

Quarterly Reports

Quarterly Report April - June 2026

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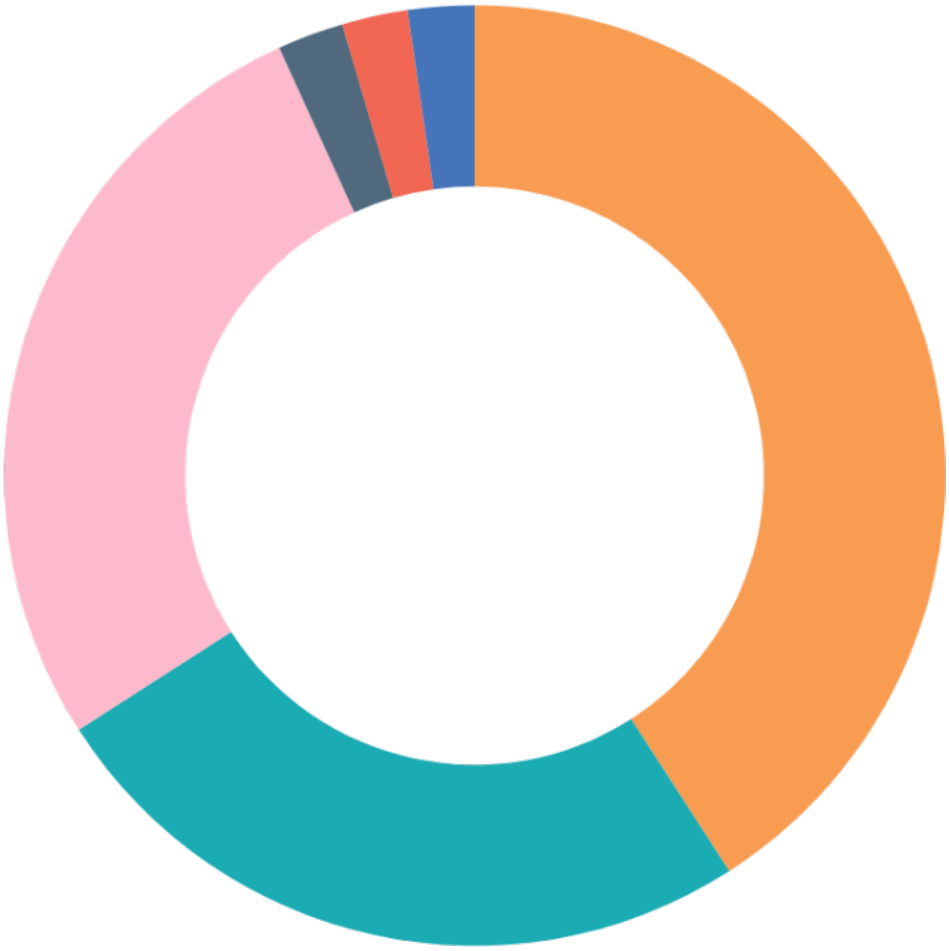
01 Strategic projects

A people friendly city

Goal

Clarence values diversity and encourages equity, inclusiveness and accessibility. We aspire to create high-quality public places for all people to live actively, engage socially and enhance our health and wellbeing.

Progress this quarter:



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ONGOING	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	DEFERRED	OFF TRACK	NOT YET COMMENCED	REPLACED

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Priority activity	Progress	Responsible area	Status
Strategic Plan 1.1 Enhancing the liveability of activity centres, community hubs and villages through urban design projects			
Develop an Urban Tree Strategy for Clarence. Prepare and implement a precinct planting plan for greening Rokeby.	The Urban Tree Strategy was not progressed due to insufficient internal capacity to lead this project. A scope has been prepared for the Greening Rokeby plan to go out for request for quotation (RFQ) this year.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets	NOT YET COMMENCED
Strategic Plan 1.2 Building upon Clarence's status as a World Health Organisation 'Age Friendly City and Community'			

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Deliver outcomes of the current Age Friendly Clarence Plan.	Eating with Friends, a social dining program for older adults, delivered three lunches attended by 59 participants at the Shoreline Hotel, Angie Sue Lauderdale and Foreshore Hotel. Our officers also attended professional development workshops hosted by Palliative Care Tasmania and the Mental Health Foundation Australia.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Strategic Plan 1.3 Recognising our Tasmanian Aboriginal people and developing a Reconciliation Action Plan			
Deliver on outcomes of the Reconciliation Action Plan.	Our representatives attended the National Reconciliation Week breakfast at MyState Bank Arena on 27 May. The Senior Leadership Walk was cancelled due to severe weather. Front-facing staff began wearing polo shirts featuring Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) artwork by Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Caleb Nichols-Mansell. The RAP Officer position became vacant, with recruitment to commence next quarter.	Community and Culture	ONGOING

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Develop programs that recognise Aboriginal cultural and creative arts practices.	The Nupiri-ti Palawa project funding applications submitted during Q3 were unsuccessful. The team began working through the implications for project delivery in 2027. Work also continued on the public expression of interest (EOI) launch due in Q1 2026-27.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Strategic Plan 1.4 Undertaking consultation and developing concept plan(s) for the City Heart Plan			
Recognise the contribution of arts programming and infrastructure to our objectives for developing the City Heart Plan.	With the grant deed received, the project team refined the project management plan in preparation for the project launch in Q1 2026-27.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Continue to progress the finalisation and adoption of the City Heart Plan and Implementation Plan.	Work continued on the City Heart implementation plan.	Strategic Development, Communications and Engagement	IN PROGRESS
Strategic Plan 1.5 Continuing to deliver and review a community Health and Wellbeing Strategy and associated supporting plans to strengthen and improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of the community			

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Deliver on outcomes of the current Access and Inclusion Plan.	The Disability Voices Tasmania Tracks and Trails Audit was presented to Infrastructure and Natural Assets managers in May. A review of our Access and Inclusion Toolkit and policy will begin next quarter to embed universal design principles in projects. Filming was scheduled for three accessibility information videos and planning began for International Day of People with Disability.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
Deliver on outcomes of the current Community Safety Plan.	Our officers took part in two Rosny Bus Mall Working Group meetings, one of which included a presentation about the asset audit. The bus mall banner schedule was progressed with our communications team, and WESTAR (We Stand Together Against Racism) posters were installed in vacant Metro timetable signage holders.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS

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Develop the Life Course Plan to provide clear actions for the Community Wellbeing Strategy (formerly the Health and Wellbeing Strategy).	The first stage of community engagement was completed during the quarter, achieving 908 unique submissions. Feedback was collated and incorporated into a draft Community Wellbeing Plan scheduled for presentation to Councillors in July.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
Develop a 10 year Children's Services Strategy for Clarence.	The contract was awarded during the quarter. Work began on identifying current services and demand opportunities.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
Deliver a grants program for artists and creative professionals to establish their practice and work in Clarence.	Cultural and Creative Grant Program applications were assessed and none were recommended for funding, as they did not meet the minimum criteria or align with the program's overarching principles, which prioritise creative practice and artistic development outcomes. Our officers will review the grant guidelines to create better definition and targeted marketing opportunities.	Community and Culture	 COMPLETED

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Strategic Plan 1.6 Finalising the development and implementation of the Clarence Community Planning and Development Structure to enable a consistent approach to working together when considering community needs and issues			
Support and deliver the Clarence Healthy Together grant-funded project in collaboration with the Department of Health and community partners.	Our officers attended one Healthy Together Clarence meeting this quarter, with remaining program funds to be allocated. Funding has been distributed to Rokeby, Risdon Vale and Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centres for the Motivational Activity Trainer project, and Cook Together Clarence is officially underway as a partnership between Rokeby, Clarendon Vale and Warrane Mornington Neighbourhood Centres.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
Strategic Plan 1.7 Supporting our community to build capacity and resilience			
Research options for the development of a new youth focused facility, including potential partnership and co-location opportunities.	A draft report on the options for a new youth focused facility in Rosny was received and is expected to be presented at a future Councillor workshop.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS

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Deliver a community walk for Mental Health Week held in October 2025.	Key partnerships and programming for the Mental Health Week Walk, to be held on Saturday 3 October 2026 from 11am to 1pm at Rosny Farm and the new Rosny Parklands Circuit Track, were progressed and are close to finalisation.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
In collaboration with People, Safety and Culture, develop training modules for Councillors, our officers and volunteers to address inclusion topics such as multicultural awareness, Aboriginal cultural awareness and LGBTIQA+ awareness.	A training proposal with face-to-face and online learning options was shared with the People, Safety and Culture group for consideration. Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training was scheduled for Q1 2026-27. LGBTIQA+ inclusion training is scheduled for 2027.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED
Promote digital inclusion programs for older adults.	Our Shared Space Program delivered one digital inclusion activity, creating digital art with the free design app Canva.	Community and Culture	ONGOING

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Work with the LGBTIQA+ Working Group as part of the Community Wellbeing Advisory Committee.	A meeting of the LGBTIQA+ Working Group was held on 21 April. Our representatives attended the Dorothies Awards to highlight IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia), and an article was included in the internal staff newsletter. LGBTIQA+ inclusion training has been postponed to 2027.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED
Deliver training for Councillors, officers and volunteers across a range of community inclusion topics such as disability awareness.	Disability Voices Tasmania delivered training on universal design to the Infrastructure and Natural Assets team.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED
Partner with community to develop preventative strategies for community safety issues.	The Rosny Arvos program concluded during the quarter, and an evaluation was completed and project report drafted. The Youth Safety in Clarence Network held one meeting, featuring presentations from the Australian Human Rights Commission and Headspace Eastern Shore.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED

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Support the Clarence Salvation Army to deliver the Clarence Christmas Brunch.	With the lead organisation withdrawing for 2026, our officers began reaching out to potential partners about their interest and availability to host the Clarence Christmas Brunch this year.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED
Revise and implement the Homelessness Action Plan.	An internal review of the homelessness procedure was completed. One of our officers and a Councillor attended the National Housing and Homelessness Forum in Sydney. Salvation Army Streets 2 Home (S2H) received seven new referrals from us, with an average response time within 24 hours. Two southern councils and S2H network meetings were held, and the trial of expanded S2H services was completed.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED

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Develop and distribute homelessness information and resources to internal and external stakeholders as an educative tool to build empathy in the community towards those experiencing homelessness.	Printed Crisis Contact Cards were distributed internally across the organisation, and eight staff information sessions were delivered. Community distribution is ongoing. Our officers attended three ShelterTas National Homelessness Week planning meetings, with activities and the 2026 program in development.	Community and Culture	 COMPLETED
Support the delivery of urban artwork projects in collaboration with artists and young people across the municipality as a tool to address community safety issues in Clarence.	The planning application process for the Tollard Drive mural has extended the project timeline. Discussions began about a potential art or mural installation at the new Rosny Clubhouse in collaboration with the City Culture team. The graffiti and mural program promoting positive street art among young people is progressing and may be delivered at both Rokeby and Rosny.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS

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Deliver the grants and benefits program.	Six community grant applications totalling $28,077.50 were recommended for approval. The Quick Response Grant Program was fully allocated this quarter and reopens on 1 July with the next round of Community and Cultural and Creative Grants.	Community and Culture	 COMPLETED
Provide and support community friendly activities at youth focused recreation facilities across Clarence.	Youth Week activities included a full-day music event and colour run at the Clarence Youth Centre in Rokeby. Additional events were delivered in Bellerive, Lindisfarne, Risdon Vale and Clarendon Vale. The team also provided a barbecue and activities at two community day events at Rosny College.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Develop and conduct a survey of LGBTIQA+ community needs in Clarence.	This item has been deferred and will be explored through the development of the Community Wellbeing Plan 2026-2030.	Community and Culture	 DEFERRED

Strategic Plan 1.8 Recognising the significant impact volunteer involvement has on achieving our strategic goals and the delivery of our services and initiatives

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Deliver and grow the Clarence Community Volunteer Service.	The Clarence Community Volunteer Service saw a 20% increase in new volunteers this quarter and explored options to clear the backlog of home maintenance (gardening) requests while new volunteers are onboarded. The service is developing a new marketing strategy which aims to grow volunteer numbers and increase service outputs.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Develop a Volunteer Recognition Strategy and induction process for all City of Clarence volunteers.	This quarter the inter-department working group met with volunteer supervisors across the organisation and documented procedures to be considered in the review.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
Strategic Plan 1.9 Undertaking the development of a Sport and Recreation Strategy			

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Collaborate with other councils in the region on the development of a Regional Sports Facility Plan that reflects the needs of the Greater Hobart community over the next 20 years. Finalise the Clarence Sports Facility Strategic Plan.	The draft strategy is being reviewed in the context of the draft Regional Sports Facility Plan. Community engagement is now planned for 2027.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets	 OFF TRACK
Strategic Plan 1.10 Promoting active and healthy lifestyles through provision and support of programs that improve physical and mental health			
Deliver gentle exercise programs for older adults in Clarence.	Ten weekly one-hour Gentle Exercise Classes were held at Rokeby Trust Hall, attracting a total of 154 attendees across the quarter. The number of sessions was reduced this quarter due to public holidays and trainer cancellations.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Deliver the Live Well, Live Long program.	The final three sessions of the first Live Well, Live Long program were held during this quarter. The second program began with 14 participants registered to attend nine sessions running through to 7 July.	Community and Culture	 COMPLETED

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Review the Help to Health program.	The internal review of the Help to Health program is complete. Actions have been identified to align the program with the draft Community Wellbeing Plan. Our officers also continue to strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders and attend local and state networking meetings.	Community and Culture	COMPLETED
Deliver the Fitness in the Park program.	The Fitness in the Park winter program began on 14 April, with three one-hour weekly sessions held in Lindisfarne, Bellerive and South Arm. In total, 34 sessions have been delivered with 1,073 participant check-ins. The program continues to show strong participation, engagement and growth, with 53 first-time attendees during the quarter. Monitoring and evaluation of the program continues.	Community and Culture	ONGOING

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Deliver our immunisation clinics to the public and the school based immunisation program.	The school based immunisation program was completed in May, delivering meningococcal and HPV vaccines to grade 10 students and dTpa to grade 7 students. Our fortnightly immunisation clinics continue to be booked out.	Regulatory Services	ONGOING
Continue work on declared smoke-free areas, including signage and education.	New smoke-free decals were placed around Ninja Stadium in the declared smoke-free areas.	Regulatory Services	ONGOING
Strategic Plan 1.11 Continuing to develop and maintain a quality open space network			
Finalise the Clarence Open Space Strategy.	The Open Space Strategy is being drafted and engagement with the community will occur in 2027.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets	IN PROGRESS
Strategic Plan 1.12 Facilitating opportunities for community connections and growth through a range of programs, activities and events			
Deliver the Our Shared Space intergenerational program combatting ageism.	Our intergenerational program partnered with Rosny Library to deliver two sessions, Generations in Bloom and Digital Art Studio, focused on digital literacy and creativity, with a total of eight participants attending.	Community and Culture	ONGOING

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Deliver Seniors Week activities.	Seniors Week has now evolved into Seniors Month and is held annually in October. Planning began on several events and activities, and we submitted details to the Council on the Ageing's Seniors Month Guide for promotion.	Community and Culture	IN PROGRESS
Work in partnership with organisations to support programs which increase awareness of people with disability.	We engaged with several Clarence Access and Inclusion Network member organisations to explore opportunities for future collaboration. Partnerships are developing to support Shepherd Centre's Beyond Music Day, Empower Golf's disability accessible golf 'come and try' program, and Muscular Dystrophy's Go Orange week.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Support Dementia Friendly activities in Clarence.	A link to Dementia Australia's dementia-friendly business information was added to our business support webpage. Our officers were encouraged to sign up as a 'Dementia Friend' through the internal staff newsletter.	Community and Culture	ONGOING

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Deliver before and after school and holiday care services in partnership with schools across Clarence and continue planned growth to meet demand in the community.	This quarter, seven outside school hours care (OSHC) services ran across seven school sites and one of our sites, and three holiday programs operated during the April school holidays. All services had waiting lists. We continued to work with schools to access additional spaces to meet demand, however workforce and recruitment challenges made it difficult to expand services.	Community and Culture	ONGOING
Deliver ongoing operations of the Rosny Early Learning Long Day Care Centre to offer high quality and affordable childcare services for the Clarence community.	Rosny Early Learning Long Day Care Centre celebrated NAIDOC Week with NITA Education through a meaningful Smoking Ceremony and emu dance. We also updated our foyer displays to promote children's safety and identity. The team will soon be strengthened by a new Early Childhood Teacher and centre Chef.	Community and Culture	ONGOING

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Recognise the contribution of the community through the installation of memorials in accordance with City of Clarence policy.	Ongoing.	Infrastructure and Natural Assets	ONGOING

Strategic Plan 1.13 Recognising, celebrating and supporting diversity by building on our connections through Welcoming Cities and Refugee Welcome Zone and developing supporting policies

Support multicultural activities in Clarence.	The Community Development Officer position remained vacant during the quarter. Our officers attended bi-monthly meetings with southern WESTAR councils and began planning multicultural awareness training for 2027 with the Migrant Resource Centre. Officers also met with representatives of the Rwandan community to discuss a proposed community information centre and memorial.	Community and Culture	ONGOING