

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024**

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor will:

- make the following statement:

*“Before proceeding, I pay my respects to the Mumirimina people as the traditional and original custodians of the lands on which we meet, and I acknowledge the continuing connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people to the skies, land and waterways.*

*I pay respect to Elders past and present.”*

- invite those present to pause for a moment of quiet reflection and respect before commencing the council meeting.
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**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Darko (Leave of Absence)  
Cr Mulder

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF COUNCILLORS OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE**

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and Council’s adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**4. OMNIBUS ITEMS**

**4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

**4.2 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATION**

**4.3 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

In addition to the Councillors’ Meeting Briefing (workshop) conducted on Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting the following workshops were conducted by Council since its last ordinary Council Meeting:

PURPOSE	DATE
Confidential Briefing	
Budget Session	
Local Government Association of Tasmania	
General Meeting Motions	4 March
Council Chambers Upgrade	
Welcome to Country Guidelines	
Youth Needs Analysis	
Local Highways (Standard Requirements) By-law	12 March

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

#### **4.4. TABLING OF PETITIONS**

(Note: Petitions received by Councillors are to be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer within seven days after receiving the petition).

Petitions are not to be tabled if they do not comply with Section 57(2) of the Local Government Act, or are defamatory, or the proposed actions are unlawful.

#### **4.5 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

This agenda item is listed to facilitate the receipt of both informal and formal reporting from various outside bodies upon which Council has a representative involvement.

#### **REPORTS FROM SINGLE AND JOINT AUTHORITIES**

Provision is made for reports from Single and Joint Authorities if required.

Council is a participant in the following Single and Joint Authorities. These Authorities are required to provide quarterly reports to participating Councils, and these will be listed under this segment as and when received.

- **COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY**

Representative: Cr James Walker

**Quarterly Reports**

The Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority has distributed its Quarterly Summary of its Meetings for the period ending 20 February 2023 (refer Attachment 1).

The Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority has also distributed its Quarterly Report for the period ending 31 December 2023.

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 the Report will be tabled in Closed Meeting.

**Representative Reporting**

- **SOUTHERN TASMANIAN REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY**

Representative: Cr Warren (Mayor's nominee)  
Cr Hunter (Proxy)

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**



## Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority

20 February 2023

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Dear General Manager

### **COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY REPORT: December 2023 Quarter**

Participating Councils and the Director, Local Government agreed to establish consistent reporting arrangements for the Authority. The following advice regarding matters discussed at recent Authority and Board meetings is now provided for inclusion in your routine report to your Council.

#### **Authority meeting 18 December 2023**

An unscheduled meeting of the Authority was held on 18 December at the request of the Southern Waste Solutions Board.

The purpose of the meeting was to brief the Authority on a confidential business opportunity offered to the Board. While the Board did not consider it to be a viable opportunity nor sufficiently aligned with the current strategy, Representatives were advised because of the source and context of the referral to the Board.

#### **Authority meeting 8 January 2024**

An unscheduled meeting of the Authority was held on 8 January 2024. The single agenda item related to a personnel matter which was addressed in closed meeting.

#### **Authority meeting 15 February 2024**

Material matters addressed in the scheduled meeting:

- Endorsed the December 2023 Quarterly Report for distribution to Participating Councils (attached)
- Agreed to consider introducing flexibility to the Secretary's role in future through a change in the Rules that would permit the SWS Board Secretary role to be held by a person other than the Authority Secretary. A further paper was requested to the next meeting.
- Noted the Secretary's intention to exit the role in coming months. The Authority approved the role description and appointed members to the Selection Panel.
- Received an update on the progress to recruit the additional, permanent director of the Southern Waste Solutions' Board (see below).
- Received an update on the Southern Tasmanian Regional Waste Authority

- Received an update on activities of the Boards and operations of Southern Waste Solutions and C Cell Pty Ltd from the Board Chair.
- Agreed to move the next Authority meeting from 16 to 23 May 2024 commencing at 2.00pm at Clarence City Council.

**Other matters of note**

- The Director Selection Panel met twice in February and recruitment of the fifth Director for Southern Waste Solutions' Board is underway. To date, the process is on track for a recommendation to the Authority to appoint at its May meeting.
- Recruitment for the Authority Secretary will commence shortly.

**Matters considered by the Boards of Southern Waste Solutions and C Cell Pty Ltd as Trustee**

- Summaries of the material matters considered by both Boards are attached.

Note: As minutes of meetings of the Southern Waste Solutions Board and C Cell Pty Ltd Board are commercial in confidence, it is requested that these be held on file for perusal by Aldermen/Councillors but not tabled at Council meetings.

**Professional Development Activity Undertaken**

The Authority did not receive any requests from Representatives for professional development activities in the quarter.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Pillans  
**Secretary**

**Attachment 1: Quarterly Report to the Authority December 2023**

**Attachment 2: Summary of SWS Board meetings**

**Attachment 3: Summary of C Cell Board meetings**



**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES**

**STUDY TOUR REPORT – COUNCILLOR JAMES  
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND 16 JANUARY TO 1 FEBRUARY 2024**

Refer attached report.

# Richard James

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Travel to Auckland New Zealand from Hobart Airport on 16 January 2024 and return from Auckland Airport to Hobart on 1 February 2024.

The purpose of this self-funded trip (other than some minor council related expenses) was twofold.

- Visit the sights and see the natural beauty of New Zealand and its landscape. Hired a car spending seven days in the northern island then taking the ferry across Cook Strait and then another seven days around the southern island.
- On 20 October 2023, Clarence's Mayor Cr Brendan Blomeley wrote to the Mayors of Auckland Council and Christchurch City Council to arrange times for me to meet with their elected representatives, and senior members of staff. I had meetings in the Auckland Deputy Mayor's office on 18 January 2024, with Councillor Andy Baker representing the Franklin Ward of Auckland and the city's corporate management team. On 30 January 2024 I met with Mayor Phil Mauger and the Civic & International team in the Christchurch City Mayor's lounge.

## **GENERAL**

New Zealand has a population of 5.5 million, comprising of a central government with its capital in Wellington. Social services like health and education are delivered exclusively by central government.

**ATTACHED** Map of the Northern and Southern Islands of New Zealand outline the Region Boundaries, District Boundaries and City Boundaries of local councils (Attachment 1).

There are basically three types of local authority under the Local Government Act: Regional Councils, District Councils and the relatively uncommon Unitary Authorities, (Auckland Council). Broadly, Regional Councils manage environmental issues (particularly air and water quality, including contents to draw water from rivers and aquifers and biodiversity) while Local Councils manage "horizontal infrastructure" (waters, roads, parks) plus community facilities (libraries, recreation centres).

Public transport is normally Regional, not Local; Flood protection is done by both. Land planning & consenting is mostly done by Local Councils. In some circumstances the two levels can be combined into a single "unitary council", most notably Auckland Council.

Irrespective of whether it's a Local, Regional, or Unitary council, each one has the sole responsibility to set its own taxes (Rates) plus any fees and charges it may want to levy (these can range from the cost of visiting a swimming pool to the cost of a cemetery burial site or the cost of getting a building consent), all subject to the requirements of the Local Government Act and Local Government (Rating) Act.



### **AUCKLAND COUNCIL - SUPER COUNCIL**

Auckland Council is the largest in Oceania. On 30 June 2016 the Auckland Council had a \$3 billion annual budget, \$29 billion of ratepayers' equity and full-time staff of 9,870. The Auckland Council took over the functions of the Auckland Regional Council (1 November 2010) and the region's seven city and district councils into one "super council" or "super city."

New Zealand's central government and parts of Auckland's society felt that this large number of councils, and the lack of strong regional government were hindering Auckland's progress, and that a form of stronger regional government, or an amalgamation under one local council would be beneficial.

The New Zealand government announced a "super city" would be set up to include the full metropolitan area under an Auckland Council with a single mayor and 20-30 local boards by the time of the local body elections in 2010.

The councils of the Franklin and Rodney Districts opposed their inclusion in the new supercity and campaigned for retention or inclusion with other more rural-focused councils in the adjoining areas. It was necessary to allow a regional approach to the wider interests of the region, and that tangible benefits would ensue for all of Auckland communities. Auckland Council and subsidiary organizational structures were streamlined and there was a 13% reduction in headcount between the old council structures and the new governance arrangements. Also, systems changes included financial consolidation, reporting and planning functions. Other systems changes included geographic information systems consolidation. A rating of 3.9% was projected for 2011/2012. This was 2.1% lower than the 6.0% average increase projected by the old councils.

### **AUCKLAND COUNCIL - GOVERNING BODY**

The governing body of the Auckland Council consists of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and 19 other members. The members of the governing body are elected from thirteen wards, which make up the Auckland region. Unlike any other local authority in New Zealand, Auckland provides for decision making shared between an elected governing body and 149 members of 21 elected local boards who make decisions on matters local to their communities.

### **LOCAL BOARDS**

Local boards and the governing body work collaboratively and local boards are the face of local government. The Auckland Council Act provides for the governing body to focus on big picture and region-wide strategic decisions, including preparing and adopting annual plans, an annual report, set rates and make bylaws and decide on region-wide non-regulatory matters. Local Boards represent their local communities and make decisions on local issues, activities, and facilities. The governing body can assign decision-making responsibility to the local boards for non-regulatory functions of the Council that do not require an Auckland-wide approach.

At our meeting on 18 January 2024, Cr Andy Baker suggested local boards ought to be able to set rates within their local areas and that would enable the local boards to fund their own infrastructure and services.

As an observation, the co-governance model seems to be still evolving.



## **CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL**

During my discussions with Mayor Mauger and the Civic and International Relations advisors, Christchurch City Council last had an amalgamation in 2006 when Christchurch merged with Banks Peninsula. To date no mergers of the neighboring councils are being considered in the Canterbury Regions.

Christchurch City Council worked closely with the six surrounding District Councils to commence proceedings to repeal the previous Labor Government's 3 Waters Legislation. The new National government has signaled it will take a different approach. There is a major shift towards volumetric charging that will very likely result in a big improvement in the detection and fixing of leaks in substantial pipe infrastructure.

The southern island of New Zealand comprises seven Regional councils and approximately 13 District Councils. Christchurch City Council is legally just a District in the Canterbury Region. Irrespective of whether it's Local, Regional, or Unitary council, each has sole responsibility to set its own rates plus any fees it may want to levy.

Mayor Mauger spoke of how much better off Christchurch was in the aftermath of earthquakes and that the earthquake "got the city out of debt". Many billions of dollars flowed into the District from the Central government and from Insurance claims to rebuild the city after the earthquake. From the Mayor's office balcony overlooking the city it was observed many new buildings had been constructed and other buildings still in the early stages of reconstruction.

**ATTACHED *QUAKE CITY* and **THE CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKES STORY**** at Special Exhibition from the Canterbury Museum (Attachment 2).

## **OBSERVATIONS**

1. It seems collaborative engagements have increased since amalgamation and the greater the authority and size of the current Auckland Council have generated a more collaborative approach.
2. Auckland Council Act (2009) assigns Local Boards the authority to initiate activities or projects in their regions that benefit local communities.
3. The amalgamation of Auckland seems to have created motivation across the region to collaborate.
4. Confusion in understanding the roles of the Auckland Council versus the national government seems to impact negatively on motivation to collaborate.
5. Christchurch City Council focuses on horizontal infrastructure and community assets and raises their rates for their assets and infrastructure.
6. Cooperation between neighbouring councils was strong enough to convince the new National government to repeal the 3 Waters Legislation of the former Labor government.
7. There does not appear any likelihood for amalgamations of District Councils in the Canterbury Region.

Richard H James  
Councillor Clarence City Council  
7 March 2024















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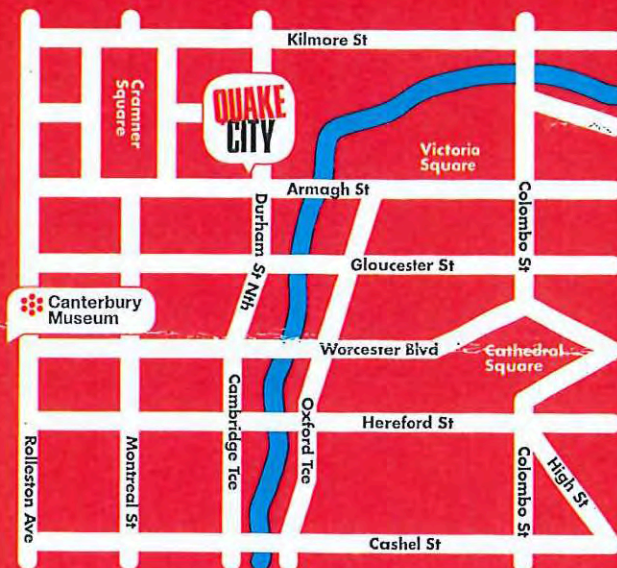
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#### **4.6 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS**

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 26 February and 4 and 11 March 2024 have been circulated to Councillors.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 26 February and 4 and 11 March 2024 be noted.



**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Public question time at ordinary Council meetings will not exceed 15 minutes. An individual may ask questions at the meeting. Questions may be submitted to Council in writing on the Friday 10 days before the meeting or may be raised from the Public Gallery during this segment of the meeting.

The Chairman may request a Councillor or Council officer to answer a question. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers. Questions and answers are to be kept as brief as possible.

**5.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a member of the public may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question to be asked at the meeting). A maximum of two questions may be submitted in writing before the meeting.

Questions on notice and their answers will be included in the minutes.

Mrs Denise Hoggan of Rosny has given notice of the following questions:

- 1. HOTEL AND TOURIST FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**  
What are the proposed boundaries, under discussion and negotiation, of a sublease area proposed for use for hotel and tourist facility development?
- 2. ECOLOGICAL SURVEYS**  
What ecological surveys has the Management Authority, that is Clarence City Council, undertaken since the developer funded surveys and Rosny Hill Friends Network surveys of 2019, in the Rosny Hill Nature Recreation Area?

**5.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor may address Questions on Notice submitted by members of the public.

**5.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**5.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Chairperson may invite members of the public present to ask questions without notice.

Questions are to relate to the activities of the Council. Questions without notice will be dependent on available time at the meeting.

Council Policy provides that the Chairperson may refuse to allow a question on notice to be listed or refuse to respond to a question put at a meeting without notice that relates to any item listed on the agenda for the Council meeting (note: this ground for refusal is in order to avoid any procedural fairness concerns arising in respect to any matter to be determined on the Council Meeting Agenda).

When dealing with Questions without Notice that require research and a more detailed response the Chairman may require that the question be put on notice and in writing. Wherever possible, answers will be provided at the next ordinary Council Meeting.

Council's Public Question Time Policy can be found on Council's website at [Public Question Time - City of Clarence : City of Clarence \(ccc.tas.gov.au\)](https://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/public-question-time)

## **6. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

(In accordance with Regulation 38 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and in accordance with Council Policy, deputation requests are invited to address the Meeting and make statements or deliver reports to Council)

<b>7</b>	<b>PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS</b>
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Nil Items.

**8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**8.1 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Nil Items.

## 8.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

<b>8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>
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Nil Items.

#### **8.4 GOVERNANCE**

Nil Items.



**9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil Items.

**10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

A Councillor may ask a question with or without notice at Council Meetings. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers.

**10.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a Councillor may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the Councillor seeks an answer at the meeting).

Nil.

**10.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil.

**10.3 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

Cr Kennedy

My question is regarding communications and taking on board Cr Chong and Cr Warren's comments on the fabulous job our Team has been doing, especially with our social media platforms. Are we going to have the same level of engagement with the Jazz Festival about to kick off?

**ANSWER**

(Head of Strategic Development, Communications and Engagement) We have currently had to make the call to go quiet on our social media platforms over the past week or so. We have been receiving quite an overwhelming amount of negative comments and due to that we have decided to use going quiet as a bit of a circuit break to try and level that out for the time being. We will be slowly ramping back up and promoting the Jazz Festival and all our other wonderful events.

Question contd

I am very sorry that I started this process because I realise how our staff have been affected. Is it upon councillors to promote the Jazz Festival? Is that our avenue now?

**ANSWER**

(Head of Strategic Development, Communications and Engagement) We always encourage anybody and everybody to promote our wonderful events and as I said we will be starting to release some posts and of course we would like to get back onto the positive and the proactive - that has always been our aim and we would always empower councillors to do that. We can provide you with all the information that you need to do so and would welcome your encouragement and support.

Cr Warren

1. Could any information be provided regarding the meetings that have been held regarding the expansion of the ferry service and whether there is any information available on the proposed position for the Lindisfarne ferry wharf?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) We can provide that in a briefing note. As you would have seen from my notes earlier, the Greater Hobart Mayors received a briefing from a Hobart City Council officer who has been liaising with the Department of State Growth. The short answer is a body of work has been undertaken on the State Government's part but at the moment being in caretaker mode they are not in a position to progress. You would be aware of the Liberal Party's announcement, the Greater Hobart Mayors called for 26 million dollars, the Liberal Party have promised 20 million dollars. We are hopeful that the Labor opposition will come on board in the near future but as to more detailed information, we can put together a briefing note when the CEO returns and I can engage with my colleagues but there is not a lot coming out of the Department at the moment.

(Further information) The Greater Hobart councils have successfully secured Australian Government funding of 20 million dollars to fund ferry terminals at locations in Sandy Bay, Wilkinsons Point and Lindisfarne. A detailed appraisal of each of the proposed terminal locations, including Lindisfarne, is currently being prepared. As such, there is no preferred or proposed position for a ferry wharf at Lindisfarne at this time.

2. Following from your very good explanation earlier about the difficulty of social media and for balance, I am sure you will be applying the rules to both sides of the argument because there was a post on social media which I stopped reading as it would be damaging to my own health. It was something in relation to the question that I asked at the last meeting regarding parking, and you replied with a prepared response. There was a clip on social media and the caption was "this is gold, Mayor gives a whack", something like that which was really inappropriate and it had a huge number of comments supporting it. Can we be even handed making sure there is no social media misbehaviour on all sides of the debate?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) May I just say that I make no excuses for being prepared. I pride myself on working hard and being prepared at all times. In regard to social media, I absolutely agree. As I said in my closing remarks a few moments ago, it is incumbent on us all to bring our best selves.

(Further information) (Chief Executive Officer) As councillors are aware, as a PCBU council owes a duty of care to all participants in council's activities, including at council meetings and via social media. As the Chief Executive Officer, I am responsible for those obligations, and it is incumbent on me to address serious issues as and when they arise. I have exercised that responsibility in respect to some of the social media comments made in respect to the High Performance Centre matter. Importantly, if any councillor is receiving threatening, bullying or otherwise inappropriate treatment at any time, including via social media, it is important that is reported to me so that I can assess the conduct to determine whether it is consistent with legislative expectations or not. Relevantly, I must exercise that responsibility in a way that balances free speech against the provision of a safe workplace.

Cr Goyne

1. We have been having some issues at the water filling station at Lauderdale. Cr Hunter brought this up a few meetings ago and I do believe the response at the time was that there was no intention to service water to the peninsula. Do we have the capacity as stakeholders with TasWater to petition them for another filling station or an emergency filling station in the event of what is happening and if we do not get some rain will continue to happen, and how we would go about that or having a secondary station somewhere else on the peninsula that could service water filling?

**ANSWER**

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) I will take that on notice, but we are seeking advice from TasWater on the potential for an extension of the existing line in the future. My understanding with regard to that water filling station is that there were pressure issues occurring for the local residents, so they have reduced the pressure to focus on their immediate customers, but I understand that has been resolved and pressure is back to normal.

(Further information) Advice has been received from TasWater who advise that they do not have any current plans to introduce reticulated water to the South Arm peninsula. Providing reticulated water to this area would come under TasWater's Service Introduction Charges Policy.

In respect to water filling stations for water carters, there are currently two filling station locations - Dona Road and the old Lauderdale tip site with multiple filling points. While there is currently a clear peak demand for carted water, issues are considered to be more predominantly related to cartage availability rather than supply points in the Lauderdale area.

The reticulated network ends near the old Lauderdale tip site. There is no opportunity to locate additional filling points on the South Arm peninsula.

2. Following from my question at the last council meeting regarding road upgrading being checked, specifically has Acton Road and the works being done between Acton and the primary school and Nowra Road done recently been deemed fit for purpose by those who assess them following completion?

**ANSWER**

Taken on Notice.

(Further information) The recent resurfacing work carried out on Acton Road and Nowra Road involved applying a spray seal treatment as part of the council's annual resurfacing program for the financial years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

Acton Road and Nowra Road are considered rural roads and the recent sealing works are considered suitable and appropriate.

Cr Walker

Who controls the tidal flow across the Tasman Bridge coming from the Eastern Shore because the lane closes early and there is still a lot of traffic at 9.30 now?

**ANSWER**

(Head of Infrastructure and Natural Assets) The Department of State Growth is responsible; it is their infrastructure and they have responsibility for timings on the bridge.

Cr James

1. I understand a vacant council property on Cambridge Road caught fire a few weeks ago and a section of the building was destroyed. Has an insurance claim been lodged by council to its insurance provider to cover a rebuild?

**ANSWER**

(Acting Chief Executive Officer) I understand council officers are in the process of determining whether to lodge an insurance claim or not and that will be based on what the amount of damage is. I will be able to provide an update in the next week or so.

(Further information) Council officers have determined not to lodge an insurance claim given the low value of damage caused. Council has arranged for the building to be boarded up and damaged boundary fencing to be repaired.

2. In relation to the trailer that was parked on Charles Hand Park on 3 February 2024 and from an earlier speaker who advised that a permit was not sought, is Council going to be seeking a retrospective permit or what action will be taken in respect to this matter of the van being parked on council land?

**ANSWER**

(Mayor) As was outlined last meeting there were no permits either for the rally or for the number of cars that were parked on that site. It was a ute and a trailer not a van. We have had an apology this evening so there were no permits from either side of the debate. As I said last meeting and tried to express earlier, it is time for us all to move forward positively as a community, there won't be any retrospective seeking of permits for either side.

Cr Hunter

1. At a council meeting some months ago I requested a workshop or information session on council's risk management framework. This is yet to eventuate, so about a month ago I submitted an elected members' request asking for this and still no response. Further, I have yet to see any minutes from the risk and audit committee in the 15 months that I have been in this chamber so could I have an update on when this may occur as all councillors have a responsibility to review this framework?

**ANSWER**

(Acting Chief Executive Officer) I am not aware of the request for the risk management framework but that is something that could be organized.

(Further information) A risk management framework workshop will be scheduled for mid-year, following completion of the budget process which is currently underway. In respect to the provision of minutes, this is best managed through the Teams portal. Committee minutes will be stored electronically within the Teams environment that all councillors have access to.

2. I know there is a lot going on with the training facility and we get lots of questions so could we please have an update on the proposed process and timeline which I think has been called a precinct plan, in relation to that facility and noting any opportunity for consultation and engagement with the community?

**ANSWER**

Taken on notice.

(Further information) Council is continuing to work with the Department of State Growth to define the terms of reference for a Heads of Agreement.

With the Tasmanian Government in caretaker mode due to the 23 March state election, the Heads of Agreement is unable to be signed, but it is Council's expectation that the draft Agreement will be ready to present to the new government once sworn in.

Council will then work with the Department of State Growth to develop a precinct plan for the Rosny Parklands and Charles Hand Park, and further, throughout the development process, and when they put the plan out for community consultation.

#### **10.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

A Councillor may ask a Question without Notice of the Chairman or another Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer. Note: the Chairman may refuse to accept a Question without Notice if it does not relate to the activities of the Council. A person who is asked a Question without Notice may decline to answer the question.

Questions without notice and their answers will be recorded in the following Agenda.

The Chairman may refuse to accept a question if it does not relate to Council's activities.

The Chairman may require a question without notice to be put in writing. The Chairman, a Councillor or the Chief Executive Officer may decline to answer a question without notice.

**11. CLOSED MEETING**

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matters have been listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

11.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

11.2 JOINT AUTHORITY MATTER

11.3 ENGAGEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

11.4 LEGAL MATTER

These reports have been listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulation 2015 as the detail covered in the report relates to:

- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services;
- applications by Councillors for a Leave of Absence;
- matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council;

**Note: The decision to move into Closed Meeting requires an absolute majority of Council.**

**The content of reports and details of the Council decisions in respect to items listed in “Closed Meeting” are to be kept “confidential” and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by the Council.**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

“That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 15 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room”.