



**GLAMORGAN
SPRING BAY
COUNCIL**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 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.

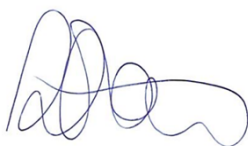
NOTICE OF MEETING

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 27 January 2026, commencing at 2:00pm.

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 22 January 2025



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 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 - 9 December 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 December 2025 at 2:00pm be confirmed as a true and correct record.

2.2 Date and Purpose of Workshop(s) Held

Nil.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 Questions on Notice

Nil.

3.2 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 December 2025

Author: Accountant (Mary Oyeyiola)

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

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Capital Works Projects 2025-12 [5.1.1 - 2 pages]
2. Group Financial Statements 2025-12 [5.1.2 - 3 pages]
3. P& L Briefing Papers 2025-12 [5.1.3 - 12 pages]

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The financial reports for the period ended 31 December 2025 as attached to this report are now presented for the information of Council.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications recognised in the receipt and noting of these reports by Council.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Contractual and Legal	Low	
Environmental and Public Health	Low	
Financial	High	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.
Industrial Relations	Low	
Information Technology	Low	

Natural Hazards		
Work Health and Safety		
Political and Governance		
Professional Indemnity		
Property and Infrastructure		
Public Liability		
Reputation		
Other		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Financial Reports as attached to this report for the period ended 31 December 2025.

6 SECTION 24 COMMITTEES

6.1 Coles Bay Hall Committee Minutes - 22 December 2025

ATTACHMENT/S

1. MINUTES 22 DEC 25 [6.1.1 - 2 pages]

RECOMMENDATION

That the Coles Bay Hall Committee meeting held on Minutes of the 22 December 2025 be received and noted.

7 INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer - Dick Shaw

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Hon Bridget Archer MP to Mayor Arnol [7.1.1 - 2 pages]
2. Tas Waste South Letter - Annual Report 2024-2025 [7.1.2 - 2 pages]
3. ECTT GSBC Mid term report 2026 [7.1.3 - 17 pages]
4. Letter – Minister for Local Government – 8 December 2025 [7.1.4 - 2 pages]

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

General Manager Greg Tory Resigned from the role of CEO effective 2 January 2026. The Director of Planning and Development Dick Shaw commenced the role of Acting General Manager on 24 November 2025, with Acting arrangements effective through until 2 February 2026.

Note the following:

- Council workshop held on 2 December 2025
- Council Meeting held on 9 December 2025
- Annual General Meeting held on 9 December 2025

Two key Executive recruitments were finalised with the Director of Works and Infrastructure to commence 12 January 2026 and Director Corporate and Financial Services to commence 19 January 2026.

Much of the December month revolved around the Dolphin Sands bushfire event, first with emergency response and then recovery. Nineteen homes and around 200 assets were destroyed – a significant loss for our community – the fact no serious injuries were reported and there were no fatalities is a testament to the preparedness and responsiveness of the community.

I would like to acknowledge all persons directly and indirectly impacted by the fires, noting these impacts were felt by parties locally, nationally and internationally – reflecting the diversity of the community we have on the east coast.

I would like to formally acknowledge the efforts of Council staff more broadly, noting that those most involved will be formally recognised for their outstanding contribution to response and recovery. The manner in which staff rose to the challenge without question or hesitation, with confidence and in collaboration was admirable – at every turn a solutions

focussed attitude was on display – elected members and the community have every right to be proud of the efforts of those involved.

Council continues to work in partnership with Resilience and Recovery Tasmania (Department Premier & Cabinet). Resilience and Recovery Tasmania (RRT) develops, coordinates and delivers strategic projects, programs and policies that reduce Tasmania's exposure to the impacts of disasters and enhance the State's response and recovery capacity.

RRT partners with its stakeholders to lead priority work on Tasmania's recovery from disasters and emergencies. The unit works closely with emergency services, all levels of government, nongovernment organisations and the community to develop and implement comprehensive and integrated strategies for emergency prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery, to continually build the State's resilience to all hazards.

Note that over the Christmas break, the Council office was recarpeted to provide increased safety and comfort to all staff and visitors. A broader refit of the open space area is in the early stages of planning – a project driven by the need to provide staff with a contemporary, safe and fit for purpose work environment.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- During December, the Community Development Coordinator was deployed in response to the Dolphin Sands Bushfire. Bernadette was responsible for managing the Evacuation and Recovery Centres - Eliza Hazelwood and Isabelle Clarkson provided communications support throughout the event.
- Although the Community Development Coordinator had been invited to several Christmas events across the community, the scale of the bushfire response meant attendance at these events was not possible. In lieu of attendance, Bernadette contacted community groups via email and phone to acknowledge invitations and thank them for their welcome and ongoing support during 2025.
- The primary focus during the emergency response was to maintain strong relationships with community members and where possible, strengthen and enhance these relationships. Bernadette engaged extensively with a broad range of community groups, both existing and new throughout the bushfire event. Her established community networks proved vital in facilitating access to services and resources for impacted communities.
- Timely and effective communications were delivered by Eliza and Isabelle ensuring the community remained informed throughout the emergency. This contributed significantly to community confidence and engagement. The Works Crew, led by Darren worked tirelessly to support the community and help wherever required. Community, Works and Executive worked together in a great display of teamwork.
- Council's reputation was enhanced during the bushfire response, with all feedback received expressing positive sentiment. Community members consistently conveyed their appreciation for the level of support provided and the dedication and commitment demonstrated by Council staff.
- The visible and ongoing presence of Council staff during both the Evacuation and Recovery stages was particularly well received by the community. To support the long-term recovery of the Dolphin Sands community, Bernadette will continue to work one day per week in Swansea for the foreseeable future. This has been received with enthusiasm by the community.

- Demand for community engagement continues to increase, with both individuals and community groups seeking meetings and additional support. This trend aligns with Council’s long-term sustainability objectives. Bernadette will continue to expand and strengthen her community networks to meet this growing demand
work with community organisations to develop long term, sustainable relationships with positive outcomes.
- Council responded to information requests from the Cranbrook Hall.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

Key Activities and Highlights

- **Dementia Support – Bicheno**
Attended the Bicheno “*Here We Are*” Group book launch, hosted by the local Dementia Support Group, to demonstrate support and engagement with community wellbeing initiatives.
- **Dolphin Sands Bushfires**
Worked collaboratively with government agencies, including Tasmania Fire Service (TasFire), Tasmania Police, State Growth, TasRecovery and Services Tasmania, to support the Dolphin Sands community impacted by bushfires.
- **Evacuation Centre Operations**
Coordinated and managed the Evacuation Centre at Swansea Town Hall. This included organising and facilitating information sessions with emergency services and community members to ensure timely communication and access to support.
- **Recovery Centre Operations**
Coordinated and managed support agencies operating from the Recovery Centre, including Services Tasmania, Red Cross, RACT, Suncorp, Environmental Health Officers, TasRecovery, and Pitt & Sherry.
The Recovery Centre was re-opened by Bernadette on 29 December and 2 January to provide ongoing support to the affected community.
- **Emergency and Recovery Committees**
Attended Emergency Committee meetings and meetings of the Southern Regional Social Recovery Committee (DPAC) and received regular briefings and updates from TasRecovery staff.
- **Dementia Group Bicheno**
Attended the Bicheno “*Here We are*” Group Book Launch (Dementia Support Group)
- **Dolphin Sands Bushfires**
Worked with government agencies including TasFire, Tas Police, State Growth, TasRecovery and Services Tas to support affected Dolphin Sands Community
- **Evacuation Centre**
Coordinated and managed the Evacuation Centre in Swansea Town Hall including organising information sessions with Emergency services and community members
- **Recovery Centre**
Coordinated and managed support agencies including Services Tas, Red Cross, RACT, Suncorp, Environmental Health Officers, Tas Recovery and Pitt and Sherry.

The Recovery Centre was re-opened by Bernadette on December 29th and January 2nd to support the community.

Emergency Committee and Southern Regional Social Recovery Committee (DPAC)

Attended the meetings and received regular updates from TasRecovery staff.

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 December included:
- Marina Berths
- Community Christmas events
- Council Office Closure
- BEST – First Aid Course
- Spring Beach Memorial Event
- Fire Permit, Road Closure and Bushfire Information
- TasWater community event
- Waste and 2026 Rubbish and Recycling Calendar
- Australia Day Event

Publications

- The Summer edition of SeaSpeak was released in early December 2025

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Letters Received

- 8 December 2025 – Minister for Local Government – Introducing the Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-26 with an invitation to provide feedback by midnight Saturday 28 February 2026.
- 23 December 2025 - Minister for Parks Nick Duigan in response to November 6 2025 letter sent by then General Manager Greg Tory to Minister Duigan regarding Maria Island ferry.

Reports for noting

- East Coast Tourism Tasmania (ECTT) Mid-Term report 2026. This report can also be viewed on the Councillors Intranet.

Meetings / Appointments

- 1 December 2025 - Meeting to discuss SERDA Project
- 1 December 2025 - Kingborough Draft Local Provisions Schedule Hearing
- 2 December 2025 - GSBC Audit Panel Meeting
- 2 December 2025 - Bicheno SLSC site visit
- 3 December 2025 - Freycinet Visitor Gateway [FVG] Reference Group meeting
- 4 December 2025 - Bicheno SLSC Grant Funding Meeting
- 5 December 2025 - Meeting with Eric Abetz & Cllr Carole McQueeney Local

Government Base Grants GSBC

- 5 December 2025 - Meeting about Wielangta Business Proposal with Sorell Council
- 6 December 2025 - Southern Regional Emergency Coordination Centre (SRECC)
Meeting - Southern Region Bushfires
- 8 December 2025 - Meeting Parks Wildlife Service
- 9 December 2025 - Council Meeting & Annual General Meeting
- 10 December 2025 - Hearing - draft amendment 02-2025 to the State Planning Provisions
- 10 December 2025 - Meeting with EPA - Dolphin Sands Bushfire - Preliminary Waste Disposal
- 10 December 2025 - SRECC Meeting - Southern Region Bushfires
- 16 December 2025 - Meeting with The Honourable Kristy McBain MP Federal Minister for Emergency Management and Ms Rebecca White Federal Member for Lyons – Dolphin Sands Bushfire Emergency
- 18 December 2025 - Bicheno Surf Life Saving Club Project Team
- 19 December 2025 - Department Premier & Cabinets - Dolphin Sands Bushfire Recovery

GENERAL

- Local government Electoral Reform - The Minister for Local Government wrote to councils on 8 December 2025 advising that the Tasmanian Government had released an exposure draft Local Government Electoral Bill for consultation. River Road Consulting was engaged to support Council draft a submission. Submissions are due 28 February 2026.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Council collated material to support drafting and finalisation of the December quarter Information Briefing Document – this document and reporting frequency was established in response to Performance Improvement Directive (PID) No.3. Note there are no further requirements to report against the PID.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recruitment Update

Appointments

- Senior Planner – commenced 15 December 2025
- Works Officer Triabunna (1) – to commence 5 January 2026
- Works Officer Triabunna (2) – to commence 12 January 2026
- Compliance Officer (Dog Management Act) - to commence Monday 12 January 2026
- Technical Coordinator Works and Infrastructure – to commence Monday 12 January 2026
- Director Works and Infrastructure – to commence 13 January 2026
- Director Corporate and Financial Services – to commence 19 January 2026
- Works Officer Swansea – to commence 26 January 2026
- Planner – to commence 2 February 2026

Vacancies

- Property and Projects Officer – recruitment to commence late January
- General Manager – recruitment pathway pending

Acting Roles

- Dick Shaw – Acting General Manager
- James Bonner – Acting Director Planning and Development
- Danielle Tuck – Acting Director Corporate and Financial Services until appointee commences 19 January 2026

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

Workers Compensation:

Council currently has three active Workers Compensation claims: 1.

- Claim 1: An offer has been made to finalise the matter with a response from the employee’s legal representative expected soon.
- Claim 2: Relates to medical expenses only and is expected to finalise in early 2026.
- Claim 3: A new claim has been submitted and is currently being assessed by our Workers Compensation insurance company.

Drug & Alcohol Testing

- None performed during the reporting period.
- Tender Process - A review of the current drug and alcohol testing frequency and service provider is being undertaken as the current arrangements have been in place since 2016.

Incidents

- 0 incidents for reporting period.

Workplace Inspections

- 0 inspections completed

Safety Training

- Nil for period

Employee Assistance Program

In recognition of a demanding year marked by significant organisational change, staff shortages, recruitment of a new Executive team, and the recent emergency response to the Dolphin Sands bushfires, additional support was provided to staff leading into the end of the year. AccessEAP was engaged to deliver on-site support at the Triabunna office as well as the Swansea Depot and Bushfire Recovery Centre. This support was well received, with a number of staff accessing both on-site counselling and out-of-hours phone support.

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

No matters of material risk identified.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the information.

7.2 Acting Director Works and Infrastructure- Darren Smith

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

December and January are traditionally quieter months for work output in the Works and Infrastructure Dept due to council resources on annual leave, contractors/suppliers shut down, and extra resources allocated to managing town maintenance tasks due to higher demand on these facilities and services.

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 December: 8
- Maintenance grade of Rheban Rd, Rheban- completed
- Maintenance grade of Earlham Rd, Rheban- completed
- Maintenance grading of Wielangta Rd- completed

- Maintenance grade Swanston Rd, Little Swanport- completed
- Resheeting of Woodsden Rd, Buckland- 12th Jan 2026 start
- Cold mixing of potholes across the municipality - Ongoing across municipality approx. 5 ton of cold mix placed for December
- Roadside weed spraying of sealed and unsealed roads – ongoing
- Roadside slashing across the municipality- this is planned to start mid to late November 2025- completed
- Replacement of corroded structural fasteners under Vicary St bridge, Triabunna- quote received and PO issued to contractor- starting mid-January 2026
- 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

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- planned for Jan 2026
- Reshaping/rock lining of eroded open drain on Maria St near Meredith St, Triabunna- planned for Jan 2026
- Rosedale Rd, Bicheno- drain cleaning- completed
- Okehampton Rd culvert replacements and drain cleaning- start 13th Jan 2026

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- All WTS's to return to summer operating hours from Monday 17th November
- Replacement of retaining wall at Swansea WTS- completed
- 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

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, RESERVES, WALKING TRACKS, CEMETERIES

- New pitch cover for Orford cricket pitch due to vandalism- Jan 2026
- Dig out old soft fall in Duck Park playground and replace- completed
- Road reserve beside Tasman Highway, Swansea (Below St Margrets Crt)- clear all old/long vegetation, topsoil and seed- completed
- Considerable amount of work completed by council resources in December to make sure all parks are to a high standard and playgrounds are safe for Christmas/New Year period

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- After hours rostering carried out as scheduled.
- Install half kilometre markings along Dolphin Sands Rd – planned for late November or early December- completed
- Dolphin Sands fires- Works and Infrastructure Team support the response with:
 - 24hr around the clock- 2 x council water trucks to support TFS/SES appliances during firefighting and mopping up
 - Backhoe and operator to clear debris and fallen power poles so Emergency services could access all of Dolphin Sands Rd
 - Setup and manning of evacuation centre at Swansea Hall.

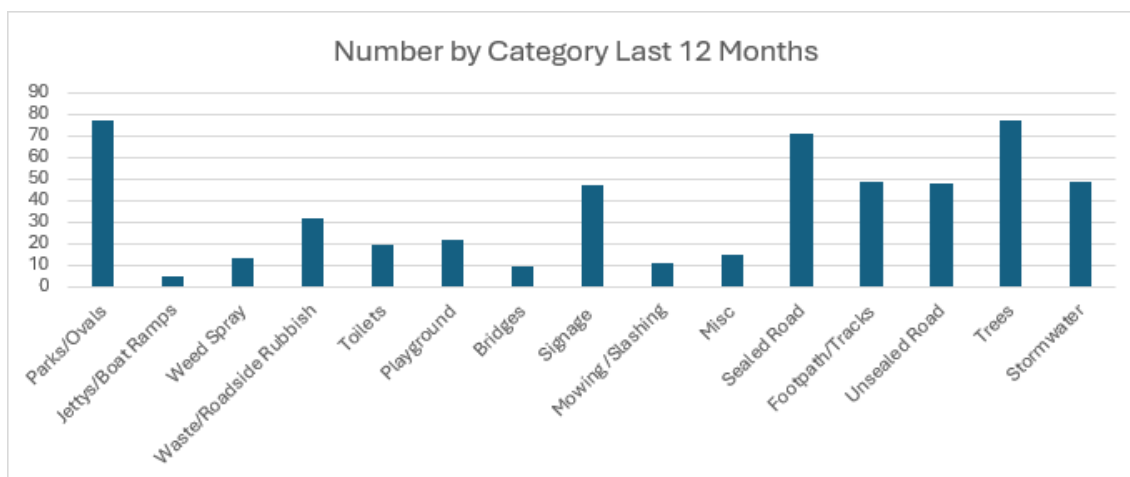
- Post Dolphin Sands fire recovery support by Works and Infrastructure Team:
 - Traffic management needs along Dolphin Sands Road
 - Filling of designated fire water tanks at private properties in the burn zone that were utilised during the emergency at no cost to residents
 - Placement of 2 bulk rubbish skip bins at Yellow Sandbanks Rd to assist residents with post fire cleanups.
 - Tree inspections along road easement in affected area and removal if required before road reopening.
 - Ongoing support as need with evacuation centre and recovery/information centre.

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. As there is no additional budget allocation Council should consider sale of land in Bicheno to support the open space expenditure. A separate report will be provided in due course for council consideration- this has now been approved to proceed. The designer that completed the concept designs has now been engaged to produce IFC drawings and tender documents for GSBC. A meeting with the designer was held onsite on 13 November. Awaiting final construction drawings from consultant.
- 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:
 1. Garnett Ave, Coles Bay - install new footpath from public toilet to boat ramp area – footpath completed, awaiting materials for handrail- completed
- 25/26 FY KC replacement plan: no new scopes completed for December
- Morrison St, Bicheno. Kerb install at cul-de-sac (cemetery) and asphaltting – Jan/Feb 2026
- First stage of Nailor Ave, Bicheno works – Planned start 13th Jan 2026
- 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, closes 16th Jan 2026
- Unsealed road re-sheet scopes and estimates approved for completion:
 1. Woodsden Rd, Buckland, 1.7km long- starting 12th Jan 2026
 2. Oakhampton Rd, Triabunna, 1.2km long- Jan/Feb 2026
 3. Sand River Rd, Buckland, 1km long- Jan 2026
 4. Flacks Rd, Coles Bay, 2km long- TBA

- New BBQ/shelter installation at Spring Beach- Now have PWS approval to proceed- planned for New Year
- New BBQ for Harold St Reserve (at hall), BBQ received currently planning install

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.
- Bicheno Triangle- Construction of the Amphitheatre and Amenities will be completed by the end of this month as planned by the Contractor, East Coast Constructions- completed
- 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.

PLANT AND VEHICLES

- Tender for new water cart/truck for grader crew - PO issued to successful supplier, expected delivery late Jan 2026.
- Replacement of one outdoor team utility - PO issued to successful respondent.
- Replacement of Facility Coordinators utility- PO issued
- Bulk 40m3 general waste bins for WTS's- another completed bin received and in service. 3 more bins to be manufactured this FY.

FACILITIES

- Council Chambers re-carpeting- 1st stage completed on 14th November, remainder to be completed between Christmas/New Year- completed
- Bicheno Hall- New Barge end flashings and parapet wall flashings and a new flashing to cover the ambulance roller doors, some gutter replaced, Tiger tails have been ordered to cover the power line. Still waiting on Tiger tails
- New BBQ for Jubilee Park- Waiting on electrician for BBQ reshuffle and new accessible BBQ to go into Jubilee beach- completed

GENERAL

- Line marking
 - Swansea main street renewal of parking bays and hold lines - planned for November/December weather dependant- completed.
 - Burgess St/Tasman Highway, Bicheno- repaint hold line and surrounding carparks- Jan 2026. Also change give way signs to stop signs at this intersection as requested by Tas Police.
- Annual roadside slashing
 - All Buckland rural roads- completed
 - Dolphin Sands area- completed
 - Deck slashing Orford/Triabunna- December 2025- completed
 - Deck slashing of remaining municipal rural roads- 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 December, 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

- Triabunna Christmas parade- Friday 12th December- completed
- Orford Christmas carols at Our Park- Friday 19th December- completed

RECOMMENDATION

That the Acting 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

1. NRM Quarterly Report December 2025 [7.3.1 - 3 pages]
2. Quarterly NRM Annual Plan Progress 25 26 (5) [7.3.2 - 4 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.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Animal Control and Compliance:

Council has successfully recruited the position of Compliance Officer, with the officer commencing on 12 January 2026.

Draft Dog Management Policy - Council has received feedback from the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), which is currently under review. Following the incorporation of any required amendments, the revised draft will be returned to PWS for approval then presented to Council for endorsement to proceed to public consultation.

For the December period 14 new dogs were registered, totaling 953 dogs for the year.

Fire abatement inspections have commenced and to date 16 fire abatement notices have been issued.

Building and Plumbing:

For the December period: 1 Building Permit, 16 Approvals for Notifiable Building Works, 0 Low Risk Building approvals, 0 Certificates of Substantial Compliance, 2 Temporary Occupancy Permits, 0 Building & Plumbing Notices were issued, and 3 Building & Plumbing Orders were issued.

Environmental Health:

The Dolphin Sands bushfire recovery saw Council's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) assist at the Swansea Recovery Centre and accompany the independent State government commissioned Hazard Assessment Team onsite at fire impacted properties.

To maintain a presence at the Swansea Recovery Centre, arrangements were also put in place through the state government emergency management arrangements for additional environmental health resources, with five environmental health staff from across Hobart and

Clarence Councils assisting in manning the Recovery Centre. Offers for assistance were also received from Glenorchy City and Huon Valley Councils.

Information was provided at the Recovery Centre to those impacted by the bushfires on a range of issues including drinking water quality, food safety, air quality, onsite wastewater management systems, caring for pets and risks from the potential presence of asbestos.

Led by GSB Council's EHO, the additional resourcing was invaluable in providing relevant and timely information to those seeking it at the Recovery Centre. It also demonstrated a willing, collaborative and 'can do' approach within the relatively small professional statewide network of EHO's.

Routine food premises inspections, complaint follow-up and standard other regulatory functions has continued across this period. However, the bushfire recovery has had an impact on capacity and responsiveness.

Natural Resource Management:

The Landscape Recovery Foundation (LRF) has provided a report for the September-December Quarter and an Annual Plan Progress Report. (Refer to attached).

Planning:

For the December period, 18 new development applications were received and 22 determined.

For 2025, a total of 229 development applications and 27 subdivision applications were received. Of these, 213 development applications and 18 subdivision applications were approved, with the majority of the remainder under assessment (16 applications) or withdrawn (10 applications).

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

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

7.4 Action Register

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. December 2025 Action Register [**7.4.1** - 1 page]

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on current and outstanding Active Resolutions at December 2025.

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 Capital Purchase of Two New Vehicles

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

Nil.

PURPOSE

For Council to approve an increase to the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of \$115,000. The additional funds are proposed to be used to purchase the following two new vehicles for the 'indoor' staff vehicle fleet:

- Vehicle 1 – Director - purchase a new vehicle to address a known shortfall in the Executive fleet; and
- Vehicle 2 – Pool vehicle – purchase a new vehicle to address a shortfall in “pool vehicles”.

These vehicles will be purchased as soon as is practicable after Council approval.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The use and purchase arrangements for Council owned vehicles are defined by the 'Council Owned Vehicles' policy (**Vehicle Policy**) (Version 3, Council decision No. 163/19). A review of this policy is now overdue and will be undertaken prior to end of 2025/2026 Financial Year.

Fleet vehicles are currently purchased outright by Council. This has been demonstrated to reduce the lifecycle costs when compared to a lease arrangement. Vehicles are typically traded between 60,000 and 80,000 kilometres (Vehicle Replacement section of the Council owned vehicles policy). This is generally understood to provide the best return on investment, taking into account the purchase price (that is reduced via government fleet discount) and the typical depreciation rates of the asset – the cost to Council over the holding period of the asset is reduced in theory to operational costs.

Council manages a fleet of vehicles for 'indoor' and 'outdoor' officers – this report only relates to the indoor fleet. Currently, the indoor fleet of vehicles consists of eight (8) vehicles. This will increase to ten (10) indoor vehicles if Council approves the staff recommendation included in this report.

Vehicle Purchase Number 1 - Executive Vehicle

Executive vehicles form part of the Executive employment package. The package is reduced by \$15,000 per annum. This covers the running costs of the vehicle and the Fringe Benefits Taxation (FBT) relating to the vehicle. Under the Vehicle Policy, Executive vehicles form part

of the vehicle fleet and can be used by officers where demand exists and where a vehicle is available for use. This is generally between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.

Executive staff are provided with the opportunity to take the \$15,000 as salary. This is paid fortnightly over a 12-month period. The former Director Corporate and Financial Services (who left the role in April 2025) chose this option. Mrs Danielle Tuck has been Acting as the Director Corporate and Financial Services from April 2025 until Monday 19 January 2026. Mrs Tuck is based in Queensland and operates on a Working from Home arrangement; therefore, a vehicle has not been required during this acting period. Cost savings have been realised during this period of a reduced fleet.

With the recent appointment of a new Director of Corporate and Financial Services, there is now a need to purchase a new vehicle as he has requested a Council supplied vehicle. He is driving a vehicle that has been allocated to him from an existing employee. Council has hired a vehicle in the short term and allocated this to the employee who transferred the Council owned vehicle to the Director.

Vehicle Purchase Number 2- Pool Vehicle

The single pool vehicle (Suzuki Vitara) is currently shared by staff in compliance, environmental health, community services, HR, WHS and works (indoor).

Understandably, there is significant and often competing demand for use of the single pool vehicle.

The restricted access to the single pool vehicle reduces the ability of Council to respond effectively and in a timely manner to the needs and wants of the community – it should be noted that the responsiveness of Council to community need is a key factor that influences community perception of the value of the services provided by ‘their’ Council. The inability to access the pool vehicle often sees activities pushed out to the following week taking in to account the part-time nature of many employees.

The existing pool vehicle has an approximate book value/trade-in price of less than \$10,000, therefore this vehicle does not have the capacity to materially offset the purchase of a new pool vehicle. There is merit in retaining this vehicle to assess the utilisation of a second dedicated pool vehicle and any business efficiencies to stem from such. If retained the vehicle would be moved throughout the municipality in response to operational need. If retained, the benefit of a second pool vehicle will be assessed after six months with the assessment used to inform decision-making.

OPTIONS

Option Number 1

That Council authorise an increase to the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of \$115,000 to cover the purchase of a new Executive Vehicle and a new Pool Vehicle and retain the current Pool Vehicle.

This is the recommended option.

Option Number 2

That Council authorise an increase to the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of \$115,000 to cover the purchase of a new Executive Vehicle and a new Pool Vehicle and dispose of the current Pool Vehicle.

Option Number 3

That Council authorise an increase to the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of \$65,000 to cover the purchase of a new Executive Vehicle and retain the current Pool Vehicle.

Option Number 4

That Council authorise an increase to the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of \$65,000 to cover the purchase of a new Executive Vehicle and dispose of the current Pool Vehicle.

Option Number 5

Other as determined in the Chamber.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance

This means

Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The total funds requested are informed by a review of current market pricing of vehicles that align with the business needs of officers.

The purchase and operational costs for the new Executive Vehicle requires new funding as these costs are not currently part of the 2025/2026 Budget. The purchase cost will be funded from reserves whilst the operational costs will be funded from savings identified as part of the half yearly review. It should be noted that funding for operational costs is only required for 5 months (February 2026 until June 2026). These expenses are typical expenses expected of Executive employment and the operational costs are covered by the \$15,000 taken from the Executives remuneration package.

The purchase and operational costs for the new Pool Vehicle also requires new funding as these costs are not currently part of the 2025/2026 Budget. The purchase cost will be funded from reserves whilst the operational costs will be funded from savings identified as part of the half yearly review. It should be noted that funding for operational costs is only required for 5 months (February 2026 until June 2026).

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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Area of Risk	Rating	Officer Comments
Contractual and Legal		
Environmental and Public Health		
Financial		There are currently no funds within the current 2025/2026 Budget to cover the purchase and operating costs of the two new vehicles. Savings will be identified to cover the proposed operational costs and reserves will need to cover the proposed capital costs.
Industrial Relations		
Information Technology		
Natural Hazards		
Work Health and Safety		Vehicles purchased will have 5-star ANCAP safety rating.
Political and Governance		
Professional Indemnity		
Property and Infrastructure		
Public Liability		
Reputation		Vehicles purchased will provide the functionality that officers require to perform their role and remain consistent with current policy.
Other		

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

The new Director of Corporate and Financial Services has requested a vehicle as part of his employment package as opposed to financial remuneration. Purchasing a vehicle outright is the most affordable means of providing the required vehicle and is consistent with current policy.

The request for a new pool vehicle is to ensure that Council has two (2) dedicated pool vehicles to be used in the municipality. One pool vehicle does not allow Council to provide its services efficiently and effectively across the Local Government Area (LGA).

The effectiveness and value of this proposal will be trialled for a 6-month period, then evaluated to support informed decision-making for the long-term and assess whether the two pool vehicles are assisting with service delivery throughout the LGA.

Both purchases are considered reasonable and justified.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise an increase to the Capital Works Program for the 2025/2026 Financial Year of \$115,000 to cover the purchase of a new Executive Vehicle and a new Pool Vehicle and Council retains the existing Pool Vehicle (Option 1).

8.2 Annual General Meeting - Notice of Motion/Question on Notice - John Heck

Author: Director Works and Infrastructure (Ron Sanderson)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

None

PURPOSE

To consider a motion passed at the 9 December 2025 Annual General Meeting.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The following motion was passed at the December 2025 Annual General Meeting:

Moved Mr John Heck, seconded Cllr Kenneth Gregson:

That the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council deposit \$250,000 of the \$269,000 Pepper corn sum received for land lots & streets below the 4 Pine Trees atop of Howells Hill Triabunna into the "Spring Bay Community Trust Fund" term deposit account with the Swansea Bendigo Bank.

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Key Foundations

1. Our Governance and Finance

This means

Best practice governance, risk, and financial management.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Section 72B (6) of the Local Government Act 1993 states that:

A motion passed at an Annual General Meeting is to be considered at the next meeting of the council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

RISK CONSIDERATION/S

All identified risk is low category.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Passing of a motion at an annual general meeting is covered in the Local Government Act in Sections 72B (4) and (5):

(4) Only electors in the municipal area are entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting,

(5) A motion at an Annual General Meeting is passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the council determines.

The Act is silent as to the content of motions or the ability of councillors to vote on motions at an annual general meeting. Accordingly, it is deemed that the motion passed at the 9 December annual general meeting is valid in that it complies with sections 74B (4) and (5) listed above.

A draft policy for annual general meeting procedures will be developed for consideration by Council at a future meeting.

In accordance with good governance practice, a motion regarding the allocation of funds leveraged from the disposal of Council owned assets should be considered following a formal report provided by council officers. This motion has not been accompanied by such a report to council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council does not proceed with the action stated in the motion 289/25 carried at the 9 December Annual General Meeting of 9 December 2025.

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)
Presenter: Paul West – Independent Advisor, River Road Consulting

ATTACHMENT/S

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

PURPOSE

This report is provided to outline to Council the process to finalise the GSBC submission to the Minister for Local Government relating to the Local Government Electoral Bill.

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Note that the Local Government Electoral Bill of 2025 (167 pages) is not provided as attachment but can be viewed at this web address:

https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/local_government/consultation-on-local-government-electoral-legislation

The Minister for Local Government wrote to councils on 8 December 2025 advising that the Tasmanian Government had released an exposure draft Local Government Electoral Bill for consultation.

The Minister advised that the draft Bill is an important step in establishing a standalone statutory framework for the conduct of local government elections. The new Bill will introduce several important reforms including:

- creating a more flexible format for future local government elections;
- strengthening the donations disclosure and electoral advertising requirements;
- improving the quality of public information at elections; and
- making changes to the eligibility to run for office, alongside a suite of changes intended to improve the integrity of elections.

The Electoral Bill is also supported by a supplementary Local Government (Amendment) Bill which delivers supporting changes to the *Local Government Act 1993*, including:

- repealing existing electoral provisions from the Act;
- introducing reforms to better manage councillor interests; and
- introducing caretaker provisions for council conduct during an election.

Feedback has been sought from the local government sector and community prior to the Government finalising its position on the Electoral Bills.

The Minister advised that it is important to note that due to the technical complexity of moving to a new electoral framework, the new Local Government Electoral Act is expected to have a phased implementation. A crucial focus of this consultation will be identifying the highest priority reforms for implementation prior to the next elections, scheduled for October 2026.

This consultation relates to proposed legislative reforms following the State Government’s consideration of responses received to previous discussion papers in early 25 titled Reforms to Councillor Numbers and Allowances and the Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025.

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

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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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		
Other		

COMMENTS

At a Council Workshop on 13 January 2026, Councillors discussed their views on the proposed changes. As a result of this Workshop a draft submission has been prepared and is attached to this report.

There were diverging views on some of the proposed reforms, therefore in preparing the draft submission these have been identified where appropriate.

A significant concern related to the proposed introduction of a new *Part 5B Personal Interest Returns (PIR)* to the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Proposed s56D requires:

56D. Lodgement of personal interest returns

A councillor must lodge a completed personal interest return with the general manager

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- (b) within 28 days after the date on which the certificate of election, as defined in the Local Government Electoral Act 2025, is issued in respect of the councillor; and*
- (b) on or before 31 July in each subsequent year in which the person holds office as a councillor.*

It is proposed that the PIR will be made by ‘Ministerial Order’. A draft PIR was included in the consultation information circulated by the Office of Local Government. There is a requirement that before any Ministerial Order is made, the Minister is required to consult with local government.

Councillors at the Workshop expressed several concerns in relation to the proposed PIR including:

- it should not include spouses
- most of the questions are ‘nobody else’s business’
- invasion of privacy
- diametrically opposed

- not administratively efficient

Councillors queried whether the same Personal Interest Returns (PIR) were required of State Parliamentarians. A review of the House of Assembly (HoA) – Register of Members Interests indicates the proposed local government PIR has similar disclosure requirements.

The HoA disclosure does not require Members to list full address details of land and real property only the ‘suburb or locality and postcode’ whereas the draft local government PIR requires full address details – this inconsistency has been raised in the draft submission.

Again the HoA disclosure only requires the name of each person or entity to whom a Member was liable to pay a debt at any time during the annual return period and only the suburb and postcode if it was owed to an individual and full head office address if a corporation, whereas the draft local government PIR requires name, address and nature of the debt to be disclosed - this inconsistency has been raised in the draft submission.

CONCLUSION

Based on the feedback provided at the Workshop it appears the proposed local government electoral reforms are generally supported by the Council. In developing the GSBC draft submission, the views of all Councillors have tried to be incorporated to ensure the responses are representative of all inputs.

The main issue of concern related to the proposed introduction of Personal Interest Returns requirements. The issues raised by Councillors have been incorporated into the draft submission, including highlighting where a greater level of disclosure is required to what currently applies to House of Assembly members.

The Council has until 28 February 2026 to finalise its submission. To assist in meeting this deadline it is proposed the following process will be followed:

- The Acting CEO to circulate a copy of the draft submission to all Councillors for further review on Wednesday 28 January 2026;
- Councillors to provide any feedback by Friday 6 February 2026;
- Acting CEO will update the draft submission where appropriate;
- A final draft submission will be presented to the Council at its 24 February 2026 meeting.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council in relation to local government electoral reform and GSBC’s submission:

(a) receive and note the report and the draft submission prepared following input by Councillors at the Workshop on 13 January 2026;

(b) note any further comments from Councillors on the draft submission are to be provided to the Acting CEO by Friday 6 February 2026; and

(c) a final draft submission is to be presented to Council at its 24 February 2026 meeting.

8.4 Tas Water PSP5 - Letter of Support

Author: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

Responsible Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer (Dick Shaw)

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Our Water Future_-_ PS P 5 Customer Doc_ [8.4.1 - 13 pages]
2. TasWater - Request for Letter of support – Price and Service Plan 5 [8.4.2 - 1 page]

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the opportunity to discuss and determine if a letter of support will be provided to TasWater, in response to TasWater's proposed Price and Service Plan 5 (PSP5).

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

On November 28 2025, TasWater wrote to Council requesting a letter of support in response to TasWater's Price and Service Plan 5. The letter states that the Tasmanian Economic Regulator has scheduled to release its draft determination on PSP5 in February 2026.

Supporting the letter that requested a letter of support, is the *Our Water Future - Price and Service Plan Proposal 5*. This document provides relevant background information to support informed decision-making.

In separate communications with Council, TasWater advised the following projects are proposed to be delivered across the municipality within the life of PSP5 (being 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2030):

- The Bicheno Recycled Water Scheme Expansion Project – a \$16.6 million project (excluding external funding) that will expand the recycled water scheme to achieve full reuse of treated wastewater, thereby delivering on a long-term commitment to the EPA and addressing the non-compliance issues around the Bicheno Sewage Treatment Plant. The project will require construction of a new recycled water pump station, recycled water storage, customer connections and up to 5km of recycled water transfer infrastructure.
- Orford Sewage Treatment Plant Outfall Upgrade – a \$3.5 million project to minimise the risk and impact of wastewater spills during wet weather.
- Orford Upper and Lower Prosser Dam Safety Upgrades – a \$3.3 million project that will look at improving safety for the dams on the Prosser as well as examining options for increasing the dams' capacity and thus Orford's water security.
- Swansea Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - \$360,000 project to improve water quality.

It should be noted that whilst these projects are proposed, TasWater’s capacity to deliver said projects, will be influenced among other factors by the position and decision of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator.

Should the proposal be approved as drafted, TasWater propose to increase annual costs by 8.8% year on year for the life of the Plan. The attached Proposal (p.22) presents example cost implications – it should be noted that in 2026, the estimated ‘average annual residential water and sewerage bill’ is \$1407.33. By the end of the Plan period (30 June 2030) the estimated cost for the same property would be \$1928.83 - an increase of \$521.50.

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

Risk rating colour code:	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
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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		

<p>Reputation</p>		<p>Risk of mixed messaging by the community, in that Council has in recent history increased the rates base to improve the financial position and sustainability of Council. The 6yr property valuation cycle also applied to Glamorgan Spring Bay in 2024 – increasing costs of property ownership. Community expectation is such that costs of property ownership would stabilise for a period. Should PSP5 be adopted, the cost of sewer and water services provided by TasWater and borne by property owners will increase.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

The attached Proposal demonstrates a comprehensive consultation process was undertaken by TasWater to inform PSP5. The Proposal identifies major projects flagged for delivery, identifies opportunities to improve asset condition, reduce losses, increase utilisation, improve water quality and improve reliability.

The proposed increase in charges is significant yet is on the back of period a stable pricing.

It is proposed that Council provide the letter of support as requested.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the General Manager to provide the requested letter of support in response to the TasWater Price and Service Plan 5.

9 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

10 PETITIONS

Nil.

11 COUNCILLORS

11.1 Councillor question time

Questions Taken on Notice at the 9 December 2025 Council Meeting are addressed below.

Q. Cllr Kenneth Gregson requested that the Acting CEO expand on the meeting held on 4 November 2025.

A. Greg Tory attended an information and Q&A session for General Managers and council staff regarding the draft Local Government (Targeted Reform) Amendment Bill 2025.

Q. Cllr Carole McQueeney asked the Acting CEO to provide an update on whether a response had been received from Minister Duigan.

A. A letter was received on 23 December 2025 from Minister Duigan's Office in response to the GSBC correspondence dated 6 November 2025, concerning the Triabunna Marina and Maria Island Ferry Service.

11.2 Comments/statements

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 9 December 2025

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

Item 3.1: CEO Vacancy

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

Item 3.2: cohealth Quarterly Report

As per the provisions of Regulation 17 (2) (d) i); (ii); or(iii) 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**