



Meander Valley Council  
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# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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**Tuesday 14 February 2023**

**Time** 3.00pm

**Location** Council Chambers  
26 Lyall Street  
Westbury, Tasmania

**Phone** (03) 6393 5300

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## Meeting Open - Attendance & Apologies

*Meeting opened at 3:04 pm.*

**Chairperson** Mayor Wayne Johnston

**Councillors present** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Apologies** Councillor John Temple

**Officers present**

John Jordan	General Manager
Geoff Guiver	Business Improvement Officer (Minute-Taker)
Dino De Paoli	Director Infrastructure Services
Jonathan Harmey	Director Corporate Services
Matthew Millwood	Director Works
Krista Palfreyman	Director Development & Regulatory Services
Jarred Allen	Team Leader - Engineering
George Walker	Town Planner - Consultant

## Acknowledgment of Country

The Chairperson acknowledged the Pallitore and Panninher past peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather for the Council Meeting, paid respects to elders past and present and extended those respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples present.

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## Confirmation of Minutes

**Motion** Receive and confirm minutes of the last Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 17 January 2023.

**Moved** Councillor Lochie Dornauf

**Seconded** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes against** Nil

**Abstained** Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute reference: 022/2023**

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## Declarations of Interest

<b>Councillor</b>	Mayor Wayne Johnston
<b>Agenda item</b>	Infrastructure Services Report Proposed Road name - Crezzco Street
<b>Action</b>	Mayor Johnston disclosed a commercial interest in the purchase of cement for a dairy.  General Manager provided advice of immaterial conflict.
<b>Councillor</b>	Councillor Michael Kelly
<b>Agenda item</b>	Infrastructure Services Report Proposed Road name - Crezzco Street
<b>Action</b>	Councillor Kelly disclosed an interest as an adjoining land owner and elected to leave Chambers during discussion and voting on the agenda item.

**Minute reference: 023/2023**

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## Council Workshop Report

### Topics Discussed – 24 January 2023

Mayor & Councillor Discussion

Westbury Bicentennial Celebrations " Westbury Champions Parade"

Pool Facilities Discussion - Deloraine, Caveside & Mole Creek

Northern Regional Prison Project Briefing - Colin Shepherd

Communication Strategy Kick Off

Measuring Council's Performance

**Minute reference: 024/2023**

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# Mayor & Councillor Report

## Councillor Official Activities and Engagements Since Last Meeting

### 18 January 2023

**Meeting:** Platypus Tour, Deloraine

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Loader*

### 21 January 2023

**Community Event:** Harveydale Rodeo, Birralelee

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Dudman*

### 23 January 2023

**Meeting:** Homelessness Advisory Committee, Launceston

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Dudman*

### 25 January 2023

**Council Event:** Australian Citizenship and Volunteer Awards Night, Prospect Vale

*Presented by:*  
*Mayor Johnston*  
*Deputy Mayor Cameron*  
*Cr House*  
*Cr Lee*  
*Cr Loader*

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Dudman*  
*Cr Temple*

### 26 January 2023

**Community Event:** Rotary Club Australia Day Breakfast, Westbury

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Dudman*  
*Cr Loader*

### 28 January 2023

**Community Event:** Opening of Shopping Village, Blackstone Heights

*Attended by:*  
*Cr House*  
*Cr Loader*

**Community Event:** Inaugural Port Sorell Open Table Tennis Championships, Deloraine

*Presented by:*  
*Mayor Johnston*

**Meeting:** Westbury & Districts Historical Society, Westbury

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Loader*

### 1 February 2023

**Meeting:** Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation SGM & Members Meeting

*Attended by:*  
*Mayor Johnston*

**Meeting:** Blackstone Heights Community News Association, Blackstone Heights

*Attended by:*  
*Cr Dudman*  
*Cr House*  
*Cr Loader*

### 7 February 2023

**Meeting:** Carrick Hall Committee

*Attended by:*  
*Cr House*  
*Cr Loader*

### 13 February 2023

**Meeting:** Meeting with Hon Nic Street, Minister for Local Government, Westbury

*Attended by:*  
*Mayor Johnston*  
*Deputy Mayor Cameron*  
*Cr Dornauf*  
*Cr House*  
*Cr Kelly*  
*Cr Loader*  
*Cr Temple (via telephone)*

## Councillor Announcements & Acknowledgements

Mayor Wayne Johnston acknowledged the passing of John Bennett of Elizabeth Town and Bevan Boxhall of Meander and the contributions that they made to both their local communities and the broader Meander Valley community.

**Minute reference: 025/2023**

## Petitions

Nil

**Minute reference: 026/2023**

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## Community Representations

Nil requests received.

Formerly referred to as “deputations”, community representations are an opportunity for community members or groups to request up to three minutes to address Council on a topic of particular interest.

Requests received at least fourteen days prior to a Council Meeting will be considered by the Chairperson. For further information, contact the Office of the General Manager on (03) 6393 5317 or email [ogm@mvc.tas.gov.au](mailto:ogm@mvc.tas.gov.au).

**Minute reference: 027/2023**

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# Public Question Time

## This Month's Public Questions With Notice

**Question 1:** *Joy Kachina, Deloraine TAS (received via email)*

*Are you going to clean up the mess, the chemicals and poisons that have clearly leached into the waterway and provide a regeneration plan for the site?*

**John Jordan, General Manager** advised that recent work completed at the Rotary Park, Deloraine was necessary to ensure debris from the flood was removed before it was spread over a wider area and to recover the area for safe public use.

There is no evidence to suggest chemicals and poisons have leached into the Meander River due to the deposited flood debris or subsequent work that was undertaken with the involvement of Council's environmental health officers. Regardless of the extent of cleanup, it is reasonable to expect that any large flood event would result in some residual debris as it is not possible to locate and clear all debris, particularly where it is underwater or potentially from a source upstream. Equally residue from stormwater runoff from nearby built-up areas is a routine source of foreign material.

At present, the Council's priority is to focus on the remaining work to recover from the flood and to allow the area to settle. As advised by media release before the clean-up works started; the approach to remediation of the site, including revegetation, is to be assessed post clean-up. Any further remediation of the site will seek input and due approvals from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

**Question 2:** *Joy Kachina, Deloraine TAS (received via email)*

*Why was it deemed necessary to clear fell so many healthy trees on the Meander Riverbank devastating the foraging areas of our local platypus population and birdlife?*

**John Jordan, General Manager** advised that the approach to the water clean-up was planned and approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

The use of mechanical extraction as the most viable method of cleaning up over and around the waterway inevitably meant the loss of some trees. While such loss is regrettable, action was taken to minimise tree loss and leaving the debris in situ would have resulted in more environmental impacts over a larger area, particularly in the event of another flood.

**Question 3:** James Redgrave, Deloraine (received via website)

Swimming Pool issues in MVC

*The October 2022 floods in the Municipality saw Deloraine Pool damaged. It saw plenty of neighbours and community support to get businesses and farms back up and running. Community support for families affected was commendable.*

*There were direct offers of support and free manpower to both the Mayor and General Manager from very large organisations which would have allowed the ratepayers funds to go so much further. With the state and federal flood relief funds that have come in, why wasn't the Deloraine pool prioritised to be re commissioned and up and running for the summer season?*

*Why is both Mole Creek and Caveside pools closed at the same time? These assets were built and funded by the community for the community and it's not good enough for the General Manager to state that we can't find lifeguards or any other excuse?*

*An external review into what is really going on with the Pools is required ASAP!...*

**John Jordan, General Manager** advised that:

The community efforts to recover from the October flood are worthy of note, as is the effort of Council officers who have worked many extra hours to prioritise recovery work at the same time as continuing normal services.

The Deloraine Pool was closed because of flood damage, not because of inaction by the Council. This damage was covered by insurance and subject to assessment and the organisation of licensed contractors to undertake the work. Equally, it was necessary to source new equipment, install it and bring the pool water quality up to standard. Allowing for the Christmas closedown and reduced availability of trades and suppliers, having the pool repaired and operational by late January was a good result. That said, the loss of the pool over the school holiday period when the season is so short is a very disappointing consequence of the flood.

The Caveside Pool is closed because it was also damaged by the flood and repair work is pending, that said it faces similar operating issues as Mole Creek (outlined below).

The Mole Creek pool is not owned by Council and independently operated by a community organisation. In advance of the swimming season, the operators were aware of an inability to secure public liability insurance without addressing changed expectations of safety. When the Council became aware of the situation, it offered to

fund and arrange the lifesaver training of the volunteers needed to secure insurance and operate the pool. Unfortunately, this could not be achieved because of the availability of volunteers and lifesaver trainers. Reallocating lifeguards from the closed Deloraine Pool to Mole Creek was also an option but was not pursued by the community organisation which subsequently determined to not open the pool this season.

An item on today's Council agenda, seeks approval to progress an external review of Council pools.

**Question 4:** *James Redgrave, Deloraine (received via website)*

*Deloraine Traffic issues that must be addressed*

*The Intersection of Parsonage street and Emu Bay Road on the British Hotel side should have turn left only sign.*

*That Emu Bay Road should be Load limited to 4.5 tonne from Sunrise Trailers at Beefeater Street to Emu Bay Road intersection with West Barrack Streets before someone gets killed in the main street.*

*Serious consideration should be given to a rethink of how traffic flows at the intersection of Emu Bay Road and A5 Highland Lakes Road. It's very dangerous.*

*The community of Deloraine at certain times of the day and especially through summer find it very hard to get a park in the main street. It's either enforce the Australian road rules that council is responsible for or time to rethink the Deloraine Town Master Plan to include a multistorey car parking facility.*

**John Jordan, General Manager** advised that Council officers have received several requests from the community to assess safety concerns at intersections along Emu Bay Road. Information on parking constraints, an option for the construction of multistorey parking and improvements to West Parade were discussed at Council Workshop several years ago. Officers will provide this information to the current Council at an upcoming Workshop.

A project to undertake an engineering assessment of the higher priority intersections will be considered as part of the 2023-24 budget.

**Question 5:** *Christina Macrow, Deloraine (received via website)*

*The fire risk posed by tall trees in and around Elizabeth Town is a great cause of concern to the community and must be addressed by Council allowing land owners to clear their land of Trees that have the potential to fall on power lines and start a fire.*

*The Victorian Black Saturday and the 2019 nationwide fires along with investigations and reports show us just how dangerous trees falling on power lines really are. Both Council and Power companies have been found Liable when shown that they have restricted landowners and failed in their duty of care to the community to allow Land owners to clear. This includes endangered trees because Life comes before the environment.*

*I'm calling on all Councillors to show leadership in allowing all landowners to clear at least the length of the tallest tree to be cleared from power lines without a permit to ensure the communities safety coming into a huge fuel load fire season next year and the year after.*

*Evidence is clear with the wind event last year in Elizabeth Town with many trees down over powerlines some still there as I write this letter for Questions on Notice. Some of those trees caught fire.*

*This is not a TAS Networks issue. Council controls private land and tree preservation laws. So is Liable once a fire threat has been established and Council chooses not to act.*

**John Jordan, General Manager** agreed that vegetation management, particularly near power lines is a critical issue. There are two considerations, the provision of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Meander Valley (the Scheme) and rules imposed by TasNetworks.

In relation to the Scheme, Elizabeth Town has areas of mapped priority habitat which includes threatened flora and fauna. As such, vegetation removal on private properties must be considered on a case-by-case basis. It is also noted that some properties within Elizabeth Town have conservation covenants registered on the titles. These covenants operated independently of Council, potentially may also control the vegetation clearance.

The Scheme provides an exemption pathway for some types of vegetation removal in accordance with Clause 4.4.1. Exemptions consider matters including, but not limited to:

- vegetation removal within two metres of power lines;
- vegetation clearance for fire hazard management works in accordance with a plan for fire hazard management endorsed by Tasmania Fire Service; and
- vegetation removal is required to remove an unacceptable risk to public or private safety.

The above measures are intended to balance preservation with the need to manage risk and provide an avenue for owners to manage their circumstance.

To achieve an exemption from requiring a planning permit, it will need to be demonstrated that the exemption provisions in the Scheme are complied with. It is recommended that individual property owners within Elizabeth Town (and the municipality more broadly) contact Council's Planning Team to discuss any proposed vegetation removal on their property.

In relation to TasNetworks, their website (refer **Trees near Powerlines - TasNetworks**) outlines responsibilities and options, stating that in most cases "vegetation that is located inside a customer's property boundary is their responsibility for keeping it a safe distance away from the power lines. If the vegetation is located on public land, TasNetworks will make sure it is maintained to a safe distance". Their website also indicates that they are responsible for maintaining the clearance zone around all TasNetworks-owned distribution powerlines. It is noted that TasNetworks states that tree trimming within the clearance zone is only permitted by authorised contractors or TasNetworks. Residents should contact TasNetworks for further information.

**Minute reference: 028/2023**

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### **This Month's Public Questions Without Notice**

**Question 1:** *Joy Kachina, Deloraine TAS*

*With regards to my earlier questions on notice for this meeting regarding the post-flood clean-up of the Deloraine Rotary Park river-front in December 2022 and the General Manager's response, can Council please clarify if this means that:*

- a) there has been no testing for these pollutants near the work area or,*
- b) Council has done testing and is in possession of its advice or evidence that the water in the Meander River near the worksite is free of Chemicals, Pollutants and Poisons and is suitable to support our wildlife and the recreational swimming areas for our community?*

**John Jordan, General Manager advised that** he would take the question on notice and provide a response as part of the March Council Meeting.

**Question 2:** Joy Kachina, Deloraine TAS

*Can Council advise what was the specific involvement of Council's Environmental Health Officer in the work undertaken in the clean-up of the Deloraine Rotary Park river-front in December 2022?*

**Matthew Millwood, Director of Works advised that** a Council Environmental Health Officer attended the site on multiple occasions to assess air quality in relation to burning undertaken at the site.

**Minute reference: 029/2023**

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# Councillor Question Time

## This Month's Councillor Questions With Notice

**Question 1:** *Councillor Anne-Marie Loader (received via email)*

*At the December 2022 Ordinary meeting, a motion was passed to approve a development at 8 Bonney Street, Deloraine. Several representors against the development voiced their concerns about road safety due to the narrowness of Bonney St. While the motion was passed, there was a commitment to discuss road safety issues with the Bonney Street residents, to be undertaken in January. Has this been done?*

**John Jordan, General Manager** clarified that the time commitment to discuss road safety issues with Bonney Street residents was for early in the new year, rather than January specifically.

Regardless, officers from the Council's Infrastructure Department have prepared a preferred solution to the traffic concerns in Bonney Street. This option would limit parking on one side of the street and line mark parking spaces on the other. A letter and copy of the plan will be sent to owners and residents in the next two weeks to seek comments on the recommended solution prior to any final decisions or work being undertaken.

**Minute reference: 030/2023**

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## This Month's Councillor Questions Without Notice

**Question 1:** *Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron*

*In the absence of Councillor Temple, has there been any further update regarding the Northern Regional Prison Project since our last meeting.*

**Mayor Wayne Johnston advised that** Council had received an update from Colin Shepherd [Project Director] at the Council workshop held on 24 January 2023 as previously noted in the minutes.

**John Jordan, General Manager advised that** there had been no subsequent updates.

**Minute reference: 031/2023**

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# Planning Authority Report

## 3885 Meander Valley Road, Exton

**Proposal** Single Dwelling

**Report Author** George Walker  
Town Planner - Consultant

**Authorised by** Krista Palfreyman  
Director Development & Regulatory Services

**Application reference** PA\23\0134

**Motion** Council receives the agenda report tabled for PA\23\0134 and resolves to approve the application.

Refer to "Details" below for further specification of Council's decision and any conditions or notes.

*Once the originating motion had been put on the table Councillor House initiated an amendment with an additional requirement being added to Permit Condition 1.*

*During deliberations Councillor Dornauf foreshadowed his intent to raise an alternate motion to refuse the planning application.*

**Amending Motion** That Council amends permit condition 1 of the agenda report tabled for PA\23\0134 to include the following requirement:

*"Should the agriculture use change relevant information is to be provided demonstrating that the scale, complexity and operational requirements of the agriculture use are such that they require a residential dwelling for its function to the satisfaction of Councils Town Planner."*

Refer to "Details" below for further specification of Council's decision and any conditions or notes.

**Moved** Councillor Kevin House

**Seconded** Councillor Lochie Dornauf



**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes against** Nil

**Abstained** Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

**Motion carried by simple majority**

*The original motion on the table was then put to the vote, as amended.*

**Moved** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

**Seconded** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Michael Kelly

**Votes against** Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Abstained** Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

**Motion (as amended) carried by simple majority**

**Minute reference: 032/2023**

## Details

Council must take qualified advice before making a decision, and ensure that its reasons for any planning decisions are (a) minuted and (b) based on the Planning Scheme.

*See Local Government Act 1993: s65, Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s25(2) and Land Use and Approvals Act 1993: ss57-59.*

After receiving qualified advice about this planning application and its compliance with the Planning Scheme, Council resolved as follows:

## Recommendation

This application by P Dingemane for a Single Dwelling on land located at 3885 Meander Valley Road, Exton (CT: 182165/2), is recommended for approval generally in accordance with the Endorsed Plans, and recommended Permit Conditions and Notes.

## Endorsed Plans

- a) Philip M Dingemane Architecture + Design; Dated: 2/12/22; Job No.: 22003; Drawing No.: DA.01 – DA.05 (inclusive).
- b) Pinion Advisory; Dated: September 2022; Agricultural Assessment and Compliance Report; Pages 1-36 (inclusive).

## Permit Conditions

1. The livestock and fodder crop enterprise described within the endorsed Agricultural Assessment and Compliance Report prepared by Pinion Advisory, must be established, and continually operated for the duration of the use of the dwelling. All necessary steps must be carried out to improve and maintain the quality of the land for pasture and fodder cropping to support a carrying capacity of 500 dry sheep equivalent (DSE) per year or an average of 25 DSE per hectare. Should the agriculture use change relevant information is to be provided demonstrating that the scale, complexity and operational requirements of the agriculture use are such that they require a residential dwelling for its function to the satisfaction of Councils Town Planner.
2. The existing vegetation located in the area labelled 'vegetation buffer' shown on the map in Appendix A of this Permit is to be maintained in a healthy condition for the duration of the use of the dwelling (refer to Appendix A of this Permit). Any deceased plants must be replaced with the same or similar species and in the same or proximate location to provide a vegetative buffer between the dwelling and the adjoining property to the west.

## Permit Notes

1. An onsite wastewater design report by a suitably qualified person is required at the plumbing permit stage.
2. Any other proposed development or use (including amendments to this proposal) may require separate planning approval. For further information, contact Council.
3. This permit takes effect after:
  - a. The 14-day appeal period expires; or
  - b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) is determined or abandoned; or
  - c. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.
4. Planning appeals can be lodged with TASCAT Registrar within 14 days of Council serving notice of its decision on the applicant. For further information, visit the TASCAT website.
5. This permit is valid for two years only from the date of approval. It will lapse if the development is not substantially commenced. Council has discretion to grant an extension by request.
6. All permits issued by the permit authority are public documents. Members of the public may view this permit (including the endorsed documents) at the Council Office on request.
7. If any Aboriginal relics are uncovered during works:
  - a. All works to cease within delineated area, sufficient to protect unearthed or possible relics from destruction;
  - b. Presence of a relic must be reported to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania; and
  - c. Relevant approval processes for state and federal government agencies will apply.

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*Upon completion of this agenda item, Mayor Johnston adjourned the meeting for a short recess at 3:54 pm to allow time for some members of the public to vacate the gallery.*

*The meeting resumed at 4:01 pm.*

## Corporate Services

### Council Audit Panel: Receipt of Meeting Minutes

**Report Author** Jonathan Harmey  
Director Corporate Services

**Motion** That Council receives the minutes of the Audit Panel meeting held on 20 December 2022.

**Moved** Councillor Michael Kelly

**Seconded** Councillor Kevin House

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes against** Nil

**Abstained** Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute reference: 033/2023**

## Infrastructure Services

### Proposed Road Name - Crezzco Street

**Report Author** Jarred Allen  
Team Leader Engineering

**Authorised by** Dino De Paoli  
Director Infrastructure Services

*Councillor Michael Kelly left the meeting at 4:02 pm due to declared conflict of interest.*

**Motion** That Council:

1. Approves, pursuant to Section 11 of the *Place Names Act 2020*, the name Crezzco Street, for the existing section of public road currently known as East Moriarty Street, Deloraine; and
2. Approves, pursuant to Section 11 of the *Place Names Act 2020*, Crezzco Street for the private road within Crown Land off Highland Lakes Road, Deloraine.

**Moved** Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron

**Seconded** Councillor Lochie Dornauf

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House

**Votes against** Nil

**Abstained** Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute reference: 034/2023**

*Councillor Michael Kelly returned to the meeting at 4:08 pm.*

## Governance

### External Consultancy for the Review of Council Pools

**Report Author** John Jordan  
General Manager

**Motion** That Council:

1. Approves by absolute majority a new project for the 2022-23 financial year with a budget of \$40,000 to undertake a review of Council pools.
2. Notes the review will address levels of service, asset condition, future investment requirements, and legal and insurance advice on safety standards and operating arrangements for Council pools.

**Moved** Councillor Kevin House

**Seconded** Councillor Lochie Dornauf

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes against** Nil

**Abstained** Nil

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**Motion carried by absolute majority**

**Minute reference: 035/2023**

## Motion to Close Meeting

**Motion** Close the meeting to the public for discussion of matters in the list of agenda items below.

See *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(1)*.

**Moved** Councillor Michael Kelly

**Seconded** Councillor Lochie Dornauf

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes against** Nil

**Motion carried by absolute majority**

**Minute reference: 036/2023**

*Members of the public and non-essential staff were requested to vacate the gallery at 4:16 pm in preparation for the closed session.*

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## Closed Session Agenda

### Confirmation of Closed Minutes

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s34(2)*.

**Minute reference: 037/2023**

### Leave of Absence Applications

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(2)(h)*.

**Minute reference: 038/2023**

### Deloraine Suspension Bridge - Flood Damage Remediation

Refer to *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015: s15(2)(d)* regarding contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

**Minute reference: 039/2023**

## Release of Public Information

**Motion** The following decisions taken by Council in Closed Session are to be released for the public's information:

Council has approved work to renew the Deloraine suspension footbridge which was damaged during the October 2022 flood. This work is to include adjusting the height of the bridge to achieve a greater level of resilience against future floods events. Timeframes will be confirmed once a contractor has been secured.

**Moved** Councillor Ben Dudman

**Seconded** Councillor Lochie Dornauf

**Votes for** Mayor Wayne Johnston  
Deputy Mayor Stephanie Cameron  
Councillor Lochie Dornauf  
Councillor Ben Dudman  
Councillor Kevin House  
Councillor Michael Kelly  
Councillor Anne-Marie Loader

**Votes against** Nil

**Abstained** Nil

To abstain from voting at a Council Meeting is to vote in the negative: *Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2015: s28.*

**Motion carried by simple majority**

**Minute reference: 040/2023**

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## Meeting End

Meeting closed at 4:37 pm.

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**Mayor Wayne Johnston**  
**Chairperson**