipated in 2026 due to expanding audience reach and strong winter tourism activity.

Event Overview

- Award-winning event (Gold, Tasmanian Tourism Awards 2025) designed to boost winter visitation to Bicheno.

- A free, accessible, family-friendly experience held nightly over four weeks.
- Features a spectacular laser light show accompanied by atmospheric music.
- Returning for its sixth year in 2026.
- Supports local businesses, including accommodation providers, cafés, restaurants, and tourism operators.
- Drives economic activity across Bicheno and surrounding East Coast towns during the off-peak tourism season.
- Scheduled to align with Tasmanian and mainland school holidays to maximise family travel.
- Aligns strongly with Tourism Tasmania's Off-Season campaign and receives exposure through state-wide winter marketing initiatives.
- Continues to grow in scale, profile, and attendance each year.

Community Contribution:

- Delivered by volunteers through the BCDA and its Bicheno Beams Sub-committee.
- Enhances community pride and provides opportunities for local residents to be involved in event delivery.
- Activates Lions Park during winter, creating a vibrant local atmosphere.
- Offers a high-quality, free public event accessible to all members of the community.

Benefits to Glamorgan Spring Bay Residents:

- Increased economic activity during the traditionally quiet winter period, benefiting local businesses and hospitality providers.
- Greater employment and income opportunities through increased visitation and longer trading periods.
- Free, family-friendly entertainment that supports community wellbeing and social connection.
- Enhanced reputation for Bicheno and surrounding towns as desirable winter destinations.
- Promotion of the region to a broad audience through marketing, visitor dispersal, and extended holiday stays.
- Strengthened partnerships between community groups, businesses, and tourism organisations.
- Long-term tourism growth through positive visitor experiences.

Request for Support from Council: Amount Requested: \$2,000

The requested Council funding will contribute to the safe and effective delivery of the 2026 Bicheno Beams event, specifically supporting:

- Hire of audio and technical equipment, including microphone and speakers.
- Provision of specialised technology required for the laser light show.
- Engagement of a qualified local technician to oversee setup, ensure safety compliance, and undertake maintenance throughout the event period.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

2. Our Community

This means

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

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(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

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
Freyrcinet 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
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* and any potential shortfall

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Reputation		Not approving the recommended grant may result in missed opportunities for community development.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

This application meets the eligibility criteria outlined in Council's Event Support Assistance Guidelines. The Bicheno Beams event is a well-established, award-winning winter event that delivers strong economic, social, and community benefits to the Glamorgan Spring Bay municipality.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve Event Support Grant application for \$2,000 submitted by **Bicheno Community Development Association Sub-Committee, Bicheno Beams**, to support the delivery of the Bicheno Beams event.

DECISION 440/25

Moved Clr Jenny Walker, seconded Clr Robert Young:

That Council approve Event Support Grant application for \$2,000 submitted by **Bicheno Community Development Association Sub-Committee, Bicheno Beams**, to support the delivery of the Bicheno Beams event.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

9 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

The below Motion was received from Clr Churchill via email on Monday 16 March 2026 at 5:19pm.

Motion on Notice – Large Grant applications/opportunities

I move –

That any Council grant with a value of over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) must involve appropriate due diligence and transparency including: A robust needs based assessment that involves review of an entity's relevant financials; the opportunity to apply for the grant be made available to all 'like' entities/individuals in the municipality; and must be considered in open session of Council, with any key confidential information managed by way of related redaction, to ensure appropriate ratepayer transparency and confidence.

Context/rationale

- A grant from Council, versus a contract for services, is essentially a 'gift' of ratepayers' money to the recipient entity/individual;
- A Council grant of over \$10,000 is a major gift, given Glamorgan Spring Bay Council's paltry share of Tasmania's Local Government Base funding;
- The Australian and State governments provide funding through grant and incentive mechanisms, across many business areas for rural based organisations.
- Council received legal advice in 2023/24 that a then existing practice of annual payments to a private business was illegal, and that it didn't meet community expectation.
- Officers noted when presenting the 2023/24 legal advice that the practice of providing money to private organisations had caused ratepayer concern within the community.
- Council supported a motion to allow receipt of sizeable grant requests on the basis that any such grant request would necessarily involve a needs based assessment based on review of any entity/individual's business financials.
- Officers also noted an expectation that if a grant request was received, that other 'like' entities/individuals in the municipality should also be provided with the opportunity to submit a grant application.
- Ratepayers have a right to expect a transparent and diligent assessment of any large grant of their rates.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer

Council staff are reviewing both the existing Small Grants and Event Grants policies. A report of new draft policies will be presented to council for consideration. The elements of this motion will be addressed in this report.

DECISION 441/25

Moved Clr Rob Churchill, seconded Clr Kenneth Gregson:

That any Council grant with a value of over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) must involve appropriate due diligence and transparency including: A robust needs based assessment that involves review of an entity's relevant financials; the opportunity to apply for the grant be made available to all 'like' entities/individuals in the municipality; and must be considered in open session of Council, with any key confidential information managed by way of related redaction, to ensure appropriate ratepayer transparency and confidence.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Clr Rob Churchill, Clr Neil Edwards, Clr Kenneth Gregson, Clr Jenny Walker and Clr Robert Young

Against: Nil

Abstention: Nil

Clr Robert Young moved a procedural motion

DECISION -/25

Moved Clr Robert Young, seconded

That the decision on this motion be adjourned raised by the deputy mayor and council Edwards.

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS LOST DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECONDER

10 PETITIONS

Nil.

11 COUNCILLORS QUESTION TIME

11.1 Questions Taken on Notice from previous meeting

Q. Cllr Gregson asked when in-kind support is offered by council at events the yellow bins provided are not provided as 'in-kind' why is that?

These were supplied in the past but stopped due to:

- People using these for general rubbish and not just for recycling which negated the need for separate bins.
- When the yellow bins were collected by the contractor these bins contaminated the entire truckload which was then taken to the tip at a cost to council and a waste of proper recycled material.

Cllr Young Left the meeting at 3:23 pm and returned at 3:26 pm.

11.2 Questions with Notice

11.3 Questions without Notice

Clr Kenneth Gregson asked the following questions

Could the below two events undertaken by the community development team be expanded upon.

- Craigie Knowe Free Event - Minnie and the Moonrakers
- CSIRO Field Day Demonstrations

Will council consider a third flagpole for first nations people?

Could Communications around the McNeils Road, Swansea Fire be provided?

Would Council consider making Arnol Street, Swansea one-way near the childcare centre?

People crossing on mobility scooters at the Corner Wellington and Victoria Streets, Swansea, could council contact Building Tasmania to see whether that can be improved for safe passage for people with mobility scooters?

When would the Friends of Waubs Bay be presenting at the Council Workshop?

Could Council install on the Corner of Arnol and Franklin Streets, Swansea a blue sign saying men's shed and reuse shed?

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 Tuesday 28 April 2026 As per the provisions of regulation 39 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Item 3.1: cohealth Quarterly Report

As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (i), (ii), and (iii) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Item 3.2: 17 Acre Bridge – Wielangta Road

As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (e) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Item 3.3: Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (a) and (b) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council moves into Closed Session at 3.32pm.

DECISION 442/25

Moved Cllr Jenny Walker, seconded Cllr Kenneth Gregson,

That Council moves into Closed Session at 3.32pm

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

For: Mayor Cheryl Arnol, Deputy Mayor Michael Symons, Cllr Rob Churchill, Cllr Neil Edwards, Cllr Kenneth Gregson, Cllr Jenny Walker and Cllr Robert Young

Against: Nil

The Mayor confirmed that the recording had been terminated.

13 CLOSE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.42pm.

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

Date:

Mayor Cheryl Arnol