



MINUTES

Glenorchy City Council Meeting

**held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 24 November 2025
at 3:30 pm**



- Present (in Chambers):** Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Tim Marks, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer and Russell Yaxley (Deputy Mayor) and Councillor Molly Kendall.
- Present (by video link):** None
- In attendance (in Chambers):** Emilio Reale (Chief Executive Officer), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Luke Chiu (Director Environmental Services), Patrick Marshall (Director Infrastructure and Development), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Tim Douglass (Acting Coordinator Executive and Strategy)
- In attendance (by video link):** Mandy Henderson (Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor)
- Leave of Absence:** None

Workshops held since last Council meeting:**Date:** Monday, 3 November 2025**Purpose:** To present and discuss:

- Statement of Commitment on Gambling Harm Reduction
- Updates on the Granton Structure Plan Process by Form Planning on behalf of the applicant

Date: Monday, 10 November 2025**Purpose:** To present and discuss:

- Statement of Commitment on Gambling Harm Reduction
- Glenorchy Parking Plan
- Suburb entry signage
- KGV Master Plans Update
- Glenorchy Cricket Club Indoor Training Facility Proposal

Date: Monday, 17 November 2025**Purpose:** Site visit:

- Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST) site visit at Hobart Showgrounds to meet the new RAST president

The Council meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 18 viewers and 3 members of the public attended in person.

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.30pm.

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the original and traditional owners and continuing custodians of the land and their elders, past and present.

We acknowledge the muwinina people as the traditional owners of this land. We recognise the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the original owners and continuing custodians of the land, sky and country and waters of this island, Lutruwita. We pay our respect to Aboriginal Elders, past and present. We commit to working in a way that welcomes and respects all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

The Chair read a statement noting that the meeting would be recorded and live streamed to members of the public, and about work health and safety at the Council meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Alderman Peter Ridler.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (OPEN MEETING)

Resolution:

Ald. Slade/Ald. Cockshutt

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 27 October 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Council's financial position

- It is with great pride I would like to announce that this week, Glenorchy City Council will pay off the last of its debt, returning to a debt-free fiscal position.
- This is a huge achievement for Council, having taken years of commitment and hard work to achieve.
- Not only are we debt free, but we remain one of the lowest rating city councils in Tasmania, and we are continuing to deliver services and facilities our community needs.
- Being in the black gives our council a significant advantage by being better able to strategically plan our objectives and investments on behalf of the community.
- I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Glenorchy Council's staff for delivering on this important strategic goal.

HCC Notice of Motion – Amalgamation discussions with Glenorchy City Council

- You may have seen in the media that Hobart City Council is debating a Notice of Motion proposing the start of discussions with Glenorchy City Council to pursue an amalgamation, at their meeting this evening.
- We welcome any initiatives that are beneficial to ratepayers in the long-term and have agreed that a good place to start is by having a conversation.
- We believe that all local governments need to find ways to work together to achieve wins that benefit larger percentages of the population, not just the people that happen to live on either side of a road that separates two councils.
- Whether that is amalgamation, or just a greater emphasis on regional goals and more determined commitment to work collectively, is really a matter for you the public, but Glenorchy City Council will always stand up for improved decision-making and removing barriers to efficiencies and outcomes, not putting more of them in the way.
- We look forward to hearing the outcomes from this debate at the City of Hobart Council meeting.

Glenorchy War Memorial Pool

- Monthly updates on the pool repair project are now included in the Finance Report to Council.
- This month's update is - Significant progress has been made on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool upgrade, with approximately 35% of contract works completed as of 31 October 2025.
- Works remain on schedule for completion within the financial year, with \$1.181 million spent against a total project budget of \$6.5 million.

Glenorchy Youth Hub

- A grant request for \$1M operational funding over five years has been submitted to the Tasmanian Community Fund.
- We have been informed that the submission has progressed to the next round, and we should have an outcome by mid-December.
- Concept plans for redevelopment of the ground floor of the Terry Street building to accommodate the Youth Hub have been drafted and are going out for costing.
- Council will soon commence work on redeveloping the Chamber forecourt to create more permanent youth engagement space to compliment the indoor hub space.

Draft Waste Management Strategy Review

- The Glenorchy Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2025 has been developed to guide waste management and resource recovery planning in Glenorchy for the next five years.
- Council is seeking feedback from the Glenorchy community about the Strategy.
- This feedback will be used to develop a recommendation to Elected Members to formally adopt the Strategy.
- We'd like to hear your thoughts about the Strategy and your priorities for improving waste management.
- For more information go to Council's Let's Talk, Glenorchy page (www.letstalk.gcc.tas.gov.au) and complete a short survey. The survey will be open for two weeks.

Rabbit Baiting at KGV

- The rabbit baiting program at KGV moved to the final phase last week with the laying of carrots containing pindone poison.
- The community were notified again through Facebook, and our website and local vets have been notified.
- Council staff are monitoring the area for deceased rabbits and removing them as soon as possible, however if members of the public find deceased rabbits on their property, please put on rubber gloves and dispose of them in your FOGO or general waste rubbish bin.
- Further information on this baiting program is available on Council's website - <https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/rabbit-baiting-program/>

Moonah CBD Upgrades

- The Moonah CBD is set for an upgrade with a proposal to install parklets along the main road. This will require moving the bus stops in this this area.
- Consultation about trialling the parklets in the CBD strip will commence with affected businesses in coming weeks.

Chambers Mural

- Work has started on our new public mural on the side of Chambers. The wall has now been prepped, and the artist will start their work next week.
- This will bring fresh colour and creativity to the heart of the city, particularly the bus mall.
- The project will celebrate the natural beauty of Glenorchy — from our mountain views and leafy reserves to our diverse wildlife and waterways.
- To ensure the mural can be completed safely and efficiently, the surrounding area will be fenced off during the works.
- Pedestrians and bus mall users are encouraged to follow onsite signage and take extra care when moving through the area.
- The mural holds special meaning for Glenorchy as it is being created following a suggestion from the late Elected Member Jan Dunsby, who was a tireless advocate for the City.

Forgotten Australians memorial

- Last Wednesday Council joined Relationships Australia Tasmania to officially open a new reflection space at Tolosa Park recognising Forgotten Australians.
- Forgotten Australians are survivors among the estimated 500,000 children who were placed in institutional or out-of-home care across Australia during the 20th century.
- The commemoration marked the 16th anniversary of the National Apology to the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants and included the unveiling of a memorial dedicated to the Forgotten Australians as well as a special acknowledgement of long-time advocate David Henderson.
- The day was an opportunity to honour the strength and resilience of the Forgotten Australians, many of whom endured unimaginable hardship.
- It was an honour to be involved in this event and to provide this special place for people to visit and reflect on the past and look forward to a brighter future.

RAST Update

- Last Monday Council went off-site for our workshop to visit the Show Grounds and hear about and see firsthand the progress that has been made on the major development RAST are undertaking.
- We were all very impressed with the scale of the development and look forward to it opening, hopefully in the latter half of 2026.
- The redeveloped site will not only provide a fit-for-purpose venue for agricultural activities, but a multi-purpose space for the broader community that includes large exhibition and open spaces, and a 1500 seat arena.

Festive season

- The Christmas and holiday season is almost upon us and our city decorations are up.
- Glenorchy will celebrate the festive season with a number of carols events supported by Council's Carols Grants Program, which helps local organisations deliver inclusive, family-friendly carols events that bring the community together.
- Variety will again hold their major carols event at Tolosa Park on 22 December. This year they will also hold a smaller event on Friday 21 December in the early evening, to cater for young families who may not want to stay out late for the main event.

- Other events supported by the grants program include Intercultural Carols at Glenorchy Primary School on 6 December; Multi-cultural Christmas Carols at St Therese's Catholic School, Moonah on 12 December; HMA Christmas Celebration and Carols at the Moonah Arts Centre on 13 December; and the Glenorchy Brass Band Community Carols at the Claremont RSL on 14 December.
- In addition, this year we are trialling roving carollers through the city to bring some festive cheer. This will include the Silvertones acapella group on 9, 11 and 12 December and the Choir of High Hopes on 2 December.
- Details on all the Christmas Carols events funded by Council can be found on our website - <https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/discover-glenorchy/events/community-events/>

AGM – Monday 1 December 2025

- Next Monday Council will hold its Annual General Meeting at 6pm where we will present our Annual Report to community.
- This year we are trialling a different format that will include presentations from all departments on their achievements in the 2025-26 year.
- I encourage you to join us in Chambers or online to hear about all the good work our staff are doing to make Glenorchy a place to work, live and play.

4 PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chairperson asked if any Elected Members had or were likely to have a pecuniary interest in any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

None.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Please note:

The Council Meeting is a formal meeting of the Elected Members elected by the Glenorchy community. It is chaired by the Mayor. Public question time is an opportunity in the formal meeting for the public to ask questions of their elected Council representatives about the matters that affect ratepayers and citizens.

In accordance with regulation 31(2) and (3) (Public question time) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, Council will allocate 15 minutes during each Council Meeting to invite members of the public to ask questions relating to the activities of Council.

The following rules and procedures apply to Public Question Time:

1. questions must relate to the activities of Council
2. members of the public are to announce their name and residential address before asking a question (which will be recorded in the minutes)
3. questions are to be put succinctly and in the form of a question, not a comment
4. questions must not be inflammatory, abusive, defamatory, contain a personal attack or otherwise breach any rules of the meeting which have been explained by the Chairperson
5. the Chairperson may limit the number of questions asked by each member of the public in order to ensure that all members of the public wishing to ask questions are given the opportunity within the allocated time
6. the Chairperson will decide the order in which questions are to be asked and may rotate the order between different members of the public if individuals have more than one question to ask
7. the Chairperson may, in their absolute discretion:
 - a) refuse to answer a question if the Chairperson deems that it is inappropriate or does not comply with these rules or the rules of the Council meeting, or
 - b) take a question 'on notice', in which case the answer will be provided in writing prior the next Council meeting and included on the agenda for the next Council meeting
8. if a question is taken on notice, the Chairperson may request that the member of the public submit their question in writing and may refuse to provide a response if the question is not provided as requested, and
9. the 15 minutes allocated for Public Question Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson at the conclusion of the time period. Council is to publish information relating to Public Question Time, including any additional rules and procedures, on Council's website.

Question with notice – Dr Patrick Mineely, Glenorchy**Received Tuesday, 21 October 2025**

Q1: With the proposed exclusive dealing sale to Housing Tasmania of the part of 318 Main Rd Glenorchy otherwise known as part of Eady Street Reserve, (the Land) Council has stated in its 28 July 2025 report recommending disposal, that in its dealings with Housing Tasmania, Housing Tasmania has indicated it would accept as a condition of sale the grant of a ‘right of footway’ easement to Council for public pedestrian access to be maintained to address any loss of public access through the Land to surrounding amenities.

Accordingly then :

- a. Will Council insist an easement be on any new title, or merely that the issue be dealt with by way of condition of sale without a registered easement? If not by registered easement, how would this sufficient to give certainty as to the potential loss of a public right that cannot be otherwise be replaced.**
- b. Has council defined what a ‘footway’ would consist of, e.g., an all-weather path for pedestrians and/or bicycles?**
- c. Would a ‘right of footway’ include the existing Bowden Street/Windsor Street bitumen laneway which residents currently use to traverse through Eady Street Reserve and have done so for many decades as a right of use?**
- d. Has Council commenced planning of how such a ‘footway’ would be incorporated into the balance of Eady Street Reserve to best promote and convey pedestrians to the Eady Street/Cooper Street retail precinct?**
- e. Has Council defined a possible budget cost for the construction of a ‘right of footway’ and in what time frame? If not, how then is this consistent with the community having certainty that a loss of a public right will be mitigated or protected that cannot other be replaced given Council has planned for a sale in some form for >10 years of the Land. It is recognised detail works cannot be put in stone until any Development Application by Housing Tasmania, but the community needs certainty that a footway will actually be constructed not left undeveloped or un-maintained by either party.**
- f. Would Housing Tasmania be expected by Council to contribute to the construction cost or maintenance cost of any right of way footway?**
- g. Has Housing Tasmania raised any restrictions that it would not accept either to the location of a right of footpath granted to Council or its use by the public e.g., times of use, manner of access? If so, what are those restrictions and how would they be dealt with by Council in the future?**

Response: Yes, a formal right of footway easement is what is proposed. This would be a sealed concrete path. Yes, this path would be to connect to the existing pathway to Bowden Street to allow for continued public access from Bowden Street to Eady Street Reserve. The exact alignment of the pathway and the subsequent costs will need to be determined during the design phase of the proposed development; however previous experience suggests a cost of approximately \$50,000 for the pathway works. Council will be responsible for the ongoing management and maintenance of the pathway. As part of Homes Tasmania's offer, they will directly contribute \$50,000 to the pathway costs, in addition to paying the valuation amount for the land. The pathway will likely be developed at the same time as the proposed housing development. If this proves impractical Council would undertake the works immediately after. No conditions or restrictions on the usage of the right of footway have been proposed nor are expected (other than being for non-motorised access).

Q2: Similarly in relation to the disposal of the Land, Council's report 28 July 2025 recommending disposal states that sufficient open space exists, including nearby Windsor Street Reserve, to offset any loss of green/open spaces.

Accordingly, how does Council propose to upgrade Windsor Street Reserve if this reserve is to be elevated to a higher standard by somehow being central to mitigate any loss of open/green space given that the 28 July 2025 report is inconsistent with the following:

a. The Open Spaces Strategy approved by Council in 2015 and which remains in force, specifically states at page 15 "Every suburb should have at least one social / family recreation open space to provide a range of social and physical recreation opportunities for a range of users locally"; Windsor Street Reserve serves several hundred residences, it is the only local open space for our community yet within the Open Spaces Strategy 2015, Windsor Street Reserve is not ranked as having any Social/Family Open Space characteristics consistent with the Strategy objectives of the Open Space Strategy 2015.

Specifically, then can Council please advise:

b. How is Windsor Street Reserve without further upgrades, to be an adequate adjacent compensatory open space were the Land to be disposed, when on its face Council has itself deemed Windsor Street Reserve to be secluded space with limited/old play space equipment and infrastructure in its own endorsed Open Space Strategy 2015?

c. Has Council any plans to improve the green /open space of Windsor Street Reserve from the present limited greenery and old infrastructure should the disposal the Land proceed in order to compensate for greener and open space loss, if so what improvements to open space amenity is proposed, when and what would be the source of any funding? If none is

proposed, why not and how is this consistent with mitigating loss of green/open space.

It is also noted that the land proposed for disposal includes no facilities or improvements and is simply a grassed hill with an informal footpad (which is to be upgraded to formal sealed path in this proposal).

Council's current endorsed playspace strategy is *Planning for Play 2041*. This strategy recommends that the small playspace at Windsor Street Reserve is not renewed at the end of its life, however, is to be retained as open space. Council intends to landscape this area with trees and seating when it does reach end of life.

Response: Council reports have not stated that nearby reserves would be elevated to higher standards to offset the potential loss of this space. Whilst the land in question is zoned as Inner Residential; it is acknowledged the land has been historically used as open space. Part of the reporting process for the proposed sale of land has been used for open space is to report on what other open spaces are nearby. As reported, in this instance there is alternative open space very nearby at three other locations: Windsor Street Reserve, Barry Street Reserve, and Eady Street Reserve. It is noted that Barry Street Reserve has had playground equipment, seating and landscaping upgraded recently. It is also noted that Eady Street has also had significant recent upgrades including new clubrooms and field lighting.

Q3: Similarly in relation to the disposal of the Land, despite Council 28 July 2025 report recommending disposal stating green /open space can be offset in part by Windsor Street Reserve. Council's own Play Spaces Strategy dated November 2021, specifically states that the future role of Windsor Street Reserve under the Play Spaces Strategy 2021 is to remove and not to replace in this location all existing playground equipment at page [58] of the Strategy.

Council's own stated public position has been play spaces must align with the Open Space Strategy and the Developer Contribution Policy with regard to play spaces within new proposed developments. The Play Spaces Strategy 2021 further states that it will satisfy the future needs of the municipality considering population growth along with changing demographics and future development requirements. It is on a "but for" the proposed development by Housing Tasmania facilitated by a disposal of public land by Council to Housing Tasmania that the future needs of Windsor Street Reserve are expected to be in higher demand.

Given, the Play Spaces Strategy 2021 is inconsistent with Council's 28 July 2025 report recommending disposal of the Land on the basis that Windsor Street Reserve is an adequate adjacent compensatory open space then:

a. How does Council now propose to improve and facilitate Play Spaces at Windsor Street Reserve? If yes, when and in what form and through what funding source?

b. If Council has no plans to improve play spaces at Windsor Street Reserve then how is no action consistent with community loss of open spaces being mitigated by any disposal of the Land given the future demands on Windsor Street Reserve from changing demographics such as higher density residential development and rezoning of lands to higher density use e.g., part of 318 Eady Street.

Response: Refer to earlier responses above.

Question with notice – Angela Strk

Received Sunday, 16 November 2025

My queries are regarding Glenorchy City Council's (GCC) partnership with Working it Out (WIO) and Pulse Health, to run the new pilot Northern Suburbs After School LGBTQIA+ Group for 12-18 year olds, operating from the Glenorchy Health Centre.

As a follow up to my written questions and those answers given regarding this service (28/9/25 pp 13- 15)

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and not taking away from the stated need for this group as a place for Glenorchy youth to find belonging and avoid bullying;

Q1: I'm asking, is it not a conflict of interest for GCC to be involved in facilitating such a group, given GCC has made a formal 'Statement of Commitment on Child Safe-Guarding Children and Young People' and when Working it Out's 'gender affirmation' approach to trans identifying youth is seen by many health professionals as harmful?

[Statement of Commitment on Safeguarding Children and Young People | Glenorchy City Council](#)

Response: No. (All GCC activities comply with the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 and Glenorchy City Council policies)

Q2: Will GCC withdraw from its involvement with this pilot program, or request Working it Out be removed from the program, given Working it Out's ongoing controversial commitment to the social and medical transition of gender distressed children in Tasmania, an approach that would seem to be in direct conflict with GCC's safeguarding objectives described as “a legal and moral responsibility to enable children to be safe, thrive and be happy”?

[For Schools - Working It Out Inc.](#)

Despite WIO's approach to gender distress in youth (coined as 'gender affirming care') currently under review and now no longer practiced by the countries which pioneered it (Sweden, Finland, Denmark, UK) and with our own Australian Government currently asking the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to review the 'Australian Standards of Care and Treatment Guidelines for Trans and Gender Diverse Children and Adolescents', - WIO continues to offer counselling and services to children and adolescents under this model. The Federal review of such practices and services will not be finalised until mid-2026.

[Federal government orders review of treatment guidelines for trans and gender diverse children - ABC News](#)

I add to my concerns by noting the 'after-school social club' requires no parental consent for children as young as 12 to attend because it's in actual fact, a health service. WIO currently uses its state government funding of \$900,000 (over 3 years) to provide an 'Affirmation Fund' to assist Tasmanian youth to access and pay for social and medical transition procedures which, as this WIO link shows, includes breast-binders, puberty blockers and hormones.

[Affirmation-Fund-Guidelines-Service-users.pdf](#)

This is further concerning given Pulse and Glenorchy Health have stated they may refer children who attend the after-school group, for further follow-up services with WIO, if it deems appropriate.

Response: No. (This program responds to identified needs, as detailed in answers to your previous questions).

Q3: Thirdly, will GCC withdraw its resourcing of the Northern Suburbs LGBTQI+ Afterschool Group for 12 - 18 year old, given it is over resourced? Currently, council's 'Community Development Team' provides use of GCC staff time (approx. 3 hours/month) and use of shared equipment, when this is actually a state health service and WIO are already well equipped. Working it Out is listed on the Australian Charity and Not for Profit website as having a yearly revenue of \$1,535,212.00

[Working It Out Inc. | ACNC](#)

This includes, WIO already receiving \$900,000 of state government funding over 3 years.

I ask these questions as a ratepayer who sees this situation as an instance of overfunding of a service, as it seems to stand in stark contrast to the plight of other services like Glenorchy's Aurora Learning Centre and its current plight, as outlined earlier this year in the Legislative Council.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=610394695402908>

Aurora Disability Services has had continual refusals from both federal and state governments over many years for its meagre requests for a part-time teacher of literacy and numeracy. Despite operating over for 25 years, it still remains under-resourced.

Response: No. (This program aligns with GCC Annual Plan Actions 2.1.1.1 and 2.1.1.2 and GCC's Community Strategy, as detailed in the reply to your previous questions).

Q4: In answers to my previous question to council (28/9/25) it was stated the Northern Suburbs LGBTQ I+ After School Group for 12-18 year olds would seek feedback. What data will be sought and how will feedback be gleaned?

Are parents and guardians considered stakeholders in the feedback process?

Response: The program will be evaluated by partner services and participants, feedback will not be sought from people who are not directly involved.

Question without Notice - Janiece Bryan, Montrose

THE DANGEROUS TENTACLES OF THE GAMBLING INDUSTRY wrecking the future lives of our children at their Sporting Clubs Questions asked - GCC Council Meeting 24th November 2025 in Agenda Item 8.3 - Council's Key commitment on Gambling Harm states "supporting measures that reduce gambling related risk and improve the safety and well-being of the community"

Q1: (a) Sport is meant to be a healthy activity for everyone but what has happened to Council's commitments on child abuse and gambling harm when it allows their once safe sporting facilities, attended by children, to form partnerships with sports betting platforms and be infiltrated by the gambling industry that grooms young people into a lifetime of addiction that will destroy their life and tells them they offer a quick 60 second sign up to gamble on their phones?

(b) What is the purpose for which the Glenorchy Knights Sporting Club has an over 13 closed group page that specifically states, "youth players between 13 and 17 years of age are accepted as members" and "Information on this page is for members only and must not be shared externally without permission from the page administrator." How can this be acceptable and determined safe when it lacks complete transparency when dealing with vulnerable children?

Glenorchy Knights Club also states "Flashscore.com offers Glenorchy Knights livescore..... and odds comparison.....) Glenorchy Knights scores service is real time, updating live.....You can follow 1000+ football competitions"

A1: [CEO] This question was taken on notice.

Q2: What action has the Council taken about the gambling related activities when the 5-year lease for the premises obtained under Right to Information and signed on 25th May 2023 states in Clause (r) Page 9 "must not allow gambling to occur on or off the Premises (the occurrence of which will amount to a fundamental breach of this Lease)"?

A2: [CEO] This question was taken on notice.

Question without Notice - Mala Crew, Glenorchy

Q1: In the spirit of transparency, would we be able to get access to commercial valuations on the Golden Years Club?

A1: [Director Environmental Services] They will be made available, but at the moment we are still in a commercial negotiation process. We do not want to undermine that process by publicly putting it out there right now, but Council will be committed to providing the information at the conclusion of the process.

Q2: Will it be the entire footprint, if you list each particular property and evaluation for each property?

A2: [Director Environmental Services] Yes, the documents that we have received do break them up.

7 PETITIONS/ADDRESSING COUNCIL MEETING

None.

COMMUNITY

Community Goal – Making Lives Better

8.1 ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Activities of the Mayor

Resolution:

Ald. Marks/Ald. Stringer

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report about the activities of Mayor Hickey during the period from Monday, 13 October 2025 to Sunday, 9 November 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

8.2 DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL LAND AT PART OF 318 MAIN ROAD, GLENORCHY (ALSO KNOWN AS THE HILL BEHIND EADY STREET RESERVE)

File Reference: Council Land - Disposal and Sale

Executive Summary

This report provides the results of the public notification and statutory advertising process carried out under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). During the public notification and statutory advertising period held between 11 August and 31 August 2025 three (3) objections were received in opposition to the disposal of part of 318 Main Road, Glenorchy, also known as the hill behind Eady Street Reserve (the Land).

Based on the results of the public notification and statutory advertising process it is recommend that Council resolves to dispose of the identified land at part of 318 Main Road, Glenorchy, also known as the hill behind Eady Street Reserve, by way of exclusive dealing with Homes Tasmania, with conditions of sale including: a requirement to grant a 'right of footway' easement to Council for public pedestrian access to be maintained; a requirement to pay the independent valuation amount for the land that is endorsed by the Office of the Valuer-General; and a requirement to pay an additional \$50,000 as a contribution towards the construction of the footway.

Resolution:

Cr. Kendall/Ald. Marks

That Council:

1. Having considered the objections lodged following public notification of its intention to dispose of the land at part of 318 Main Road, Glenorchy (CT213876/1), RESOLVE under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to proceed with the disposal of the land after, either:
 - (a) no appeal is instituted during the period available to objectors for making appeals; or
 - (b) if an appeal is instituted, the discontinuation or dismissal of that appeal.
 2. SERVE NOTICE in writing of its decision and the applicable appeal rights upon all objectors within 7 days after its decision.
 3. REQUIRE a condition of sale to include granting a right of footway easement to Council for public pedestrian access to be maintained from Bowden Street to Eady Street Reserve.
 4. REQUIRE the sale price to be in accordance with the independent valuation (**Attachment 1**) that has been endorsed by the Office of the Valuer-General (Attachment 2), in addition to a \$50,000 contribution towards the construction of a footway.
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The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Ald. Alderton

The motion was CARRIED.

8.3 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT ON GAMBLING HARM REDUCTION

File Reference: Statement of Commitment on Gambling Harm Reduction

Executive Summary

Glenorchy City Council has a long-standing commitment to fostering a safe, healthy and resilient community. Reducing gambling related harm remains an important focus given the significant social, financial and health impacts gambling can have on individuals, families and the broader community. As gambling trends continue to evolve, particularly with the rapid growth of online gambling, Council has a key leadership role in advocating for stronger consumer protections, supporting local services, and promoting community wellbeing.

This report recommends adoption of an updated Council Statement of Commitment on Gambling Harm Reduction, replacing the original statement adopted in 2020. The updated commitment reflects current evidence, changing community expectations, and the broader shifts in gambling behaviour. It articulates a clearer and more contemporary approach to harm reduction, with strengthened advocacy positions and an expanded focus on collaboration across government, service providers, community organisations and research partners.

The updated Statement aligns with the Glenorchy Community Strategy 2021–2030, particularly its goal of building a Safe, Healthy and Connected Community. It supports Council's ongoing work in social planning, community wellbeing initiatives, community safety, and partnerships with local organisations that assist people experiencing harm.

Council has already taken meaningful steps to address gambling harm, including collaboration with community services, advocacy for state and national harm-reduction measures, and participation in broader community wellbeing initiatives. The revised Statement formalises these efforts and provides a robust framework for future activity.

Key commitments within the updated Statement include:

- advocating for strengthened national and state gambling harm-reduction and consumer protection policies
- supporting measures that reduce gambling related risk and improve the safety and wellbeing of the community
- advocating against online gambling inducements and inducement advertising, and for modernised consumer protections such as mandatory pre-commitment systems
- working with community organisations, gambling reform advocates and service providers to ensure local support services are accessible, visible and adequately resourced, and
- sharing information and resources about gambling harm and available support pathways in collaboration with local and state partners.

Adopting this updated Statement will enable Council to continue demonstrating strong civic leadership, support vulnerable community members, and help build a safer and more resilient Glenorchy.

Alternative Motion:

Ald. Yaxley/Ald. Alderton

That Council:

1. ALTER the proposed Statement of Commitment on Gambling Harm Reduction to remove the following section:
 - a) Partner with community, gambling reform organisations and service providers to ensure support services are adequately funded, visible and accessible in our City.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Yaxley and Ald. Alderton

AGAINST: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was LOST.

Substantive Motion:

Ald. King/Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. APPROVE and ADOPT the proposed Statement of Commitment on Gambling Harm Reduction as presented in this report

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Ald. Yaxley and Ald. Alderton

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

ECONOMIC

Community Goal – Open for Business

9.1 GLENORCHY JOBS HUB 2025 - 2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

File Reference: Glenorchy Jobs Hub

Executive Summary

The Glenorchy Jobs Hub (GJH) was established in 2021 under the Tasmanian Government's Statewide Jobs Hubs Network to strengthen local employment outcomes and support industry workforce needs. Operated by Glenorchy City Council in partnership with Jobs Tasmania, the GJH provides place-based employment services that complement existing providers and respond to local labour market demands.

Since establishment, the GJH has achieved strong outcomes, including 1,770 job placements, 2,280 registered participants, 52 Jobs Champions inducted, and 20 Jobs Pledges signed. The program is funded under a five-year, \$3.6 million Grant Deed with the Tasmanian Government, with future instalments contingent on meeting governance and reporting obligations.

To secure the upcoming funding tranche (Instalment 9 totalling \$300,000), Council is required to approve and submit three key documents to Jobs Tasmania by mid-December 2025:

1. A two-year Strategic Plan
2. A detailed Project Plan
3. Updated Steering Committee Terms of Reference and membership

These documents have been developed collaboratively by Council officers, industry representatives, and the Steering Committee with support from an external facilitator. The Steering Committee has endorsed all documents and now seeks Council approval as the final decision-making body for the program. Approval will enable the timely release of funding and support the ongoing delivery and growth of the Glenorchy Jobs Hub.

Resolution:

Ald. Cockshutt/Cr. Kendall

That Council:

1. APPROVE the Glenorchy Jobs Hub Two-Year Strategic Plan (2025–2027).
2. APPROVE the Glenorchy Jobs Hub Project Plan (2025–2027).
3. APPROVE the updated Steering Committee Terms of Reference and membership.
4. AUTHORISE the General Manager to submit these documents to Jobs Tasmania in accordance with the requirements of the Grant Deed for the release of Instalment 9.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

9.2 TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION 2026-27 - GCC SUBMISSION

File Reference: Executive Office

Executive Summary

The Tasmanian Government has commenced early engagement to inform the development of the 2026–27 State Budget, inviting input from councils and the broader community to help shape priorities and decisions.

The Government faces significant challenges:

- rising costs in service delivery, particularly in health and education
- broader economic pressures requiring difficult trade-offs
- the need to maintain flexibility for future shocks, such as a COVID-type event

The Government’s focus is on budgeting to protect future generations, ensuring essential services are maintained while identifying practical savings, opportunities to reprioritise, and smarter ways to invest public resources.

Council’s engagement in this process is critical to advocate for community priorities, highlight opportunities for efficiency, and ensure Glenorchy’s needs are represented in decisions that will shape Tasmania’s future.

Closing on 7 December, this engagement is being conducted through the official “Have Your Say – Pre-Budget Consultation 2026–27” process that involves responding to five key questions designed to guide feedback on budget priorities and savings opportunities, ensuring submissions are focused and consistent across contributors.

All projects for which Council is seeking funding are identified as priority initiatives as outlined in the attached Priority Project Prospectus, and each issue addressed is of strategic importance to Council’s operations and long-term objectives.

It should be noted that grant programs and other funding opportunities are managed separately. This process is specifically about shaping how Government prioritises services, projects, and initiatives.

Resolution:

Ald. Stringer/Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. ENDORSE the responses to the five questions posed in Tasmanian Government's Pre-Budget Consultation 2026-27.
2. MAKE a submission to the Tasmanian Government Pre-Budget Consultation 2026-27 by 7 December 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENT

Community Goal – Valuing our Environment

No reports for this agenda item for this meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

11.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of Council's financial performance for the year-to-date ending 31 October 2025. Overall, Council is tracking favourably against the 2025/26 Budget, with the year-to-date operating result performing \$1.615 million better than budget. Both revenue and expenditure are exhibiting positive variances, and no material issues have been identified that require corrective action prior to the mid-year budget review.

Operational revenue is currently \$0.556 million (0.80%) above budget, with all major revenue sources performing consistently and in line with expectations. Apart from a recommended variation relating to a newly received State Government grant, no further revenue amendments are required at this stage.

Operational expenditure is \$1.059 million (3.9%) below budget, largely reflecting timing differences in the payment of materials and services. These variances are considered temporary and will be monitored through to the mid-year review. Overall expenditure remains well-controlled, and no remedial action is required.

Non-operating items are tracking within expected ranges. Capital grant revenue is on target at \$4.720 million, while monetary and non-monetary contributions remain at zero, consistent with their ad-hoc nature. Asset disposals currently reflect a small net gain of \$89,000, noting that gains and losses depend on the relationship between sale price, book value, and derecognition of assets. No assets have been written off year-to-date.

Year-to-date expenditure on the capital works program totals \$6.522 million, slightly ahead of the phased budget. A detailed quarterly capital works update will continue to be provided to Council.

Significant progress has been made on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool upgrade, with approximately 35% of contract works completed as of 31 October 2025. Works remain on schedule for completion within the financial year, with \$1.181 million spent against a total project budget of \$6.500 million.

Council has also received a \$500,000 grant from the Department of State Growth to prepare a Corridor Plan under the Northern Suburbs Transit Growth Strategy. A budget variation is proposed to recognise the grant revenue and establish corresponding expenditure allocations.

Further details on financial performance, capital works, and variance analysis are provided in **Attachment 1** to this report.

Resolution:

Ald. Stringer/Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the attached report on Councils financial performance to
2. 31 October 2025.
3. APPROVE an alteration to the 2025/26 Budget Estimates pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* by increasing operational Grant revenue by \$500,000 to \$8.259 million.
4. APPROVE an alteration to the 2025/26 Budget Estimates pursuant to section 82(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* by increasing operational Materials & Services expenditure by \$500,000 to \$22.853 million.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

11.2 PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS

File Reference: Procurement

Executive Summary

In accordance with section 333B of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council has adopted a Code for Tenders and Contracts (the Code).

Under the Code, a report must be prepared for Council detailing any instances where the usual public tender or quotation has not been applied. Such procurement exemptions are to be reported at the earliest ordinary Council meeting following the execution of a contract or issue of a purchase order.

This report details procurement exemptions that were approved during the October/November period.

Resolution:

Cr. Kendall/Ald. Marks

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the exemption for the supply of body worn camera products and services.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

11.3 COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2026

File Reference: Council Meetings

Executive Summary

This report presents the proposed schedule of Council, Glenorchy Planning Authority (GPA), Annual General Meeting (AGM), and Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee (CEOPRC) meetings for 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015. The Regulations require Council to determine the commencement times of its meetings, review those times following each ordinary election, and publish the times and places of ordinary meetings for the next 12 months.

The meeting schedule for 2026 maintains Council's established practice of holding ordinary meetings on the last Monday of each month at 3.30pm, a format that continues to be well received by the community, particularly with the availability of live streaming and recorded meeting content. Two variations to the standard schedule are proposed to accommodate the Australia Day public holiday in January and the end-of-year shutdown period in December.

The proposed dates for GPA meetings follow the Committee's current monthly schedule and reflect its requirement to commence meetings at or after 3.30pm, except for January where an adjusted time is required. The 2026 AGM is proposed for Monday, 7 December 2026 at 6.00pm, allowing adequate separation from the preceding GPA meeting. The CEOPRC meeting is also scheduled for 2026, consistent with its annual review obligations.

The rationale for retaining the current meeting commencement times reflects three key considerations: accessibility for the community, the need to support effective and timely decision-making, and the importance of maintaining an appropriate work-life balance for Elected Members and staff. The proposed schedule provides continuity, supports operational efficiency, and aligns with community expectations.

Subject to Council approval, the Chief Executive Officer will publish the meeting schedule in The Mercury and on Council's website in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Resolution:

Ald. Alderton/Ald. Yaxley

That Council:

1. ADOPT the dates and times for Ordinary Council meetings, the Annual General Meeting, Glenorchy Planning Authority meetings, and the Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review Committee meeting for the 2026 calendar year as set out in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this report.
2. NOTE that a public notice containing the times and places of the Ordinary Council meetings and Glenorchy Planning Authority meetings will be published in accordance with regulation 7(2) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

11.4 NOTICES OF MOTION - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

Question without notice - Alderman Alderton

Q1: I have been bombarded with emails about the Pulse and Glenorchy Health. Can we also revisit Angela Strk's questions and fix the broken web page links that were in the agenda?

A1: [CEO] We will look into it and fix the links in her questions (for the minutes).

[Mayor] I think the position of this Council has always been that Glenorchy City Council has a strong commitment to visibility, respect and inclusion of all people in our community. There is a need for this service and that's what Council is fulfilling in partnership with other organisations.

Resolution:

Cr. Kendall/Ald. Stringer

That the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR: Ald. Hickey, Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED: Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 5:16pm

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a 5-minute break and members of the public left the meeting.

The meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 5:16pm.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The closed session commenced at 5:16pm.

12.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

12.2 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

12.3 RATIFICATION OF NEW CHAIR APPOINTMENT

This item is to be considered at a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, in accordance with the following reason(s):

15(2)(a) (Personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the Council and industrial relations matters).

12.4 NOTICES OF MOTION - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/ WITHOUT NOTICE

The meeting was moved from Closed back into Open Council.

The Open Council Meeting recommenced at 5:46pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5:46pm.

Confirmed:

Chair