

Our Glenorchy



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Our Future is Bright, Glenorchy!

A new council has been sworn in for Glenorchy following the results of the recent local Government elections.

Newly re-elected Mayor Bec Thomas joined Deputy Mayor Sue Hickey and 8 other aldermen to be sworn into their roles at the Declaration of Polls event at the Moonah Arts Centre on Friday 4 November. Alderman Stuart Slade signed his declaration the following day at the first induction workshop.

Mayor Thomas said the Declaration of Polls event and induction process were important milestones as they mark the beginning of the new council working together to serve the community. These processes also acknowledge the importance of the responsibilities held by elected aldermen.

"With over 51,000 people, Glenorchy is a growing and diverse City with many

differing viewpoints, opportunities and challenges," she said.

"It's a huge honour for us all to be elected by ratepayers and residents to represent our community, and this event signifies our commitment to work together to achieve the best outcomes for our City and those that live, work, study and play here.

"It was wonderful for us to be able to come together and mark the start of our important journey over the next four years."

Mayor Bec Thomas also spoke of the pride she feels in representing her community for another term. "May the stability and productivity we've worked so hard on over the past five years continue, in the interests of the people of Glenorchy we are so privileged to represent."

"May we remember who we are here on behalf of, every step of the way. Our future is bright, Glenorchy!"

The new aldermanic team participated in workshops during November to review their obligations under the *Local Government Act 1993* and to familiarise themselves with Council meeting procedures.

"The workshops provided us all with an opportunity to get to know each other and understand how we can best work together to manage our resources effectively and deliver for our community," Mayor Thomas said.

The first meeting of the new Council was held on Monday 28 November.



Tasmania's Australian of the Year – Glenorchy's John Kamara!

Mayor Thomas was immensely proud to attend the 2023 Tasmanian Australian of the Year awards on 5 November.

Glenorchy resident John Kamara was nominated in the Australian of the Year category for his community work with migrants, refugees, and people from culturally diverse backgrounds. The Mayor, and indeed, many streaming the awards on ABC iView if they were not in attendance, were thrilled when John's name was read by the Governor of Tasmania, the Honourable Barbara Baker, AC.

John is an integral and active representative for the multicultural community of Glenorchy, and indeed, in a broader context, for Tasmanians of African background across Tasmania,' said Mayor Bec Thomas. 'We are so proud of John for being awarded this honour, and we think his work to support education and promote social

cohesion for diverse Tasmanians is essential to making sure Tasmania can be a welcoming, fair, and equal place for all. Glenorchy is one of the most multicultural Cities in Tasmania, and John's work to cement relationships among marginalised groups and new arrivals into the fabric of Tasmanian society is hugely important to the future of our LGA."

John sits on multiple boards and is involved in many community groups, and he works to highlight systemic disadvantages migrants can face such



as racism, labour exploitation and recognition of overseas qualifications. John co-founded the Culturally Diverse Alliance of Tasmania to support education and promote social cohesion, as well as the African Communities Council of Tasmania. John and his wife Mavis have also established a charity to assist children in his home country of Sierra Leone. 'Kamara's Heart' raises funds to assist children in Sierra Leone, particularly focused on educational access and standards.

John will now be heading to Canberra in January on Australia Day eve for the national Australian of the Year awards ceremony.



Building the Bridge to Employment

The Glenorchy Jobs Hub has recently partnered with construction company McConnell Dowell to deliver information sessions to job seekers interested in being part of the team building Tasmania's largest ever transport infrastructure project.

Held in mid-November, the sessions enabled discussion about upcoming job vacancies in the pre-cast, erection, and steel-fixing teams at the New Bridgewater Bridge Project's pre-cast facility near Bridgewater.

At the peak of construction from mid-2023 the \$786 million project will employ about 250 workers.



More than 40 job seekers were able to meet with members of McConnell Dowell's project team at the information sessions, and discuss upcoming roles, qualifications, career opportunities and more.

McConnell Dowell's Social Inclusion and Industry Capability Manager Andrew Barratt said he was delighted to be working with the Jobs Hub.

"McConnell Dowell and our preferred labour partners are excited to be working with the Glenorchy Jobs Hub and the Regional Jobs Hub Network, working to connect local job seekers to upcoming opportunities in the pre-cast, erection and steel fixing teams as part of the project," Mr Barratt said.

"Being part of these local information sessions has been a fantastic way for us to talk to locals about local opportunities, to find out what local job seekers are looking for, and answer any of their

questions. We want the New Bridgewater Bridge team to reflect the diversity of our local communities."

Glenorchy Jobs Hub Manager Cassie Athanasiou is also excited for the new partnership and the opportunities this provides for their job seekers.

"I am pleased to have the Glenorchy Jobs Hub working with McConnel Dowell and their partners. This is an exciting project with numerous opportunities for our jobs seekers to be a part of. I'm looking forward to the positive impact that it will have on Glenorchy and its surrounding communities," said Ms Athanasiou.

The Glenorchy Jobs Hub is supported for the next three years by a \$1.6 million grant from the Tasmanian Government as part of Jobs Tasmania's Regional Jobs Hub Network. The Glenorchy Jobs Hub is a not-for-profit initiative run by Glenorchy City Council in partnership with STEPS Group Australia.



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GLENORCHY'S 2023 IMMUNISATION CLINIC DATES

Council holds free community immunisation clinics on the third Monday of each month from 9.00am to 10.30am at the Salvation Army Centre, at the back of 2 Terry Street, Glenorchy. This is not a COVID clinic. Vaccines are provided in accordance with the National and Tasmanian Immunisation Schedule. Those outside of the Immunisation Schedule can receive Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis vaccines at a cost. Payments can be made to Council prior to the Clinic Day if patients bring along their receipt to the Clinic.

- Monday 16 January
- Monday 20 February
- Monday 20 March
- Monday 17 April
- Monday 15 May
- Monday 19 June
- Monday 17 July
- Monday 21 August
- Monday 18 September
- Monday 16 October
- Monday 20 November
- Monday 18 December



DID YOU KNOW?



CAROLS EVENTS 2022

This festive season, the community will enjoy six independent projects delivered by schools, religious organisations, and community groups, brought to life by the Glenorchy Carols Grant Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carols in the Vale:

Free event delivered by the Collinsvale Primary School Association and Collinsvale Community Association.

When: 6pm Saturday 10 December

Where: Collinsvale Town Park

2022 Multicultural Christmas Carols:

Delivered by St Therese of Lisieux, Moonah-Lutana Parish of St Therese' Catholic School.

When: 6pm Wednesday 14 December

Where: St Therese of Lisieux, Moonah-Lutana Parish, 24 Hopkins Street, Moonah.

Christmas from Around the World:

Delivered by YOUR Church Tasmania.

When: Sunday 18 December

Where: 29 Charles Street, Moonah.

Congratulations to Intercultural Church on their Carols' event funded by Glenorchy City Council's grant program, which took place on 4 December. The event was a huge success, and we are thrilled the Community enjoyed this wonderfully diverse, vibrant event.

Austins Ferry Primary School and Rosetta Primary School have also received funding through the grant program and will be delivering carols activities for students and their schools. These events will form part of the curriculum for students to design logos and brochures for the event, and work with their music teacher to orchestrate carols performances for their families and community.



COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING AN ENGAGEMENT REVIEW

As part of our Community Engagement Review, we are evaluating how we engage with our community, and how this could be improved. Council recognises the importance of engaging with the community and will be out and about over the next 6 months to hear from as many people in the municipality as possible while we undertake this review.

Keep an eye out for online and in-person opportunities to engage and answer questions like "How do you most like to share your views and ideas?" and "Do you feel like you are able to contribute to or influence Council's decision making?"

Community members can jump online and head to the Let's Talk, Glenorchy online engagement hub to take part in surveys and online activities. You can also visit Council's Community Engagement Officer at various pop-ups planned across the city. The first Pop-Up will be at Northgate Shopping Centre on Friday 16 December from 10am-2pm. Come along and chat with the Mayor and Council staff. To get involved, visit Glenorchy's online engagement hub at www.letstalk.gcc.tas.gov.au, or Council's website at www.gcc.tas.gov.au. You can also call Council's Community Engagement Officer via **6216 6800**.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Council is reviewing the role of its newsletter.

Glenorchy City Council is constantly striving to ensure ratepayers and residents are kept informed of events, decisions, and news that the Council is involved with. We want to make sure we are providing you with the information you need in the format that makes it easiest for you to access.

To help inform this review, please participate in the following survey. Follow the QR code or pick up your survey from Council's Customer Service area to complete your survey by 31 December. Participants can go in the draw to win a family season pass to the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool.





We regularly update details of current works in your area on our Council website. For more information please visit gcc.tas.gov.au/services/works/works-in-progress



Upcoming Works and News

CAPITAL WORKS

Road safety, improvement and re-surfacing works including:

- Arncliffe Road
- Atherton Avenue
- Burton Street
- Collins Cap Road
- Guardrail installations – Collinsvale, Glenlusk and Molesworth Road
- Main Road Moonah – Hopkins Street to Springfield Avenue (resurfacing works)
- Various local roads

Footpath Works

- Central Avenue – Albert Road to Peronne Avenue
- Elmsleigh Road – House No.20 to End of Road
- Hopkins Street – Fletcher Avenue to Bowen Road
- O’Grady Avenue – Derwent Park Road to Furneaux Avenue
- Sinclair Avenue – Cul-De-Sec/ House No. 43 to 66
- Various pedestrian access ramp upgrades
- Wyndham Road – Westfield Street to Access Road

Stormwater

- Carcoola Street No. 8 – Stormwater pipe upgrades
- Glenlusk Road and Collinsvale Road – Drainage/Stormwater upgrade works
- Stafford Court No. 7 – Stormwater pipe upgrades
- 37-50 Twelfth Avenue – Stormwater pipe upgrades

Jetty maintenance and repair works

- Montrose Bay Foreshore Reserve

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS

Roads/Stormwater Maintenance

- Asphalt crack sealing
- Footpath repairs, reinstatement works and general maintenance
- Footpath pressure cleaning program
- Litter trap cleaning
- Road pavement repairs, reinstatement works and general maintenance
- Stormwater pit and culvert cleaning, new connections, repairs, and general maintenance

Vegetation Control

- Spring growth maintenance to creeks and rivulets
- Footpath vegetation obstruction clearance
- Garden beds and roundabout maintenance
- Riparian reserve vegetation control
- Sign maintenance
- Tree hazard reduction works
- Urban vegetation control
- Footpath spray program
- Roadside vegetation control

Parks and Recreation

- Abbotsfield Park and KGV sports ground fencing upgrades
- General reserves and parks maintenance including Spring growth vegetation management
- KGV Soccer Ground synthetic surface renewal
- North Chigwell Sports Ground re-development
- Prince of Wales Bay sports ground works (overflow dam removal)
- Reserves seating renewals

Urban Services

- Graffiti clean-up on various sites
- Increase in reactive vandalism maintenance within the CBD
- Park and Playground maintenance GASP, Montrose Bay and Tolosa Park
- Montrose Bay basket swing installation and rubber soft fall replacement
- Street Sweeping by schedule and reactive maintenance post weather event
- Inter City Cycle Way maintenance and renewal of intersection linemarking
- Tree inspections. Scheduled and reactive tree maintenance.

Bushfire Mitigation

- General Fire Trail maintenance
- Manage hazard control areas
- Vegetation maintenance Knights Creek Track in Wellington Park

OTHER WORKS/NEWS

- Main Road Moonah between Hopkins Street and Derwent Park Road/ Springfield Avenue – Road resurfacing works will be coming up in January/ February for approximately 2 weeks, weather permitting. Detours and partial road closures will be in place. Please keep an eye out in January for the digital message boards in the area, Facebook notifications and our webpage updates for more information and the starting date. This might help minimise any delays in your travel plans through the area.
- Councils spray, roadside vegetation control and verge mowing program is underway, please be mindful that as a motorist you may encounter work teams working on the roadside. Obey all advisory and speed limit signage displayed and exercise caution when moving through any work sites, they are set up to keep everyone safe!

Glenorchy's Childcare Centres Deck the Halls!

Council's childcare centres are currently decking the halls for Christmas, filling their centres with Christmas spirit. It's not just festive activities which are filling Council's childcare centres with optimism, with the centres also looking towards a busy and exciting 2023 with further plans to upgrade, improve and maintain these facilities.

At Council's August meeting, the decision was made to retain and invest in Berriedale and Benjafield childcare centres, which are both Council run. Mayor Thomas said Council recognize that accessing childcare is becoming increasingly difficult due to a nationwide shortage of child educators, and that she is pleased that Council can continue to offer these two facilities to families of Glenorchy.

"The commitment for 2022/23 will see us reinvest some of the profits the service has made in recent years and is a small price to pay to support local parents to earn income, businesses to have staff, and importantly, to contribute to the development of the children of the future" Mayor Thomas said.

"We are very proud of staff at Benjafield and Berriedale centres for the way they have continued to provide superb care throughout the difficult Pandemic years. Staff at these facilities have ensured that these two centres have become incredibly well-renowned and valued in not just our community, but across Greater Hobart."

"The Council isn't just investing in the bricks and mortar of these facilities, but also the staffing, to ensure we are



equipped to deal with not just the current requirements, but the resulting demand of population growth in the future. We are currently seeking passionate and creative early childcare educators and administrative staff to support these centres to support our existing pool. I encourage anyone interested to consider visiting Council's website to apply to be part of the wonderful teams at Berriedale and Benjafield".

MAC

MOONAH ARTS CENTRE

What's on at the MAC

MOONAH SOUNDS OF THE WORLD

Applications are now open for performers for next year's Moonah Sounds of the World Concert Series!

Glenorchy City Council (GCC) and Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) are proud to present **Moonah Sounds of the World** (MSOTW) a concert series coming to MAC in March next year, celebrating the rich diversity of culture, music, story and dance in Tasmania, featuring our local multicultural communities.

We are seeking expressions of interest from a diverse range of performers, musicians, dancers,



storytellers and DJs, etc. We highly encourage people from Aboriginal, First Nations and CALD communities to apply.

MSOTW will present a different show each Saturday night in March.

Applications close 5pm Sunday 18 December.

APPLY NOW via form.jotform.com/MoonahArtsCentre/moonah-sounds-of-the-world-2023-exp

GLENORCHY OPEN EXHIBITION + MARKET

Glenorchy Open Exhibition and Market celebrate the creativity of our community!

THE EXHIBITION

Launching 5.30-7.30pm, Thursday 1 December

Running from 2-24 December

This exhibition features work by artists, emerging to established, who live, work, or have a strong connection to the City of Glenorchy. It will showcase work in any media including painting, drawing, print media, sculpture, installation, photography, ceramics, textiles, digital media and more!

GLENORCHY OPEN EXHIBITION
2-24 DEC
Featuring work from glenorchy artists – emerging + established – in any media.

+ MARKET
10AM-2PM SAT 3 DEC
Handcrafted items, local designs, unique gifts, food + coffee. In partnership with Citizen Tasmania.

THE MARKET

The Glenorchy Open Market will fill Moonah Arts Centre with a large range of handcrafted items and unique gifts from local designers. Including homewares, art, ceramics, zines, prints, gifts, furniture, jewellery, clothes, stationary, food, coffee and more!

Citizen Tasmania will also be running Moonah Bazaar alongside at the same time – a vibrant market of stallholders from a wide range of migrant and refugee backgrounds, sharing arts, crafts, food and music.

Don't miss this annual celebration of the creativity and diversity in Glenorchy.



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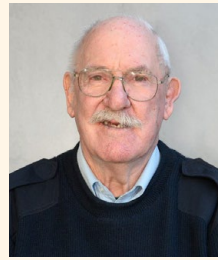
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