



# **MINUTES**

## **Glenorchy City Council Meeting**

**held at the Council Chambers**

**on Tuesday, 27 January 2026**

**at 3:30 pm**



- Present (in Chambers):** Alderman Russell Yaxley (Acting Mayor), Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Tim Marks, Peter Ridler, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer 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), Warren Yates (Manager Community), 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, 19 January 2026**Purpose:** To present and discuss:

- Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS)
- 2026 Priority Projects
- City of Hobart Notice of Motion regarding Amalgamation with City of Glenorchy

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 33 viewers and four 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

Mayor Sue Hickey

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (OPEN MEETING)

### Resolution:

Ald. Alderton/Ald. Slade

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 15 December 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

#### **Glenorchy Pool**

- Concrete has now been poured for the new accessible ramp, bringing us another step closer to a more inclusive and welcoming facility for everyone.
- Inside the change rooms, the first coat of paint has gone up on the walls, giving a real sense of how the refreshed spaces will look and feel.
- New windows have also been installed, improving natural light and energy efficiency, and plastering works are nearly complete.
- It's fantastic to see the project taking shape as we work towards delivering a modern, accessible and community-focused pool for Glenorchy by the start of next summer.
- Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates and progress photos as works continue.

#### **Goodwood Family Fun Day**

- Tomorrow Council is hosting a free family fun day at Giblins Reserve, Goodwood from 12 – 2pm.
- Join us for a relaxed afternoon of community gathering filled with connection and activities.
- There will be lots of fun activities for the whole family and we will be launching an exciting partnership with Woolworths that will see them providing food and drink for our monthly BBQs that we hold on the front lawns of Chambers.
- Activities will include a free BBQ, basketball, giant bubbles and games, a paper plane competition, free biochar and native plants, coffee from Van Demon's Café, and activities with Karadi including the Deadly Choices health program and AFL Tasmania.

#### **Citizenship Ceremony**

- Tomorrow evening we will host our first Citizenship Ceremony for 2026 where we will induct 80 new Australian Citizens from 29 countries into our community.
- As one of the most multi-cultural Councils in Tasmania we are proud to welcome each and every one of these new citizens to the City of Glenorchy.

#### **Open Workshop**

- Our first open workshop for 2026 is next Monday 2 February at 3.30pm.
- Join us in person or online to hear from Greyhound Rescue campaigner, Rosie Saville who will be joined by Jimmy the greyhound.
- With the ending of the greyhound racing industry in Tasmania in 2029, Rosie will outline the potential outcomes of greyhound ownership transferring to pet owners and what that means for local councils and their residents.

**Glenorchy Open Field Day**

- Council is partnering with Municipal Works Australia to host a field day on Wednesday 25 February from 9 am – 12 pm at Tolosa Park.
- Local government operations and their team members are invited to attend this regional field day where they will be able to test drive equipment and see the latest approach to municipal works.
- The event will conclude with a BBQ lunch and the guest speaker will be Brendan Gale, Managing Director and CEO of the Tassie Devils Football Club who will provide an update on future plans for the club.

## 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.

Alderman Steven King declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8.4.

## 5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

**Question with notice – Lucinda Shannon**

**Received Tuesday, 9 December 2025**

**Asked during December 2025 Council meeting**

**Response sent by email Wednesday, 24 December 2025**

**My name is Lucy (she/her) and I am proud to live in Moonah, and proud of the unique culture we enjoy here in the Glenorchy Council area. I was very happy to read in recent council papers about the after school program providing support and social opportunities for young LGBTIQA+ community members, but very disturbed to see the anti-equality rhetoric present in the questions to council in November's meeting.**

**As a ratepayer and LGBTIQA+ community member, I want to be reassured that elected members understand the harm created by anti-equality campaigners, who have manipulated and distorted the facts about trans and gender diverse individuals and their essential health care.**

**Trans people are our family members, our neighbours, our friends and work colleagues. The anti-rights activism, like that demonstrated at the November meeting, seeks to rob our neighbours, family members, friends of the rights that the**

rest of us enjoy. It especially makes me fearful for the health, wellbeing and freedom of the trans and gender diverse young people I know and care about. When we rob our young people of their right to be safe, well and cared for, our community also misses out on the incredible contribution that each young person can make. We all lose and our community is poorer for it. The rights and freedom of trans people is not a niche issue - it is something that impacts every one of us.

**Q1: Knowing that LGBTIQ+ young people experience much higher than average rates of bullying, poor mental health due to stigma and higher rates of suicidality, will council commit to keep funding and expanding essential programs like the after school pride group?**

Response:

The after school pride group is currently resourced through our Community Development team, under Glenorchy City Council's (Council's) Annual Plan 2025/26 priority actions (<https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/GCC10749-Annual-Plan-2025-26-WEB-OP.pdf> page 12):

2.1.1.1 Deliver programs to improve opportunities for our young people.

2.1.1.4 Partner with the government and community organisations that improve community safety and inclusion.

Participation in this group has been steady, demonstrating the program meets a need for young people in our community. Council remains committed to partnering with relevant organisations to deliver programs which benefit our community, including young people and LGBTIQ+ community members. Council is committed to building inclusion and safety for all community members, including LGBTIQ+ community.

**Q2: The Cass report cited by previous questions has been widely discredited, "based on prejudice not on evidence" (Scientific American <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-u-k-s-cass-review-badly-fails-trans-children/>).**

The British Medical Association withdrew support for this paper in August 2024 <https://can-sg.org/2024/11/07/the-cass-review-and-the-bma-the-story-of-a-u-turn/>.

**Will GCC commit to seeking evidence from Tasmanians with lived experience and state advocacy organisations like Equality Tasmania & Working it Out Tasmania when making decisions that affect the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ community members?**

Response:

Under Council's Community Engagement Policy (2023), Council is committed to engaging with its communities on issues that affect them : ([https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Community-Engagement-Policy-2023-Final-V2\\_.pdf](https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Community-Engagement-Policy-2023-Final-V2_.pdf)).

Under this policy, in December 2024 Council invited community to create a working group of LGBTIQ+ residents to develop the LGBTIQ+ Community Inclusion Survey, to analyse the results and to prepare the survey report. This process has been led by LGBTIQ+ community members with a diversity of lived experience.

Council is committed to building relationships with key stakeholders to deliver programs which benefit our community, and will seek expert advice from relevant organisations to inform our programs and policies.

Council will ensure our programs and policies are informed by best practice and community need, and comply with human rights, child safety and other legislation including the *Anti-Discrimination Act (1998)*.

**Q3: Knowing that bad actors and anti-equality campaigns are lobbying GCC directly in the form of questions like those in the Nov council meeting, will GCC make a firm and clear commitment to inclusion, and to speak out against hateful rhetoric that harms LGBTIQ+ community members?**

Response:

Council was the first Tasmanian council to make a public commitment to LGBT Inclusion (Social Plan 2004).

Council's Community Strategy 2021-30 committed Council to "Promote pride and inclusion of the LGBTIQ community" as part of the "Accessible, inclusive and diverse" priority. In line with this objective, Council is developing a Statement of Commitment to LGBTIQ+ Inclusion, which will guide Council's advocacy and activities.

A community engagement process has been carried out by Council officers over the last twelve months to ensure Council's Statement of Commitment to LGBTIQ+ Inclusion meets community expectations and delivers a meaningful action plan, setting out steps which Council can take to support a more inclusive community in the future.

The Chairperson of each Council meeting introduces public question time with the following briefing (item 6. Public Question Time briefing): "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",

and if the question is deemed to be inappropriate or not comply with the rules of the meeting, an answer may be refused.

**Q4: In the context of the Tasmanian government's recently launched LGBTIQ+ inclusion strategy "our inclusive island", will GCC commit to financially supporting programs and other actions that centre on LGBTIQ+ inclusion?**

Response:

As above: Council will receive the "LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Consultation Report" in early 2026, which will contain recommendations to Council, a draft Statement of Commitment to LGBTIQ+ Inclusion and a draft Action Plan. Any budget implications will be considered after that report is received.

Council received a grant through the Department of Premier and Cabinet's LGBTIQ+ Community Grants to deliver a series of LGBTIQ+ inclusion workshops to Council staff and community members throughout the 2025-26 financial year.

These workshops, delivered by Working It Out Tasmania, build confidence in using LGBTIQ+ inclusive language and provoke discussions about how services in our community can be more inclusive. Four of the seven workshops are complete; workshops in Moonah, Chigwell and Goodwood are planned for early 2026, which will be advertised through Council's social media and other networks.

**Q5. Will the Alder people and Councillor here also commit as individuals to finding out more about trans and gender diverse people FROM trans and gender diverse people? Not from people who just want to have a say, but people with that actual direct lived experience, because there are plenty of resources out there, resources like Working It Out and individual community members who I know would be glad to share their experience with them."**

Response:

Council officers worked closely with a working group made up of LGBTIQ+ community members with a diversity of lived experience, who helped make our LGBTIQ+ Inclusion Community Consultation as inclusive and accessible as possible.

This group has been involved with the analysis of survey results and the creation of the report, which will be presented to Council in early 2026. Group members will participate in presenting the LGBTIQ+ Inclusion consultation report and recommendations to Council.

Elected Members and Council leadership participated in an "LGBTIQ+ Inclusive Leadership" workshop in September 2025, which was presented by people from the LGBTIQ+ community.

Council convenes the Access and Inclusion Special Committee, which oversees Council's strategy to facilitate and advocate for a welcoming, inclusive community, and actively contributes to the development of a welcoming, respectful, accessible and inclusive community as described in the Glenorchy City Council Community Development Action Plan.

**Question without Notice - Angela Strk, Rosetta**

**Asked at Council meeting on Monday, 15 December 2025**

**Response sent by email Monday, 19 January 2026**

**Firstly, I'd like to thank Council for their work on the pool and for the Claremont Wetland Boardwalk.**

**My question, however, relates to an email that I sent to all councillors and the mayor on the 23rd of November, of which I've had no response from except for Mr. Alderton. Thank you.**

**My email was and my question is about putting forward a motion for Glenorchy City Council to remove itself from the partnership with the not-for-profit organisation Working It Out to run the pilot, LGBTQIA+ after-school group for 12 to 18 year olds at the Glenorchy Health Centre, I want to underline that I am not asking for the removal of the group I'm asking about, removal of Council's partnership with that particular organisation.**

**I'm asking for a detailed explanation about why you would not withdraw from this partnership.**

**I'm asking for this motion because such a partnership with working it out does seem to be in conflict with Glenorchy City Council's statement of commitment to safeguarding children, young people and to protect their well-being.**

**This is because and as an educator and parent Working It Out currently provides controversial services and counselling to children and young people who may display symptoms of gender dysphoria and distress, otherwise known as identifying as trans, and these are the young people that may be attending the after-school group.**

**Working It Out is a has publicly advertised an affirmation fund to recommend and support access to puberty blockers, cross sex hormones and breast binders to young people.**

**Yet the evidence around the world and in Australia shows that these treatments do not support young people's well-being.**

**Working it out has openly promoted the idea to children and in schools that it is possible to be born in the wrong body, to have a gender identity.**

**That is at odds with one's body and that body modification and taking medicines can alleviate this distress which they call is a form of gender affirmation.**

**The treatments of prescribing puberty blockers and cross sex hormones. Treatments which working it out advocates for have been banned in QLD, New Zealand, Sweden, Finland, the US and in the UK, with the recent closure of the Tavistock Centre.**

**How could this be compatible with Glenorchy City Council's statement of commitment to safeguarding young children?**

**I want to add to my question of why you would not pass a motion and explain this to me about moving yourself from this partnership with Working It Out, noting Council has committed resources and staff and time to support working out pilot program in Glenorchy.**

**Disregarding the fact, it would seem that Working It Out already has a yearly revenue of \$1.5 million and is supported with a grant of over \$900,000 / 3 years from the state government.**

**Q1: Can you please answer my questions as above?**

A1: [Mayor] I know you are a very passionate about this issue.

[CEO] These questions were taken on notice.

Response:

Glenorchy City Council will not consider a motion to remove itself from partnership with not-for-profit organisation Working It Out Tasmania.

Glenorchy City Council is proud of its culturally diverse community in Greater Hobart, and is known for its rich mix of backgrounds, including significant populations from many countries and local Aboriginal heritage. The City Council actively promotes inclusion through initiatives like the Welcoming Cities Network, anti-racism campaigns and partnering with community-led organisations like Working It Out Tasmania and with services such as Pulse Youth Health Service, making sure that programs genuinely reflect the needs of LGBTIQ+ people in Glenorchy and to foster a vibrant, connected and inclusive community.

Council wants children and young people to thrive, be safe, happy and empowered. Glenorchy City Council is committed to building a city where everyone feels safe, valued and included.

As detailed in responses to your previous questions in September and November 2025, all Glenorchy City Council programs comply with Tasmanian Law including the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act (2023). This law also applies to all the other organisations operating in Tasmania, including organisations that council partners with to ensure a diverse range of programs and activities are available in our municipality to meet our community's needs.

The Tasmanian Government Department of Health “delivers a public gender affirming care service and is committed to ensuring the ongoing availability of this service in response to increasing demand” (DPAC, Our Inclusive Island, p16:

[https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0030/473592/Tasmania-LGBTIQA-Strategy-2025-30.pdf](https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/473592/Tasmania-LGBTIQA-Strategy-2025-30.pdf)).

There is ample research showing the proven mental health and wellbeing benefits of all forms of gender affirmation (social, medical, legal) for young people in Australia, including but not limited to:

- Grant, R., Amos, N., Lin, A., Cook, T., Hill, A. O., Pang, K., ... & Bourne, A. (2024). Mental health and wellbeing outcomes associated with social, medical, and legal gender affirmation among trans young people in Australia. *International Journal of Transgender Health*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26895269.2024.2366881>
- Amos, N., Grant, R., Lin, A., Hill, A. O., Pang, K. C., Skinner, S. R., ... & Bourne, A. (2025). Mental Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Among Trans Young People in Australia Who are Supported to Affirm Their Gender. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2025.03.011>
- Strauss, P., Winter, S., Waters, Z., Wright Toussaint, D., Watson, V., & Lin, A. (2022). Perspectives of trans and gender diverse young people accessing primary care and gender-affirming medical services: Findings from Trans Pathways. *International Journal of Transgender Health*, 23(3), 295-307. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26895269.2021.1884925>

## 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 – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta****Received Wednesday 10 December 2025, advised too late for the December meeting****Response sent by email on Monday, 19 January 2026**

I recently read on the Mercury website a story about the debate in Burnie Council regarding the Marinus Link project. The Mercury article says that "Mayor Teeny Brumby excused herself from the vote due to a conflict of interest stemming from her public support for the project". I'd like some clarification.

**Q1: If a mayor expresses a public position (for or against) a proposed project, is that by itself enough to constitute a conflict of interest?**

Response: No, see comments below.

**Q2: If any councillor expresses a public position, does the same apply?**

Response: No, see comments below.

**Q3: If any councillor publicly lobbies for or against a proposed project, is that by itself enough to constitute a conflict of interest?**

Response: No, not by itself.

Part 2 of the *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024*, does impose important limitations, including that there cannot be a personal or private interest involved as well. An elected representative is expected to "openly and honestly in the public interest" debate various matters, with the Mayor acting as the spokesperson for the Council. In all their duties, Elected Members are to "give genuine and impartial consideration to all relevant information known".

However, in some circumstances an Elected Member will be making administrative decisions, such as when they attend the Glenorchy Planning Authority meetings. There they will have a duty to uphold the legislated planning scheme, and are expected to approach the issue with an "open and unprejudiced" mind.

**Question without Notice - Janiece Bryan, Montrose**

**Q1: Has there been a legislative compliance review regarding uncompetitive contracts by the Tender Review Committee as required on page 19 of the code?**

A1: [CEO] This is in the closed agenda regarding pool operations. Council did go to tender for that service and enter the contract with an operator. That contract was paused or terminated, which allowed us to stop using that service. What we are doing is looking at recommencing that contract, so it is not contract splitting. The discussion will happen tonight in Closed Council meeting and the outcomes of that will be released publicly to everyone so they are aware of what is going to be put in place.

**Q2: Why are Aldermen being asked to vote when we are three years on from the previous contract that you spoke about?**

A2: [CEO] At the completion of this contract we will be going out to tender again. There are a number of reasons why we are looking at recommencing the contract that was paused and they will be discussed in the Closed Council meeting this evening and then the results will be released publicly.

**Question without Notice - Mala Crew, Glenorchy**

**Q1: Is GCC committed to providing an accessible and inclusive system where all ages and abilities are not isolated? Do you have the loop system in place and have you ensured that it works?**

A1: [CEO] Council did have a hearing loop, but this is older technology. Council now has an infrared system that links to the hearing aids that are on the desk, so if anyone does have a hearing disability, they can put those headsets on, and it links to them. The microphone picks up the talking and takes it straight to the headset. This has recently been checked and is working.

**Q2: You have an obligation to make sure that you have subtitles in real time?**

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

**Question without Notice - Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta**

**Q1: Last November the mayor mentioned the Council plan to install carparks in the Main Road and in the Moonah CBD. I have heard nothing more on that subject. Was council intending to consult with the public as well as businesses. What can you tell me about the progress on that project?**

A1: [CEO] We have made some progress and we have completed some design work. There has been some consultation with the businesses. We did have a session out of hours and invited the businesses to make contributions and we are progressing. I think you will see a bit more over this year.

[Director Infrastructure and Development] The next stage following the public session was to speak with Metro Tasmania about the possibility of relocating some bus stops on Main Road to allow us to put parklets where they would most benefit business. We did trials of the locations with Metro that were successful.

The next stage is to do some targeted consultation with businesses that are directly affected by where they will be located, in regards to impacts on parking and the like. Once we have completed that targeted consultation, we will then do broader consultation with the public.

**Q2: With the item on the agenda Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy - it mentions recycling service on soft plastics which has been implemented. What can you tell me about it?**

A2: [CEO] There is one company that provides a service in Southern Tasmania, however they require a central location depot type setup where you deposit the soft plastics and they will collect it.

[Director Environmental Services] It is free of charge for residents, they can drop off and items are recycled. It is fairly expensive and a high energy usage process. If residents do have soft plastics it can be taken to Jackson Street Landfill for recycling.

**[Eddy Steenbergen] Is it a trial or a real thing?**

[CEO] It is not a trial, it is here to stay, it will be permanent until State Government introduces their policy where they will impose a ban on single use plastics.

**[Eddy Steenbergen] Although it is free to the public, Is Council paying for that service?**

[CEO] Yes, Glenorchy City Council will pay for the service because it is a private operator that picks up the soft plastics and takes it away for processing and I believe it is the same company that other councils use.

**Q3: About the new priority projects, Berriedale Playspace, why now?**

A3: [CEO] It is due for asset renewal and is getting a lot of use. It is dependent on receiving grant funds.

**Q4: Did you get a chance to consider a location further north where there is greater need, like Austins Ferry?**

A4: [Director Environmental Services] There is a large piece of land set aside specifically for that, it is still probably a couple of years away. As you are aware Council is working on a large potential land disposal nearby at 261 Main Road, Granton. If that proceeds, Officers intend to recommend some of those disposal funds to be allocated to the playspace in the Whitestone Point development area.

## 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:**

Cr. Kendall/Ald. Alderton

That Council:

1.   RECEIVE and NOTE the report about the activities of Mayor Hickey during the period from Monday, 8 December 2025 to Sunday, 11 January 2026.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:**           Nil

**ABSTAINED:**       Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

## 8.2 GLENORCHY YOUTH HUB

File Reference: Youth Hub Establishment

### Executive Summary

Glenorchy City Council is proposing the establishment of a permanent Youth Hub in the Glenorchy Central Business District to support vulnerable young people aged 12 to 17 years of age and respond to ongoing community concerns relating to youth wellbeing, antisocial behaviour, and social exclusion. The proposed Youth Hub will provide a safe, welcoming and well-supervised environment during the critical after school period, offering young people positive alternatives, access to support services, and pathways to education, health, and employment.

The Youth Hub concept is grounded in strong evidence and extensive youth and community feedback. Youth Hubs across Tasmania have demonstrated measurable benefits, including improved wellbeing and mental health, reduced contact with the justice system, stronger community connection, and enhanced life and employment skills. Importantly, Youth Hubs function as coordinated service points, ensuring young people's voices are heard while enabling government and community organisations to work collaboratively and more effectively. The Glenorchy Youth Hub will also provide culturally appropriate and targeted support, including for Aboriginal young people and those experiencing housing instability or other vulnerabilities.

Just prior to the 2025 Christmas break, Council was advised that it had been successful in securing a \$1 million grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund to establish the Youth Hub, following submission of the Glenorchy Youth Hub Project Plan, included as **Attachment 1** to this report. This funding will be provided over five years from 2026 to 2031 and will support core after-school operations, including youth-led programming, three part-time Youth Engagement Officers, nutritious food provision, and capped operational overheads.

Council will co-fund key elements of the initiative, including the Safe City Lead, one Youth Engagement Officer, facilities, and shared corporate services. The project is further strengthened by a \$500,000 commitment from the Tasmanian Government, announced as part of the most recent state election, and a \$250,000 private bequest to support the fit-out of the facility.

The Youth Hub will operate Monday to Friday between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm as an open access, youth only space. It will offer a mix of quiet and social zones, study areas, creative activities, light food, and structured wellbeing and engagement programs, while also facilitating warm introductions to external support services. The model builds on successful Council led outdoor pilot programs that have already demonstrated reductions in antisocial behaviour in the Glenorchy CBD and aligns strongly with Council's Community Strategy, included as **Attachment 2** to this report, priorities for safety, inclusion and opportunity.

Location has been identified as a critical success factor. Following negotiations with the Salvation Army, Council has secured an initial five-year lease over the lower level of the Terry Street building adjacent to the Council Chambers while further negotiations to purchase this building continue. This centrally located site offers excellent access to

public transport via the nearby Bus Interchange, direct access to the City's central recreation park, the ability to provide both indoor and outdoor supervised activities, sufficient separation from the main retail strip, and capacity to accommodate supplementary services. Alternative locations, including the former Golden Years Club building, were considered but discounted following youth advice that proximity to public transport was essential for safety and accessibility.

The Glenorchy Youth Hub will operate with appropriate staffing ratios, strong governance, and a youth led programming approach. Performance and impact will be evaluated using a Results Based Accountability Framework, with baseline data collected at commencement, annual progress reporting, and a final independent evaluation in 2031. The initiative represents a strategic, well-funded, and evidence based investment in Glenorchy's young people and broader community wellbeing.

Approval is sought for Council to enter into and execute the Deed of Grant Funding Agreement with the Tasmanian Community Fund, enabling the project to commence in early 2026 with an intention to provide a staged "soft" opening in April 2026.

**Resolution:**

Ald. King/Ald. Marks

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the report on Glenorchy Youth Hub Establishment.
2. ENDORSE the implementation of the Youth Hub project in accordance with the Project Plan included as **Attachment 1** and the Community Strategy 2021 – 2030 included as **Attachment 2**.
3. APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Grant Deed and Funding Agreement from the Tasmanian Community Fund for \$1 million over five years to support the Glenorchy Youth Hub establishment.
4. RESOLVE that Council's co-contribution and governance arrangements be maintained to ensure project sustainability during the 5-year grant funded period.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

### 8.3 FEEDBACK FROM THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE POTENTIAL DISPOSAL OF 16A CAMDEN CRESCENT, MOONAH

File Reference: 16a Camden Crescent, Moonah

#### Executive Summary

At its meeting of 25 August 2025, Council resolved to investigate the potential disposal of 16a Camden Crescent (the Land), by way of long-term lease to the Returned & Services League of Australia, Tasmania Branch (RSL Tasmania) for the purposes of veteran transition housing, and to undertake community consultation prior to commencing the statutory disposal process under Section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Community engagement was undertaken between 26 September and 10 October 2025, consistent with Council's Community Engagement Framework. Twenty-two (22) formal submissions were received, with twelve (12) respondents supporting the proposed disposal and ten (10) who did not.

The key themes raised included concerns regarding the loss of green open space, potential traffic and parking impacts, uncertainty regarding development scale and design, questions about the suitability of the site for the intended resident group, and requests for ongoing communication throughout the process. Officers have considered these matters to ensure that the proposal remains consistent with Council's strategic objectives, particularly Council's Statement of Commitment on Housing.

The Land comprises three (3) titles, all which were believed to be in Council ownership. Investigations however identified that the middle title is not owned by Council and appears to have been abandoned. Council has therefore commenced an adverse possession claim in respect of this lot.

Given the potential duration of this process and RSL Tasmania's funding timeframes, this report recommends that, following the completion of the adverse possession claim, Council commence the Section 178 public land disposal process for 16A Camden Crescent by way of long-term lease to RSL Tasmania in the first instance.

Should negotiations not proceed with RSL Tasmania, it is further recommended that the disposal process continue by way of sale, providing a further statutory opportunity for public submissions prior to any final decision by Council.

**An alternative motion was moved.**

**Alternative motion:**

Ald. Alderton/Cr. Kendall

That Council remove clause 3 (below) from the original motion:

3. RESOLVE that, should a lease with RSL Tasmania not be executed within a reasonable timeframe following completion of the section 178 process, Council intends to continue the disposal process by way of sale, with any such proposal subject to a further Council decision following statutory public consultation.

The alternative motion was put.

**FOR:** Ald. Alderton and Cr. Kendall

**AGAINST:** Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. Marks, Ald. Ridler, Ald. Slade and Ald. Stringer

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The alternative motion was LOST.

**The substantive motion:**

Ald. Cockshutt/Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. RESOLVE, subject to the successful conclusion of the adverse possession claim over the middle title, to form an intention under section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 to dispose of 16a Camden Crescent, Moonah (CT 84713/1 and CT 84713/2) by way of long-term lease to the Returned & Services League of Australia, Tasmania Branch (RSL Tasmania), in the first instance.
  2. RESOLVE that the proposed disposal be progressed by way of a long-term lease to RSL Tasmania for a term of 15 years with one further option of 15 years, on the basis that:
    - a. ownership of the land is retained by Council;
    - b. all buildings, fixtures and improvements revert to Council upon expiry or termination of the lease;
    - c. RSL Tasmania bears all costs associated with development, approvals, maintenance and ongoing operation of the land;
    - d. the land is used solely for veteran transition housing or a substantially similar community benefit purpose; and
    - e. all development remains subject to the requirements of Council's Planning Scheme and applicable statutory approvals.
  3. RESOLVE that, should a lease with RSL Tasmania not be executed within a reasonable timeframe following completion of the section 178 process, Council intends to continue the disposal process by way of sale, with any such proposal subject to a further Council decision following statutory public consultation.
  4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to:
    - f. undertake all actions necessary to publicly notify Council's intention to dispose of the land in accordance with section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Disposal of Council Land Policy; and
    - g. receive and report to Council on any objections lodged pursuant to section 178(6) of the Act, together with officer recommendations.
  5. CONFIRM that Council's consideration of this proposal reflects:
    - h. the strategic release of underutilised Council land for housing;
    - i. Council's Statement of Commitment on Housing;
    - j. the availability of alternative public open space within the locality; and
    - k. Council's obligation to manage public assets responsibly for the long-term benefit of the community.
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**An amended motion was moved.****Amended motion:**

Cr. Kendall/Ald. Alderton

That Council amend the motion for clause 3:

1. RESOLVE, subject to the successful conclusion of the adverse possession claim over the middle title, to form an intention under section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 to dispose of 16a Camden Crescent, Moonah (CT 84713/1 and CT 84713/2) by way of long-term lease to the Returned & Services League of Australia, Tasmania Branch (RSL Tasmania), in the first instance.
  2. RESOLVE that the proposed disposal be progressed by way of a long-term lease to RSL Tasmania for a term of 15 years with one further option of 15 years, on the basis that:
    - a. ownership of the land is retained by Council;
    - b. all buildings, fixtures and improvements revert to Council upon expiry or termination of the lease;
    - c. RSL Tasmania bears all costs associated with development, approvals, maintenance and ongoing operation of the land;
    - d. the land is used solely for veteran transition housing or a substantially similar community benefit purpose; and
    - e. all development remains subject to the requirements of Council's Planning Scheme and applicable statutory approvals.
  3. RESOLVE that, should a lease with RSL Tasmania not be executed within a reasonable timeframe following completion of the section 178 process, Council intends to continue the disposal process by way of sale, with any such proposal subject to a fresh section 178 process including informal consultations.
  4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to:
    - f. undertake all actions necessary to publicly notify Council's intention to dispose of the land in accordance with section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Disposal of Council Land Policy; and
    - g. receive and report to Council on any objections lodged pursuant to section 178(6) of the Act, together with officer recommendations.
  5. CONFIRM that Council's consideration of this proposal reflects:
    - h. the strategic release of underutilised Council land for housing;
    - i. Council's Statement of Commitment on Housing;
    - j. the availability of alternative public open space within the locality; and
    - k. Council's obligation to manage public assets responsibly for the long-term benefit of the community
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The motion was put.

**FOR:** Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. Ridler, Ald. Stringer, Cr. Kendall

**AGAINST:** Ald. Yaxley, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Slade

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

## 8.4 DISPOSAL OF 314 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GOLDEN YEARS CLUB), 316 AND 322 MAIN ROAD, GLENORCHY

File Reference: Council Land - Disposal and Sale

### Executive Summary

This report presents the outcome of the statutory public notification process undertaken under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the proposed disposal of Council-owned land at 314, 316 and 322 Main Road, Glenorchy.

Public notification occurred between 6 October and 27 October 2025, during which four objections were received. The objections primarily raised concerns about:

- the potential loss of community use associated with the Historical Arms and Military Society of Tasmania (HAMST) and Community Transport Services Tasmania (CTST), and
- the perception of losing community facilities.

Officers have considered each objection to ensure that the proposal does not result in undue hardship to the community and that suitable alternative facilities and parking options exist within close proximity.

The proposal supports Council's strategic objectives, particularly:

- securing a centrally located property at 1/370 Main Road, Glenorchy for the development of a Youth Hub and additional Council office accommodation connected to the Council Chambers; and
- the responsible disposal of underutilised Council owned land.

During the process, The Salvation Army withdrew its interest in purchasing 322 Main Road and instead confirmed its proposal to purchase 314 and 316 Main Road, conditional on Council acquiring 1/370 Main Road through a property swap and cash settlement. This acquisition is a strategically significant outcome, as the building adjoins the Council forecourt and has been identified as an ideal Youth Hub location.

Following this change, Community Transport Services Tasmania (CTST), the owner of the adjoining property at 320 Main Road, formally expressed interest in acquiring 322 Main Road. Officers note that 322 Main Road is constrained in terms of access and future standalone development; however, CTST can provide access via its existing site and has committed to retaining HAMST at the property under a new lease. This outcome is considered to be in the best interests of Council and the community.

Having considered the objections, the valuation outcomes, and the strategic benefits of the proposed transactions, officers recommend that Council:

- proceed with the disposal of 314 and 316 Main Road by way of exclusive dealing with The Salvation Army, conditional on the successful acquisition of 1/370 Main Road; and
- proceed with the disposal of 322 Main Road by way of exclusive dealing with Community Transport Services Tasmania Limited.

Ald. King left the meeting at 4:54pm as noted in his Pecuniary Interest Notification and was not present for the discussion or vote.

**Resolution:**

Ald. Marks/Cr. Kendall

That Council:

1. NOTE that public notification of Council's intention to dispose of land at 314, 316 and 322 Main Road, Glenorchy has been completed in accordance with section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, and that four (4) objections were received and considered.
2. RESOLVE, having considered all objections, that the disposal of the land is in the public interest and that Council proceed with the disposal after:
  - a. the expiry of the appeal period, where no appeal is lodged; or
  - b. the discontinuance or dismissal of any appeal lodged under section 178A of the Act.
3. RESOLVE to dispose of:
  - c. 314 and 316 Main Road, Glenorchy by way of exclusive dealing with The Salvation Army, conditional upon the successful acquisition by Council of 1/370 Main Road, Glenorchy through a property swap and associated cash settlement; and
  - d. 322 Main Road, Glenorchy by way of exclusive dealing with Community Transport Services Tasmania Limited.
4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - e. finalise negotiations and execute all agreements necessary to give effect to the acquisition of 1/370 Main Road, Glenorchy, including settlement of any value difference by cash payment; and
  - f. finalise negotiations and execute all agreements necessary to complete the disposal of 314, 316 and 322 Main Road, Glenorchy, subject to the resolution of any appeals.

5. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to serve written notice of Council's decision and applicable appeal rights on all objectors within seven (7) days of Council's decision, in accordance with the Act.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Ald. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. Marks, Ald. Ridler, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

Ald. King returned to the meeting at 5:03pm

# ECONOMIC

## *Community Goal – Open for Business*

### 9.1 GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL 2026 PRIORITY PROJECTS

File Reference: 2026 Priority Projects

#### **Executive Summary**

Glenorchy City Council (Council) has identified five priority projects for 2026 to deliver long-term community benefits while aligning with strategic objectives and funding opportunities.

Projects were selected based on strategic alignment, value and impact, resource optimisation, feasibility, and community feedback.

The 2026 priority projects are:

- **Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Redevelopment (Attachment 1)** – \$83.8M for a regional aquatic facility.
- **Berriedale Destination Playground (Attachment 2)** – \$1.2M for an accessible foreshore recreation space.
- **Humphreys Rivulet Path Design Phase (Attachment 3)**– \$250K for strategic design planning.
- **Street Art Program (Attachment 4)**– \$100K (of \$150K) to transform public spaces and support local artists.
- **Tolosa Park Stage B Redevelopment (Attachment 5)**– \$7.325M (of \$9.36M) for targeted park development.

The attached project prospectuses will support funding advocacy, grant applications, and submissions to State and Federal budget processes.

In the first instance Council has been invited to submit its priorities for the 2026-27 Federal Budget by 30 January 2026, making engagement in this process critical.

**Resolution:**

Ald. Cockshutt/Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. ENDORSE the five priority projects for 2026, as detailed in **Attachments 1 to 5**, as Council's agreed infrastructure and place-based funding priorities.
2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to utilise the endorsed priority projects and prospectuses to submit funding proposals to the Australian Government's 2026 - 27 Budget process, and to support related State and Federal grant applications and advocacy activities.
3. APPROVE the public release of the priority project prospectuses to enable transparent communication with the community and to strengthen Council's external funding and advocacy efforts.
4. NOTE that relevant capital works programs, budgets and resource allocations will be adjusted if Council is successful in receiving priority project grant funding.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

# ENVIRONMENT

## Community Goal – Valuing our Environment

### 10.1 WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY

File Reference: Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

#### Executive Summary

Glenorchy City Council has prepared a draft *Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy* (the Strategy) to provide direction on delivering effective and sustainable waste management in the city over the next five years.

The Strategy is based on the principles of a circular economy and waste minimisation to prioritise reduction, reuse, repair, remanufacture and recycling of materials, avoiding disposal to landfill wherever possible.

The Strategy is influenced by national, state and local government acts, legislation and policies and aligns with Australian Government, Tasmanian Government and regional planning, while focusing on local initiatives including delivery of services and infrastructure.

A strategic action plan has been developed as part of the Strategy to reduce waste generation, minimise the amount of waste deposited in landfill, make separation and recovery systems more effective and improve circular economy outcomes.

The action plan comprises of four key areas:

- Council Leadership
- Community Education
- Infrastructure Services
- Monitoring performance

The draft Strategy was presented to Elected Members in September as part of a Council workshop and has more recently been through a community engagement process via Council's *Lets Talk* platform, which revealed strong support for the draft Strategy with 84% (11) of respondents supporting the strategy in the quick poll, and 100% (20) of respondents supporting the strategy in the full survey.

The final Strategy is now presented to Council for formal endorsement.

Ald. Ridler left the meeting at 5:16pm.

Ald. Ridler returned to the meeting at 5:18pm.

**Resolution:**

Cr. Kendall/Ald. Stringer

That Council:

1. ADOPT the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2025, as set out in Attachment 1, as the guiding framework for waste management and resource recovery in Glenorchy for the period 2025–2030.
2. REVOKE AND SUPERSEDE the previous Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to ensure a single, current strategic framework applies.
3. NOTE the strong community support expressed through the public consultation process and that key themes raised by the community have informed the final Strategy.
4. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a. implement the Strategy in accordance with available operational budgets;
  - b. seek and pursue external funding and grant opportunities aligned with the Strategy, including funding administered by the Waste and Resource Recovery Board; and
  - c. make minor administrative, editorial or grammatical amendments that do not materially alter the intent of the Strategy.
5. REQUEST that progress against the Strategy’s Action Plan and key performance measures be reported to Council once annually during the life of the Strategy, including outcomes relating to landfill diversion, contamination rates, education initiatives and circular economy opportunities.
6. DIRECT that the adopted Strategy be published on Council’s website and communicated to the community to support transparency, awareness and behaviour change.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

# GOVERNANCE

## *Community Goal – Leading our Community*

### **11.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 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 December 2025. The reported result indicates a favourable position of \$765,000 which is in general alignment with the 2025/26 overall budget at 2.2% variance to budget.

The reported financial position is influenced by several factors. This includes timing between the budget expectation and the actual occurrence of financial transactions, as well as more permanent variations which will be addressed in the mid-year budget review.

Operational revenue is currently \$375,000 (0.5%) above budget across a wide range of revenue streams. There are usually external factors influencing the revenue result including fluctuations in the property market, interest rate decisions, commercial rates of return in outsourced services and leasing activities, and availability of grants.

Of note this month are favourable variances in Development Application fees, Kerbside Waste Management charges, Property Services reimbursements, outsourcing of Environmental Health services, TasWater ownership dividends and Landfill methane gas sales.

There are however budget shortfalls in Childcare revenue and Landfill gate fees.

Operational expenditure is \$389,000 (1.0%) below budget representing a combination of timing issues and permanent variations. Otherwise, expenditure remains well-controlled, and no remedial action is required.

Of note this month are underspends in Employee expenses, Waste Management collection and processing, and Landfill state government levies.

There is, however, an overspend in Depreciation expense.

Non-operating items are tracking within expected ranges. Capital grant revenue is on target at \$5.192 million, non-monetary asset contributions are \$219,000 and there are no monetary contributions received. Asset disposals currently reflect a small net gain of \$75,000, noting that gains and losses depend on the relationship between sale price, book value, and derecognition of assets. Capitalisation of assets created in the capital works program has commenced resulting in \$676,000 of obsolete or residual assets being written off to date.

Year-to-date expenditure on the capital works program totals \$10.527 million, well 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 42% of contract works completed as of 31 December 2025. Works remain on schedule for completion within the financial year, with \$2.529 million spent against a total project budget of \$6.500 million.

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

**Resolution:**

Ald. Stringer/Ald. Marks

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the attached report on Council's financial performance to 31 December 2025.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

## 11.2 CAPITAL WORKS STATUS REPORT

File Reference: Capital Works Program

### Executive Summary

This report provides Council with a progress update on the 2025/26 Capital Works Program to 31 December 2025.

Council's 2025/26 Capital Works Program is progressing well, with \$10.53 million expended to 31 December 2025, representing 33% of the annual budget. Delivery across transport, stormwater, property, and community infrastructure projects remains steady, supported by improving market conditions, stronger contractor availability and more competitive tender outcomes. While construction cost escalation continues to influence forward planning, current industry forecasts of 5% for building works and 6% for infrastructure remain manageable and are being closely monitored.

Significant works completed this quarter include extensive road resealing across multiple suburbs, footpath renewals at Kilpa Street, Grove Road and Brent Street, and stormwater upgrades at Riverview Parade, Chapel Street Reserve and Richards Road. Major reconstruction at Renfrew Circle is well advanced, and several community projects, including the Apex Park Playground, Tolosa Park Lagoon Boardwalk and Windermere Walking Track, are moving into delivery.

Major grant funded projects are currently showing as underspent due to delays from the Federal Government in finalising grant deeds, particularly for the Humphreys Rivulet Rehabilitation and International Food Garden projects, with expenditure expected to shift into next financial year. The Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Reopening Repairs project continues to progress, with 43% of works completed.

Budget variations this quarter reflect scope changes and updated cost estimates. While the recurrent program is currently overspent, the Infrastructure Management Group will continue to manage expenditure to identify offsetting savings across the broader program.

Overall, Council remains on track to deliver a substantial and well-governed capital program that maintains essential assets, enhances community infrastructure and supports the long-term liveability and growth of Glenorchy.

**Resolution:**

Ald. Stringer/Ald. Marks

That Council:

1. RECEIVE AND NOTE the Capital Works Status Report as of 31 December 2025.
2. APPROVE the proposed capital works budget adjustments detailed in this report:

Program	Acc	Project	Budget	Estimate	Variation	Commentary
Property	102481	AYC Netball Lighting Upgrade	\$50,000	\$90,000	-\$40,000	
Property	102513	CBD Art Murals	\$0	\$60,000	-\$60,000	
Transport		Lecia iCG160 (tilt) Construction Rover	\$0	\$39,912	-\$39,912	
Transport		Mt Hull Road – Safety improvements	\$0	\$236,000	-\$236,000	
Property	102418	Abbotsfield Park Lighting Replacement	\$200,000	\$264,000	-\$64,000	
Property		New Water Line to Landfill Dozer Shed	\$0	\$60,000	-\$60,000	
Property	102302	Jobs Hub Fitout	\$71,000	\$120,000	-\$49,000	
Compliance		Replacement of body worn cameras	\$0	\$12,980	-\$12,980	
Transport	102362	38972-Cadbury Road-04 (From Box Hill Road To Bilton Street)	\$220,948	\$245,025	-\$24,077	Scope extended additional area resealed
Transport	102367	246857-Car Park - Outside Berriedale Tennis Club	\$49,856	\$54,358	-\$4,502	
Transport	102370	32922-Derwent Park Road-05 (From Brooker Highway To O'Grady	\$48,735	\$145,489	-\$96,754	
Transport	102371	32923-Derwent Park Road-06 (From O'Grady Avenue To Cox Aven	\$179,342	\$161,117	\$18,225	
Transport	102372	32924-Derwent Park Road-07 (From Cox Avenue To Bowen Road)	\$201,898	\$235,866	-\$33,968	
Transport	102375	32632-Berriedale Road-01 (From Main Road To Chardonnay Driv	\$84,111	\$154,484	-\$70,373	Additional section resealed towards Berriedale Rd roundabout
Transport	102383	33596-Sixth Avenue-03 (From Easton Ave To Twelfth Ave)	\$17,358	\$35,589	-\$18,231	
Transport	102384	33595-Sixth Avenue-02 (From Eighth Avenue To Easton Avenue)	\$42,911	\$87,131	-\$44,220	
Transport	102386	32965-Easton Avenue-03 (From Caversham Road To Sixth Avenue	\$32,508	\$36,372	-\$3,864	
Transport	102388	33684-Tenth Avenue-03 (From Sixth Avenue To Easton Avenue)	\$31,007	\$54,990	-\$23,983	
Transport	102389	33755-Walker Street-01 (From Katoomba Cr To Katoomba Cr)	\$134,561	\$163,290	-\$28,729	

Transport	102391	32967-Ebden Street-01 (From Russell Road To House Number 22	\$83,740	\$153,818	-\$70,078	
Transport	102393	33441-Nathan Street-01 (From Chandos Drive To House Number	\$36,068	\$49,380	-\$13,312	
Transport	102394	32778-Centenary Crescent-03 (From Dalgety Street To End Of	\$39,053	\$739	\$38,314	
Transport	102519	32803 Chardonay Drive-01 (From Berriedale Road To Cabernet Drive)	\$0	\$165,903	-\$165,903	Additional reseal works
Transport	102520	32365 Berriedale Road-04(From Chandos Drive to Croome Court)	\$0	\$40,895	-\$40,895	Additional reseal works
Major Grant	102489	Humphreys Rivulet Rehabilitation	\$1,689,500	\$104,620	\$1,584,880	Delayed due to grant deed not received yet
Major Grant	102490	International Food Garden	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	Delayed due to grant deed not received yet
Major Grant	102312	Glenorchy Pool Changing Places Facility	\$0	\$105,032	-\$105,032	Budget required Grant co-contribution
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,362,596</b>	<b>\$2,876,990</b>	<b>\$485,606</b>	

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

## 11.3 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 an approved procurement exemption for urgent rectification works required to address a sinkhole on the traffic island at the intersection of Mentmore Street and Main Road, Berriedale.

The sinkhole presented an immediate and unforeseeable risk to public safety and infrastructure, necessitating urgent permanent remediation. Following technical assessment, a directional drilling solution was selected as the most efficient option, enabling timely delivery with minimal traffic and community disruption.

A detailed quote was obtained from specialist contractor Water Industry Solutions Pty Ltd, and on 8 December 2025 the Director Infrastructure and Development approved an exemption to directly engage Water Industry Solutions Pty Ltd to undertake the works for \$93,390.00 (excluding GST).

This procurement satisfies the exemption criteria under the Code, as the urgency arising from an unforeseeable event meant Council's requirements could not be met in time through the usual public tender or quotation process.

### Resolution:

Ald. Cockshutt/Ald. Alderton

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the exemption for urgent sinkhole and surrounding infrastructure rectification works.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

## 11.4 CITY OF HOBART NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING AMALGAMATION WITH CITY OF GLENORCHY

File Reference: Local Government Reform

### Executive Summary

This report discusses Glenorchy City Council's considered response to the Notice of Motion passed by the City of Hobart proposing the exploration of a potential voluntary amalgamation between the two municipalities.

Glenorchy City Council is approaching this matter constructively and in good faith, recognising that reform conversations are both timely and necessary, given increasing service complexity, financial pressures, workforce constraints and evolving community expectations.

Glenorchy supports structural reform where it is evidence based, community informed and designed to deliver long term benefits for Tasmanians, especially when local communities are affected. Experience nationally demonstrates that, when well designed and appropriately sequenced, reform including amalgamation can strengthen strategic capacity, improve service coordination and enhance financial resilience. However, it also demonstrates that trying to amalgamate significantly different communities can introduce significant transition costs, disrupt service delivery, place upward pressure on rates, and undermine community confidence.

This report outlines the potential benefits and risks of amalgamation, drawing on comparative data across Greater Hobart councils and the distinct roles each municipality performs. The report demonstrates that Glenorchy City Council is in a strong and sustainable financial position. Glenorchy is debt free, maintains comparatively low residential rates, delivers a substantial capital works program, and funds its asset renewal obligations in full. Its asset sustainability ratio is among the strongest in Tasmania.

The report highlights the fundamentally different cost structures, responsibilities and economic functions of Glenorchy City. The City of Hobart, as the State's capital city, carries higher-order metropolitan, heritage and CBD infrastructure obligations that are appropriately reflected in its financial and rating structures.

Over recent years, Glenorchy City Council has emerged as a strong, self-sufficient and financially resilient city, the result of sustained local leadership, disciplined financial management and the collective effort of locally elected Councillors, dedicated staff and a patient community. This transformation has delivered a debt free Council, low residential rates, full funding of asset renewal and a significant capital works program, while preserving Glenorchy's distinct identity and economic role within Greater Hobart. Glenorchy is now realising the benefits of this long-term effort. In this context, Council is mindful that any amalgamation process carries a real risk of diluting Glenorchy's hard won progress, financial strength and emerging momentum within a capital city centric structure and is therefore committed to ensuring that locally driven success, affordability and community confidence are not diminished through reform that does not clearly demonstrate improved outcomes for Glenorchy residents.

Glenorchy's City Identity is defined as a strategically positioned satellite city within Greater Hobart, functioning as a self-contained urban centre with a diverse economic base, major employment hubs, affordable housing and capacity for future growth. Its economic model, combining industry, employment, cultural assets and residential affordability in close proximity to the capital, is a strategic asset for the State. This report identifies that broad rate harmonisation or standardised planning approaches, through a council merger, could unintentionally undermine Glenorchy's economic competitiveness and affordability.

This report concludes that merging Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils in isolation from broader reform, risks being perceived as an expansion of one council into another rather than as genuine local government reform. A comprehensive, State led reform agenda would provide a clearer mandate, stronger evidence base, equitable treatment of communities and greater public confidence. It would allow reform to be designed around functional geographies, regional service networks and long-term strategic challenges such as climate adaptation, integrated transport, digital transformation and workforce capability.

Glenorchy City Council remains open to constructive discussion on reform and reaffirms its commitment to strong regional collaborations that strengthen local government while protecting community confidence, affordability and local identity.

**Resolution:**

Ald. King/Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. NOTES the Notice of Motion passed by Hobart City Council regarding potential voluntary amalgamation discussions.
2. CONFIRMS that Glenorchy City Council is open to discussions that supports structural reform of local government when undertaken as part of a coordinated, statewide process.
3. RESOLVES not to participate in the amalgamation process outlined in the letter from the City of Hobart at this time outside of a broader, State led reform agenda.
4. REAFFIRMS its commitment to strong regional collaboration through existing Greater Hobart governance arrangements.
5. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to communicate this position to Hobart City Council and the Minister for Local Government.

The motion was put.

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

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

## 11.5 NOTICES OF MOTION - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

### Question without notice - Councillor Kendall

**Q1: Zink Link Bike Path, what is the status of this project?**

A1: [Director Infrastructure and Development] The land is currently designated as a rail corridor and would need to go through a legislative process to be used for recreational purposes. We have been told this is a two-year process, which is possible. However, the rail bridge that crosses the Brooker Highway, The State Government has advised us that we would need to take over ownership and maintenance of the bridge. The bridge doesn't meet current standards and would therefore need to be replaced. To proceed further, a business case would be required to determine the cost of bridge replacement and the implications for maintaining the rail corridor.

[CEO] We did investigate this further, but it would mean using the traffic lights at Derwent Park Road to cross the highway. It would be a better option to use the bridge. A grant could be looked at, but would be dependent on the rail corridor becoming available.

**Resolution:**

Ald. King/Ald. Ridler

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. Yaxley, Ald. Alderton, Ald. Cockshutt, Ald. King, Ald. Marks, Ald. Ridler, Ald. Slade, Ald. Stringer and Cr. Kendall

**AGAINST:** Nil

**ABSTAINED:** Nil

The motion was CARRIED.

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 6:05pm

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a 5-minute recess.

## **CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The closed session commenced at 6:10pm.

### **12.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)**

### **12.2 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **12.3 NON-APPLICATION OF PUBLIC TENDER PROCESS: SHORT-TERM MANAGEMENT SERVICES GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL POOL**

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)(d) (Contracts and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal)*

### **12.4 NOTICES OF MOTION - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/ WITHOUT NOTICE**

This item is to be considered at a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

The meeting was moved from Closed back into Open Council.

The Open Council Meeting recommenced at 6:24pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6:24pm.

Confirmed:

**Chair**