



**DARK SKY COORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF COUNCIL**

**MINUTES
OPEN MEETING**

23 September 2026

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MINUTES OF AN DARK SKY COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CIRCULAR HEAD COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 33 GOLDIE STREET, SMITHTON ON WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2026, COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM

	From	To	Time Occupied
Open Council	4:00pm	5:18pm	78 minutes
TOTAL TIME OCCUPIED			78 minutes

AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

The Chairman is to declare the meeting open (time), welcome those present in attendance and advise that the meeting will be recorded, in accordance with the Council Policy '**GOV.017 - Audio Recording of Council Meetings**' to "record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and ensure a true and accurate account of debate and discussion at meetings is available".

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Circular Head Council acknowledges the North West Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the country on which we stand, meet and play. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waters, and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Mark Dabner
Sally Collins
Ellen Power
Jeremy Ward
Stephen Hafner
Tony McGillvery

IN ATTENDANCE

Gerard Blizzard - (Mayor)
Paul Gardner - (Chief Executive Officer & General Manager)
Jodie Smedley - (Executive Officer/Minute Taker)
Fiona Loughran - (Strategic Communications Lead)

1.2 APOLOGIES

An apology was lodged for the absence of Kerry Houston.

An apology was lodged for the absence of Mark Dabner.

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Nil received.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DARK SKY COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

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MOVED BY	MCGILLVERY
SECONDED BY	WARD

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Circular Head Council held at Council Chambers 33 Goldie Street Smithton on Wednesday 22 July 2026, a copy of which having previously been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, be confirmed as a true record.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

	CR COLLINS		POWER
WARD	HAFNER	MCGILLVERY	

3.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

3.1 WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

To: Dark Sky Coordinating Committee
Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 3 September 2026
File Reference:
Enclosures: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a consolidated update on the progress of each of the five Dark Sky Working Groups and to ensure the Committee maintains strategic oversight of the implementation of the Circular Head Dark Sky Program.

BACKGROUND

The Circular Head Dark Sky Program is being delivered through five Working Groups established by the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee.

Each Working Group has responsibility for progressing actions identified within the endorsed Dark Sky Accreditation Roadmap and associated implementation plans. Regular reporting to the Coordinating Committee supports effective governance, enables monitoring of progress, encourages collaboration between workstreams and provides the opportunity to identify emerging issues requiring Committee consideration.

The Working Groups comprise:

- Visitor Experience
- Cultural
- Communications and Engagement
- Infrastructure
- Accreditation

DETAILS

The Chairperson of each Working Group will provide a verbal update to the Committee outlining progress since the previous meeting.

Updates may include, but are not limited to:

- Visitor Experience Working Group

Progress relating to visitor experiences, tourism product development, infrastructure opportunities, interpretation, partnerships and initiatives that support sustainable tourism outcomes consistent with the Dark Sky Program.

- Cultural Working Group

Progress relating to engagement with Aboriginal organisations and cultural stakeholders, cultural heritage opportunities, interpretation and incorporation of cultural values within the Dark Sky Program.

- Communications and Engagement Working Group

Progress relating to community engagement, education initiatives, stakeholder communications, promotional activities, branding and awareness of the Dark Sky Program.

- Infrastructure Working Group

Progress relating to lighting audits, public lighting improvements, infrastructure planning, policy development, engineering considerations and implementation of lighting standards.

- Accreditation Working Group

Progress relating to the International Dark Sky accreditation process, evidence collection, policy alignment, documentation, compliance requirements and accreditation readiness.

Where appropriate, Working Groups may identify matters requiring future consideration by the Coordinating Committee or Council through separate officer reports.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Vision 2050 Reference

GOAL: Governance - To be trusted, high-performing Council that delivers quality services, demonstrates strong governance and accountability, embraces innovation and continuous improvement, and ensures long-term financial sustainability for the Circular Head community.
Desired Outcomes
Navigating increasing regulatory and compliance requirements
Our Priorities
Management of Council's corporate governance responsibilities and accountabilities

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

Environmental initiatives continue to be progressed through implementation of the Dark Sky Program and will be reported to the Committee as individual projects are developed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Regular reporting by the Working Groups assists the Committee to identify implementation risks, monitor project delivery and ensure appropriate governance oversight throughout the accreditation process.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Consultation activities continue to be undertaken by each Working Group in accordance with their respective work programs and stakeholder engagement requirements.

CONCLUSION

The Work Group Progress Reports provide the Committee with an overview of progress across the Dark Sky Program and support effective governance through regular monitoring of implementation activities.

The verbal updates ensure the Committee remains informed of achievements, emerging priorities and matters requiring future strategic consideration as the Program progresses towards Dark Sky accreditation.

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SECONDED BY	HAFNER

RECOMMENDATION

That the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee:

- 1. Notes the progress reports provided by each of the Dark Sky Working Groups;**
- 2. Notes the progress being made towards implementation of the Dark Sky Accreditation Roadmap; and**
- 3. Notes that matters requiring Committee direction or future Council consideration will be presented through separate reports as required.**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

	CR COLLINS		POWER
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3.2 DARK SKY LIGHTING POLICY

To: Dark Sky Coordinating Committee
Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 10 September 2026
File Reference:
Enclosures: 1. Dark Sky Lighting Policy

PURPOSE

To seek the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee's formal endorsement of the Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy and approval for the policy to progress to a future Ordinary Council Meeting for formal adoption by Circular Head Council.

BACKGROUND

The Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy has been developed to establish a consistent Council-wide approach to the planning, design, procurement, installation, operation, renewal and maintenance of outdoor lighting that is owned, operated or managed by Council. It also addresses lighting on Council land and public infrastructure, lighting delivered by third parties where Council has an approval or asset-management role, relevant external lighting associated with development applications, illuminated signs, temporary lighting and any area formally designated by Council as a Dark Sky Area.

The policy is intended to balance the need for safe, accessible and functional lighting with the protection of the municipality's night-time environment. Its stated objectives include minimising glare, light trespass, skyglow and unnecessary illumination; protecting natural landscapes, environmental values, wildlife habitats and rural character; supporting energy efficiency and responsible asset management; and enabling Council to support communities seeking dark-sky protection or recognition through DarkSky International.

DETAILS

The draft provides a practical framework for future lighting decisions while recognising that lighting requirements vary across roads, pathways, recreation facilities, operational sites, signs, public spaces and development contexts. The policy does not override legislative requirements, Australian Standards, planning scheme provisions, permit conditions, electrical safety obligations or emergency-management requirements.

Key policy settings include:

- Council-controlled outdoor lighting is to be installed only where a demonstrated operational, safety, accessibility, community or statutory need exists, and is to provide the minimum illumination necessary for the applicable standard and intended use.
- New Council-owned outdoor lighting is generally to have a correlated colour temperature not exceeding 3000 Kelvin, with approximately 2200 Kelvin preferred where fit for purpose and reasonably available.
- New luminaires should be fully shielded and have an uplight rating of U0 so that direct light is not emitted above the horizontal plane, subject to documented exceptions where required.

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- Timers, motion sensors, dimming, adaptive controls and curfews are to be used where practicable to reduce unnecessary operation and light spill.
 - Existing Council lighting is to be progressively assessed and replaced or retrofitted through asset renewal and capital planning processes. Adoption of the policy does not require immediate replacement of all existing Council lighting.
 - Council may designate a township, settlement or defined locality as a Dark Sky Area by resolution, supported by consideration of community support, infrastructure requirements, costs, statutory mechanisms, implementation requirements and accreditation obligations.
 - The policy supports community education and partnerships, including future engagement with residents, businesses, developers, community groups, TasNetworks, TasPorts and other infrastructure providers.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Vision 2050 Reference

GOAL: Environment - To protect and enhance Circular Head's diverse landscapes through sustainable land use practices, waste reduction, recycling, renewable energy adoption, ecosystem protection – while integrating modern infrastructure in a way that respects and preserves the region's distinctive natural character and visual amenities.
Desired Outcomes
Access to up-to-date data, education, and awareness
Our Priorities
Increased level of participation in environmental stewardship and local conservation initiatives

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of the Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy will establish a Council-wide policy framework for outdoor lighting. Relevant Council procedures, procurement specifications, project briefs and asset-management practices may require review or update over time to ensure consistency with the adopted policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The policy is expected to have positive environmental implications by reducing unnecessary artificial light, skyglow, glare and light spill and by supporting protection of wildlife habitats, environmentally sensitive areas, coastal and rural environments and the municipality's natural night-time character. It also promotes energy-efficient lighting, appropriate shielding, lower colour temperatures and lighting controls.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the Committee's endorsement of the policy. Future costs may arise where existing lighting is replaced or retrofitted, or where new infrastructure is designed to meet the policy requirements. These costs would be

considered through Council's normal capital, asset-renewal and budget processes. Adoption of the policy does not require the immediate replacement of existing Council lighting.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- **Legislative compliance**
The policy supports compliance by requiring outdoor lighting decisions to remain consistent with applicable legislation, planning requirements, permit conditions and Australian Standards. Where any inconsistency arises, the legislative or statutory requirement prevails.
- **Reputational Risk**
A clear and consistently applied lighting framework should reduce reputational risk by demonstrating responsible environmental stewardship and transparent decision-making. Ongoing communication will be important to manage community expectations regarding the pace of upgrades to existing lighting.
- **Financial Sustainability**
The policy provides for existing lighting to be progressively addressed through normal asset-renewal and capital planning processes, reducing the risk of unplanned immediate expenditure. Future lighting upgrades will remain subject to budget consideration and whole-of-life cost assessment.
- **Environmental Impact**
The policy is intended to reduce adverse environmental impacts associated with artificial light, including skyglow, glare, light trespass and impacts on wildlife and sensitive natural areas.
- **Community and Organisational Safety**
The policy balances dark-sky objectives with public, traffic, workplace and operational safety requirements. Exemptions are available where lighting is reasonably required for safety, emergency response, statutory compliance or other justified operational needs.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy is being presented to the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee for formal consideration and endorsement. Subject to Committee endorsement, the policy will be presented to Circular Head Council for formal adoption. The policy also anticipates ongoing education and engagement with residents, businesses, developers, community organisations, infrastructure providers and community groups interested in dark-sky protection. Implementation following adoption would be supported through project briefs, procurement specifications, design review, asset inspections, complaint management, exemption processes and staff and community awareness activities.

CONCLUSION

The Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy provides a clear and practical framework for responsible outdoor lighting across Council activities and assets while supporting the broader dark-sky objectives being progressed by the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee. Formal endorsement

by the Committee will enable the policy to proceed to Council for consideration and formal adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee:

- 1. Notes that any cost implications through changes or upgrades to lighting infrastructure will need to be considered in line with Councils Strategic Asset Management Plan and as part of annual budget priorities; and**
- 2. Formally endorses the Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy as presented; and**
- 3. Recommends that the Draft Dark Sky Lighting Policy be presented to Circular Head Council for formal adoption.**

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SECONDED BY	MCGILLVERY

That the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee defer the report until the November meeting due to currently being in Caretaker period, as the policy locks future Council into possible financial implications.

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

	CR COLLINS		POWER
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3.3 DARK SKY COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

To: Dark Sky Coordinating Committee
Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: General Manager
Report Date: 10 September 2026
File Reference:
Enclosures: 1. Dark Sky Communication and Engagement Plan

PURPOSE

To seek the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee's formal endorsement of the Communications and Engagement Plan – Circular Head Dark Sky Initiative and support for its staged implementation as the initiative moves into a more public phase.

BACKGROUND

The Circular Head Dark Sky initiative is progressing through the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee and five working groups: Cultural, Infrastructure, Accreditation, Visitor Experience and Communications and Engagement. Considerable work is already underway across these areas, and the initiative is now moving from early investigation and planning into a more public phase.

The Communications and Engagement Plan has been developed to bring the Circular Head community along on the Dark Sky journey by building understanding, participation and community ownership as the municipality works towards International Dark Sky accreditation. It provides a coordinated approach to explain the initiative, keep the community informed, create opportunities to participate and progressively build broader support.

DETAILS

The Plan establishes a staged communications and engagement roadmap designed to grow with the initiative. It recognises that not all decisions have been made and proposes an informative and invitational approach that clearly distinguishes between what is known, what is still being explored and how the community can become involved.

Key elements of the Plan include:

- A five-stage roadmap: Start the Conversation, Build the Foundations, Build Awareness, Get People Involved and Build the Movement.
- Early communications that introduce what Dark Sky means, why Circular Head's naturally dark skies are special, the pathway being explored towards accreditation, the role of the Committee and the work of the five project workstreams.
- Development of communications foundations including consistent terminology, agreed key messages, project identity and branding, a standalone website, introductory collateral and an ongoing content plan.
- Progressive opportunities for the community to learn, ask questions, experience Dark Sky activities, contribute to project activities, take practical action and participate as partners.

- A clear overarching story supported by five themes: PROTECT, CONNECT, EXPERIENCE, PARTICIPATE and ACHIEVE, ensuring the initiative is communicated as broader than accreditation or tourism alone.
- Engagement with residents, families, young people, schools, community groups, the Aboriginal community and CHAC, businesses, tourism operators, land and infrastructure managers, government and regional partners, media and visitors.
- Communications coordinated by Council's Communications and Tourism team, with relevant working-group checks before publication, appropriate permissions for cultural information and a nominated project spokesperson to support consistent public messaging.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Vision 2050 Reference

GOAL: Environment - To protect and enhance Circular Head's diverse landscapes through sustainable land use practices, waste reduction, recycling, renewable energy adoption, ecosystem protection – while integrating modern infrastructure in a way that respects and preserves the region's distinctive natural character and visual amenities.
Desired Outcomes
Access to up-to-date data, education, and awareness
Our Priorities
Increased level of participation in environmental stewardship and local conservation initiatives

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications as a result of this report. The Plan is an operational communications and engagement framework and does not establish or amend Council policy. Public-facing communications and project materials will continue to be managed through relevant Council approval processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Plan is expected to have positive indirect environmental implications by building community awareness of the value of naturally dark skies, light pollution and responsible outdoor lighting. Increased understanding and participation may support longer-term protection of Circular Head's natural night-time environment and broader environmental stewardship.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial commitments arising from endorsement of the Plan. Implementation may involve future expenditure or staff resources for branding, website development, printed collateral, community activities and ongoing communications. No costs are quantified in the Plan, and any expenditure would need to be managed within available budgets or considered through Council's normal budget processes.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- **Reputational Risk**

Clear, accurate and consistent communication is important to community trust in the initiative. The Plan mitigates reputational risk by establishing agreed messaging, consistent terminology, a nominated spokesperson and a commitment to be transparent about what has been decided and what remains under exploration.

- **Financial Sustainability**

The staged approach allows communications activities to be developed progressively and matched to available resources. Potential costs associated with branding, website development, collateral and participation activities should be considered before commitments are made.

- **Environmental Impact**

The Plan supports education about responsible lighting, light pollution and the environmental value of dark skies. This is expected to reduce the risk of misunderstanding the environmental purpose of the initiative and support informed community participation.

- **Other - Cultural information and permissions**

Cultural information, interpretation and project material involving Aboriginal knowledge or identity requires appropriate permissions and approvals before publication. The Plan specifically recognises the Aboriginal community and CHAC as key audiences and provides for cultural information to be published only once the necessary permissions have been obtained.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Communications and Engagement Plan is being presented to the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee for formal consideration and endorsement. The Plan itself establishes a progressive consultation and engagement approach, beginning with introductory communications and building towards broader participation by residents, businesses, schools, community organisations, project partners and visitors. Cultural information will only be published once appropriate permissions and approvals have been obtained, and relevant working groups will be consulted before publication where required.

CONCLUSION

The Communications and Engagement Plan provides a clear and staged framework for bringing the Circular Head community into the Dark Sky journey. Formal endorsement by the Committee will provide a coordinated basis for communications, education and participation activities and support the longer-term objective of building a genuinely community-supported initiative as work towards International Dark Sky accreditation progresses.

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SECONDED BY	MCGILLVERY

RECOMMENDATION

That the Dark Sky Coordinating Committee:

- 1. Formally endorses the Communications and Engagement Plan – Circular Head Dark Sky Initiative as presented**
- 2. Supports the staged implementation of the communications and engagement activities outlined in the Plan, subject to available resources, relevant approvals and ongoing oversight by the Committee**
- 3. Allow the General Manager to make editorial changes and adjustments when required**

The MOTION was put and was CARRIED.

IN FAVOUR

	CR COLLINS		POWER
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4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Accreditation

- The Committee discussed the intended accreditation pathway and noted that further clarification is required regarding the area and category of certification being pursued, as this may affect the lighting policy requirements.
- The Urban Night Sky Place category was identified as a possible initial accreditation target, with the Stanley penguin area and Macy Street Lookout in Smithton discussed as potential locations.
- The draft lighting policy has been reviewed against the International Dark Sky Community Designation Guidelines. The review noted that the policy provides a sound starting point but may require more prescriptive minimum requirements if it is to form part of an International Dark Sky Community application.
- It was recommended that the draft policy be reviewed by Dark Skies Tasmania and the Southern Hemisphere representative in New Zealand before any accreditation submission is made.
- Accreditation was discussed as an outcome or recognition of demonstrated work undertaken by the community and Council, rather than the starting point of the initiative.

Cultural

- Aboriginal cultural content has been prepared outlining the significance of the sky to local Aboriginal people, drawing on historical sources including Robinson's journal.
- Key themes include the sky as a library, calendar, map and source of weather knowledge, with the moon described as central to gatherings, social life and ceremony.
- The cultural material has been cleared for use in social media, voiceovers and promotional materials.
- Aboriginal place names for prospective sites are progressing through the relevant language community committee, noting that this process may take several months.
- The opportunity for cultural representatives to attend future astronomy events and share the sun and moon story in person was supported.

Communications and Engagement

- The draft Communications and Engagement Strategy was presented and endorsed by the Committee.
- The proposed approach is to progressively start the conversation, build foundations, increase awareness and encourage community participation.
- Existing engagement through Council social media, the Council website and Western Echo was noted positively.
- Consistent project terminology is to be developed, with 'Circular Head Dark Sky Initiative' discussed as a possible working title.
- The Committee Chair is to remain the primary media spokesperson. A standalone website is not proposed at this stage, with information to be hosted through Council's existing website and links provided to relevant external Dark Sky resources.
- A short communications update following each Committee meeting and a simple pathway for community enquiries were supported.
- A separate communications plan will be developed for the lighting policy when it is ready for broader communication, with messaging to focus on Council leading by example and providing practical guidance to residents.
- Fiona Loughran, Council's Strategic Communications Lead, will be invited to attend future Committee meetings to support the Communications and Engagement workstream.

Infrastructure

- The draft lighting policy was tabled, with further clarification required regarding its alignment with the intended accreditation standard before progressing.
- Formal Council adoption of the policy is expected to occur after the caretaker period, with agreement in principle and a Council workshop to be considered if required.
- Potential site improvements were discussed, including lower-level path lighting, signage, wind protection and other measures that may improve dark sky viewing while maintaining visitor safety.
- At Dovecote Road, the existing streetlight was identified as affecting dark sky viewing; alternative lower-level lighting was suggested for future consideration.
- At The Nut car park, an existing light near the chairlift was identified as a potential candidate for replacement with more appropriate lighting.
- Low-cost dark sky infrastructure, including lounge-style seating near the river, was also discussed.

Visitor Experience

- The Visitor Experience subcommittee has met to consider future-proofing the Visitor Centre for a Dark Sky experience, with further information to be collated and circulated.
- The brochure consultant is expected to resume work on return from overseas in mid-October. The Committee is to confirm additional content, including exact viewing locations and Aboriginal stories.
- The proposed auditorium refresh remains budgeted; however, the Committee noted the need for clarity around future commercial use of the facility before further expenditure is committed.
- A projected display was preferred over a permanent printed mural as it would be more flexible, lower cost and reusable across screens at the Stanley and Smithton visitor centres. A community photography competition was suggested as a possible source of imagery.
- Potential viewing locations were assessed using the Bortle scale. Black River, Dovecote Road, the Godfreys Beach penguin viewing area and The Nut car park were discussed, with varying strengths and constraints relating to darkness, access, safety, surrounding lighting and visitor suitability.
- The next Sidewalk Astronomy event is proposed for Saturday 17 October 2026, near the penguin viewing area at Stanley. The location was considered accessible and suitable for families, with signage or flags required to clearly identify the group.
- Promotion through Council social media and Western Echo was supported, with an events calendar also suggested to improve awareness of future activities.

Confirmed,

CHAIR

25 November 2026