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## Circular Head Council gaining new skills during COVID-19

Circular Head Council will hold its Ordinary Council meeting via video conferencing and live streaming for the first time. The measures are necessary to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Mayor Daryl Quilliam says the move to hold the Council meetings online is in line with the current restrictions on public gatherings and emergency provisions by the Australian Government and Tasmanian Government.

Councillors will attend the meeting via a video conference, which will then be transmitted live via YouTube for the local community to watch at [www.youtube.com/user/CircularHeadCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/user/CircularHeadCouncil)

"Technology will assist us in delivering our usual services and providing the community with access to Council meetings" Mayor Quilliam said. Councillors have been conducting workshops over video conference for some weeks, but the streaming to the public will be a new challenge.

As the public are unable to attend, public questions to the meeting may be made in writing and received by 12 pm noon on the Thursday 23rd of April, more information on how to ask a question is available on Council's website.

The items on the agenda for the Council meeting include; Covid-19 support package, waste management and a land use planning permit application.

Mayor Daryl Quilliam says "Council is considering a number of measures to help deal with the economic impact of the COVID-19 restrictions." These measures include a proposed zero percent rate increase for the 2020-2021 financial year

Deputy Mayor Norman Berechree will chair the Planning Authority part of the Council meeting, as Mayor Quilliam has declared an interest in the planning item. Under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* Council will consider a permit application from Agritas Inc. for the establishment of a Robotic Dairy and Cheese Production Facility in Smithton.

The Council has received public representations on the application and have a report to consider from a consulting Town Planner on the compliance of the permit application with development standards.



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## MEDIA RELEASE

According to Deputy Mayor Berechree “the Council communications and technical team have done a great job, and Councillors are quickly adapting to the new technology and way online meetings operate. I ask the community to be patient during the live feed, particularly if there are any technical difficulties experienced”

The meeting is scheduled to start at 6pm with the live feed to be on a slight delay.

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