

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Glenorchy City Council held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at 6.00pm**



**Present (in Chambers):** Aldermen Bec Thomas (Mayor), Steven King (Deputy Mayor), Peter Bull, Melissa Carlton, Jan Dunsby, Simon Fraser, Sue Hickey, Gaye Richardson, Angela Ryan and Kelly Sims

**In attendance (in Chambers):** Tony McMullen (General Manager), Jenny Richardson (Director Corporate Services), David Ronaldson (Director Community and Customer Services), Samantha Fox (Director Strategy and Development), Patrick Marshall (Acting Director Infrastructure and Works), Tina House (Chief Financial Officer), Bryn Hannan (Executive Officer)

**In attendance (by video link):** Georgi Wicks (Senior Communications Advisor), Tracey Ehrlich (Manager People and Governance), Marina Campbell (Manager Community)

**Leave of Absence:**

**Workshops held since last Council Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, 4 April 2022

**Purpose:** To discuss:

- Glenorchy Volunteer Program

**Date:** Monday, 11 April 2022

**Purpose:** To discuss:

- 2022-23 Budget

The meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream 37 viewers.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

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, present and emerging.

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.

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## **1. APOLOGIES**

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None.

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## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **Resolution:**

BULL/KING

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 28 March 2022 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

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None.

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### **4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION**

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The Chair asked if any Aldermen had, or were likely to have, a pecuniary interest or a conflict of interest in any items on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

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### **5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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**Answers to questions on notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose**  
(from 28 March 2022 Council meeting)

- Q1. Council stated “345 Main Road Glenorchy – In December 2021, this property was approved to change zone from Utilities to Central Business.” (prior to sale)**

When rezoned the GPA Meeting Agenda 9 August 2021 states “Council resolved to dispose of the three sites.” (5A Taree St, 3 Edgar St and 345 Main Road Glenorchy)

Answer to Public Question 28 February 2022 Council confirmed this property was being rezoned prior to sale.

However, on 27 April 2020, Aldermen voted for 345 Main Road Glenorchy (Certificate of Titles 64613 Folio 9, 64613 Folio 7 and 77918 Folio 2) to be a “Lease Only” confirmed on Audio Recording.

Why did the Council state this property was being rezoned for sale when it is contrary to the Resolution of Council?

Why didn’t the minutes of the 27 April 2020 Meeting reflect the true discussion that took place and the true resolution of the Aldermen for this property to be “Lease Only”.

Why was the land rezoned if the stated purpose for the disposal was for leased parking? What is planned for this site and the Elwick Road

**Roundabout which has also been rezoned? The rezoning of the Roundabout was not publicly stated on any Council documents.**

- A. 345 Main Road Glenorchy was approved for disposal at the Council Meeting of 27 April 2020 with a suite of other properties (five in total). The resolution relevantly provided:

*"...APPROVE the disposal of the Public Land by way of exchange, sale or lease in whole or in part..."*.

However, the full report to Council notes 345 Main Road was not being proposed for disposal by sale but rather by lease. As also outlined in that report, the rezoning was proposed because the 'Utilities' zone under the planning scheme is very restrictive.

The relevant section of the 27 April 2020 Council report is extracted below:

345 Main Road Glenorchy ([Attachment 4](#)) is not being proposed for disposal by sale but could be made available for a lease. The property is zoned as 'Utilities' under the Planning Scheme, which means its potential uses under the Planning Scheme are heavily restricted. A 'Central Business' zoning would allow this property to be developed for uses that would complement and enhance the current CBD. This would require a planning scheme amendment, pending the outcome of the section 178 process.

The current intent for this site is to lease or licence the car parking spaces at commercial rates. The adjacent roundabout has not been rezoned.

- Q2. Could Council publicly release the BMX report outlined below addressing Clause 4 and promised in the Resolution voted on by Aldermen 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019?**

**Resolution Clause 4:**

***"INSTRUCT the General Manager to undertake further consultation with the sporting clubs at Berriedale in relation to:***

***(a) the optimal location for a BMX park, and***

***(b) identification of suitable arrangements to ensure continuity of use of BMX facilities in the City."***

**Clause 5 –**

***"INSTRUCT the General manager to provide a report to Council addressing clause 4 as part of the section 178 process."***

The audio recording confirms that the General Manager publicly stated to the Community that the purpose of Clause 4 was:

***"To make sure there is always BMX facilities available in this city and make sure they are moving to a site that is ready to go."***

- A. The report referenced in clause 5 of the resolution of 23 December 2019 which addresses clause 4 of the resolution is the report that was presented to Council on 27 April 2020, in which Council was briefed on the results of the community consultation process for the disposal of Council land at 671 Main Road Berriedale on which the BMX track is located. That report details the consultations undertaken with the BMX Club around the planned (at that time) relocation of the track to Tolosa Park. Council ultimately resolved to proceed with the disposal of the land.

As is outlined in detail in the report to open Council at the 28 March 2022 Council meeting, subsequent investigations of the Tolosa Site identified that it was an unsuitable location for the relocated BMX track, due to site stability issues, underground services, and the size of the track required to meet national standards. As a result, extensive investigations of alternative sites within the Glenorchy Municipality were undertaken by Council which failed to locate a site that was suitable and available. Only after it became clear that there was no suitable location in Glenorchy did Council consider the option of moving the track to a location outside the City.

The General Manager's statement to the effect that the track would remain in the city was made with genuine intent at that time, however the circumstances have since changed. It is no longer feasible, or in the best interests of Glenorchy ratepayers, to provide BMX facilities in this City.

Significant consultation has been undertaken with the Club to determine a mutually agreeable outcome and the facility users are satisfied with the proposed move out of the municipality.

- Q3. The Community Consultation around the loss of the Berriedale BMX Track was based on replacing it in the Glenorchy Municipality. Should the Council repeat the Community Consultation based on the Sorell BMX facility and access now lost to Glenorchy's local children, young people and families due to the significant change in consequences with it being built 35 kilometres away from their homes?**

- A. The Southern City BMX Club (the users of the BMX facility) currently has approximately 100 members. It is a regional club, which supports the whole of Southern Tasmania. A move of approximately 35km to the sport and recreation hub at Pembroke Park in Sorell is seen as appropriate for a regional club.

This location will allow the club to have a full-sized national standard track that is adjacent to supporting amenities such as toilets and parking. It is noted that the club's official representatives have been involved in discussions around the potential move and have been positive about this potential move and the opportunity for a redeveloped track that supports the southern region of Tasmania.

The Club and its members are significant stakeholders in this process and they understand the reasons for and are supportive of the move to Sorell.

Ratepayers are also significant stakeholders in this process and will benefit from the increased revenue achieved by leasing the land at commercial rates and by unlocking the potential for further development of the Berriedale Peninsula area, as envisaged in the Berriedale Peninsula Masterplan.

Given the above, and that extensive community and stakeholder consultation was undertaken in relation to both the proposed disposal of the site and also the draft Berriedale Peninsula Masterplan for the area, it is not considered necessary to do further consultation.

**Q4. What are the plans for dismantle and disposal of the BMX Track infrastructure? What is Council's estimated cost? Will the potential recipient of this land pay for this or will the cost be paid by ratepayers?**

A. The Southern City BMX Club will be taking some infrastructure and facilities with them to the new location. The site is likely to be leased 'as is, where is' with any costs of improving the land (including dismantling the existing facility), to be borne by the lessee.

**Q5. The Berridale Public Reserve is approx.13.71 hectares (less 2.09 ha transferred to TasWater). Mona currently leases:**

- Caravan Park site (approx. 2.82 hectares)
- Car Park South of Tennis Club (approx. 5,700m<sup>2</sup>)
- overflow Car Park North of existing sealed car parking

**What are the lease amounts paid to the Glenorchy City Council for each site and what is the length of each lease?**

A. This information is commercial in confidence as it relates to the business affairs of a third party (Mona). This request would need to be made as an application for assessed disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

#### **Answers to questions on notice – Russell Yaxley (from 28 March 2022 Council meeting)**

**Q1. Is there any update or progression from TasWater regarding the rejuvenation and regeneration of the Tolosa Street Dam and parklands?**

A. There has been significant progress made in relation to progressing plans to remediate the site of the former Tolosa Reservoir.

Council and TasWater have been working cooperatively on this project and expect to make a public announcement about the immediate plans for the site in early April 2022.

**Q2. Is there an update or progression from the playspace survey conducted late 2021? Has any implementation occurred or plans?**

A. Council endorsed its Playspace Strategy – *Planning for Play 2041* in December 2021.

Council officers are currently auditing all playspaces across the municipality to identify the priority order that any works to renew or upgrade them will take place. Any works are subject to securing either external funding, or funding future Council budgets.

Two playspaces are currently in the process of having renewal works undertaken:

- Montrose Foreshore, which is having the rubber softfall replaced and a new accessible basket swing installed, and
- Barry Street Reserve, at which all play equipment is being replaced.

Council has also recently gone to tender for the construction of the multi-million dollar new regional playspace to be constructed at Giblins Reserve in Goodwood.

Implementation of further actions identified in the Playspace Strategy will be delivered through annual budget allocations by Council and any external funding Council may be fortunate enough to obtain.

**Answers to questions on notice – Shane Alderton**  
**(from 28 March 2022 Council meeting)**

**Q1. As the balance of the \$466,000 from the Economic Recovery Programs Government interest free loan is being transferred to Sorell Council. If they finalised the agreement to relocate the Southern Bmx Bike track to Pembroke Park will the repayments of this loan also be Transferred to Sorell Council?**

A. No, if those funds are transferred to Sorell Council, Glenorchy City Council would continue to make the repayments. The transfer of funding for the track was essential to attracting Sorell Council to pursue the project.

Glenorchy City and Sorell Councils are still exploring options for a potential contribution to from the Tasmanian Government, which would reduce the amount to be contributed by Council.

**Q2. If the Answer to Question 1 is Glenorchy City Council will be repaying the loan can you please explain why as there is no Financial benefit to GCC it's Ratepayers or Community as the purpose of this interest free loan programs is**

**to provide funding to be spent on the Economic Recovery of our Community and not another Community?**

- A. Council endorsed the Glenorchy Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2025 at the February 2020 Council meeting, just weeks prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic impacting Tasmania. The Strategy was developed by identifying the gaps and opportunities inherent in the existing economic landscape and provided a sound basis for the development of the Economic Recovery Program in response to COVID-19.

Council sought and received a three-year interest free loan for the Economic Recovery Program under the Tasmanian Government's Local Government Loan Scheme. This was provided specifically for 10 projects, one of which was relocating the BMX Track to enable development of the Berriedale Peninsula. Projects had to meet several criteria for funding, primarily being that they would stimulate the parts of our economy hardest hit by COVID-19, such as tourism and hospitality.

As part of the Economic Recovery Program, Council developed the Berridale Peninsula Masterplan, to set a vision for the Peninsula that balances the community's need for recreation and public amenities with broader economic development and cultural opportunities afforded by the site's proximity to Mona and its patrons. The Masterplan seeks to ensure that locals and visitors can enjoy the Berriedale Peninsula, whether they are looking for exercise or entertainment.

In the Masterplan, Council identified land on the Peninsula that is suitable for redevelopment to create jobs and economic growth for our City. To unlock this development, Council decided to relocate the club-based BMX facility at Berriedale, and since then Council has been working with the Club to secure a new home for its users.

Relocation of the BMX Track was the second component of the project, the primary purpose of which was to facilitate the development of the Berriedale Peninsula.

**It is materially incorrect to state that there is “no financial benefits to GCC it's Ratepayers or Community” [sic].** There are significant financial benefits to both Council and the Glenorchy community as a result of this arrangement, namely:

- Immediate savings of at least approximately \$1,660,400 (being the \$2.1m cost of the new facility, less the \$433,597 which may be transferred to Sorell Council), plus
- Ongoing savings of:
  - annual depreciation costs estimated at \$105,000 per year for the next 20 years (based on a \$2.1m construction cost). Depreciation



costs are a direct expense on Council's balance sheet, and therefore either increase Council's annual budget deficits or decrease Council's annual budget surpluses, plus

- annual maintenance costs of a new facility, plus
- The economic benefits for Glenorchy outlined in the above paragraphs.

There would also be significant detrimental impacts on the amenity of Tolosa Park which would persist for the life of the facility, given that a national standard sized track would take up almost the entire open space area in the main part of the facility where the criterium circuit and skate facility are currently located.

The potential relocation of the BMX Track to Sorell would be the lowest cost option for Council and its ratepayers.

**Q3. Can you please explain why GCC are not repurposing this Balance of \$466,000 to other Community Projects urgently requiring funding that would qualify under the Economic Recovery interest free loans Scheme?**

- A. The interest-free loan (from which the \$466,000 is drawn) was approved by the Tasmanian Government for the specific projects and loan allocations under the Glenorchy Economic Recovery Program. The conditions of that loan provide that it must not be reallocated to other projects.

**Q4. Are the providers of the Economic Recovery interest free loans Scheme been advised of GCC intentions to potentially transfer this money to another Council?**

- A. Yes, and the potential transfer of the project to Sorell has been approved.

**Q5. Was there a Successful Tender finalised for the Relocation of the BMX Track to Tolosa Park before the Geological problems were Discovered?**

- A. Yes.

**Q6. If the Answer to Q5 is Yes, was this successful Tender compensated when the project did not proceed. If so, what was the cost to Financially to GCC?**

- A. The successful tenderer was paid all costs owing for site investigations and preparing concept designs. When the decision was made not to progress the project at the Tolosa Park location, the tenderer agreed to end the contract at that point. The total amount paid to the contractor was \$26,403.

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## 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

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Questions on Notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta  
(received 31 March 2022)

As far as I know, audit of Council activity comprises Council's Audit Panel, internal audits, and an external audit. I am interested in any auditing that addresses decision-making by the Glenorchy Planning Authority or DA determinations by staff under delegation.

**Q1. Does Council's Audit Panel address decision-making by the GPA or DA determinations by staff under delegation? If so, how, and what performance measures are examined?**

A. Council's Audit Panel does not oversee decision making by Council acting as a planning authority, either at the elected member level (through decisions at GPA meetings) or made under delegation by Council officers.

The functions of Audit Panels are set out under [section 85A](#) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The scope of the jurisdiction of Council's Audit Panel is set out in Part of [Council's Audit Panel Charter](#).

While those functions extend to reviewing Council's performance in complying with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and all other relevant legislation, this role does not extend to reviewing findings of fact in relation to applications and permits.

*The Local Government Audit Panels – A Practice Guide* (Revised March 2018), which is a State Government publication, provides the following guidance to Councils and Audit Panels in relation to compliance:

### **2.2.3 Legislative compliance and ethics**

*Councils must be accountable and transparent in their business and uphold an expectation of ethical conduct by councillors, management and employees. An audit panel plays a pivotal role in assessing the compliance programs a council has in place, by:*

- *monitoring compliance with legislation, regulations, internal policies and codes, in particular those relating to conflicts of interest and procurement;*
- *reviewing whether or not the council has in place all policies required under the Act, and whether or not they are reviewed in accordance with provisions in the Act;*
- *reviewing programs, policies and procedures for completeness, accuracy and integration; and*

- *reviewing the extent to which management has put arrangements in place to foster and maintain an internal culture that is committed to ethical and lawful behaviour, and monitoring the effectiveness of those arrangements.*

In addition to the above, it would be highly unusual for an Audit Panel to review compliance arrangements around planning matters. This is because Council's role as a planning authority is separate from its usual municipal role. Oversight of planning decisions is provided by the judicial system, acting as a check and balance to ensure compliance through planning appeals and applications.

When acting as a planning authority, Council must operate in accordance with the [Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993](#) (LUPAA). LUPAA sets out many performance measures for deciding planning applications, which also apply to decisions made under delegation, which give rise to appeal rights. For example:

- Section 59 requires an application to be decided within a defined time limit. If it is not, an applicant can apply to Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TasCAT) for a decision, at the Council's cost
- Planners are required to decide matters in accordance with the Planning Scheme in force at the time (s. 48).
- Discretionary permit applications allow affected parties to make representations about the proposed use or development (s. 57(5))
- Persons making representations, and applicants, can appeal adverse permit decisions to TasCAT (s. 61), and
- TasCAT requires Councils to take note of the advice they are given by planning professionals and a decision which is not made on its merits (as determined solely by the Planning Scheme provisions) is vulnerable to a costs Claim (section 121 of the [Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020](#)).

**Q2. Do any of Council's internal audits address decision-making by the GPA or DA determinations by staff under delegation? If so, how, and what performance measures are examined?**

- A. Council's Audit Panel sets and oversees Council's internal audit program. For the same reasons identified in question 1, the internal audit program does not cover decision making by the GPA or planning decisions made by Council staff under delegation.

**Q3. Does Council's external audit address in any way decision-making by the GPA or DA determinations by staff under delegation? If so, how, and what performance measures are examined?**

- A. No. Council's external audit is conducted by the Tasmanian Audit Office (TAO). TAO audits all State and Local Government entities in Tasmania. TAO conducts an annual audit of Council's financial statements, as well as any other matters of TAO's (not Council's) choosing.

Recent external audits conducted by TAO have included Procurement, which was conducted in 2018. Last year's TAO audit addressed the disposal of firearms and ammunition, and, as such, did not relate to any local government functions.

**Q4. If the answers to my first three questions are all "no" then is there any other internal or external audit activity of any type which addresses in any way decision-making by the GPA or DA determinations by staff under delegation?**

- A. All decisions made by planners under delegation are reviewed internally before being they are communicated to applicants. As noted in question 1, oversight of planning decisions is provided by the judicial system and governed by the provisions of the [Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993](#) and the [Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020](#).

**Questions on notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose  
(received 19 April 2022)**

**Question 1**

- Q1. In 2014, the Skatepark (first in Tasmania) along with the Youth Centre were demolished at 404 Main Road, Glenorchy. Why hasn't a Youth Centre/Meeting Place been provided by Council to replace this when there has always been such a need? Council previously directly funded a full-time Youth Worker based at the Pulse Youth Centre.**

**What has happened to all these previously available services for Youth in Glenorchy outlined in the Partnership Agreement with the Government in 2000?**

**"Pulse" Youth Health Centre (Year 2000)**

Pulse is a responsive, accessible, integrated and co-located youth health service that aims to contribute to the improved health and wellbeing status of young people 12 to 24 years living in or accessing the City of Glenorchy. Service provision includes Counselling, Social worker, Youth Nurse, Alcohol and other Drugs worker, Youth worker, Doctor, open access, computer access, laundry and shower facilities, recreation and creative arts, purpose built and equipped music room, free Legal Aid line, life skills programs, mentoring programs, employment including Job Placement Employment and Training (JPET), housing/accommodation support and referral.

**Glenorchy City Council directly funds the employment of a full time youth worker based at Pulse, plus a range of recreational, music, entertainment and program support equipment. Council youth program staff also participate on the Pulse advisory committee, Youth advisory committee, in the design and implementation of programs and activities such as young parents group, Reclink, youth at risk programs, youth and community forums, projects with schools, mentoring and other initiatives on an ongoing basis.**

***...crime prevention and community safety should be about providing people with half-decent things so that they don't have to commit crime. (Year 9 student, Cosgrove High School, Glenorchy, 2000) (Refer - A Safer Community Strategy for the City of Glenorchy)***

**The Youth Strategy 2014-2019 identified access to affordable accessible recreational activities as a priority. Could Council advise what recreational activities and programs you have facilitated for Children and Youth in Glenorchy since 2014?**

- A. A Council Youth Participation Officer commenced with Pulse in 2001, originally 5 days per week. From mid-2011, due to GCC operational changes and budgetary constraints, the Youth Participation position hours were reduced to 1 day per week to support Pulse staff in the Open Access Drop-In program on Fridays.

Council's Youth Participation position continued to support the Glenorchy Youth Task Force, the then Mobile Activity Centre and delivery of specific youth projects across the city and delivery of events, such as Gig in the Gardens and Youth Week events. The final Pulse Open Access drop-in was in November 2013 and ceased after that because of staffing issues. Council worked with Pulse to attempt to find a service that could take up this role and OAK enterprises undertook this task for a period until May 2015 when Tasmanian Health Services decided that their staff could achieve more within Pulse clinical and allied health roles.

Council's Children Youth and Families officer works alongside community organisations including State government services to facilitate access to recreational activities and programs. Programs and activities that Council has facilitated for Children and Youth since 2014 include the following:

- Facilitation of the Glenorchy Youth Task Force (**GYTF**) – a group of approximately 14 young people who meet fortnightly to plan and deliver youth specific activities. Activities have included Annual Youth Week events (including the Market in the Car Park 2019 and Council lawns 2022 and events at Tolosa Park, street art competitions, health related promotional days, RUOK Day events, attendance at Cosgrove High Mental Health expos, supporting Council events such as Moonah Taste of the World, film nights and activities for young people at the Moonah Arts

Centre. GYTF also partner with other youth groups from Councils and the Migrant Resource Centre Youth Group to undertake youth leadership training.

- Activities with the Bicycle Network – Two “The Happiness Cycle” programs aimed at improving confidence and ownership over their own lives/choices, including healthy transport and mentoring program.
- Three “Make Your Mark” programs involving young people in creative art, drawing on a theme that interests them.
- Mural projects, including the Intergenerational “Piecing It Together” mural in Cooper Street 2021.
- Working with Youth Justice and case workers to support restorative justice plans with young people-as required (ongoing)
- Mentoring of young work experience students (ongoing)
- Delivery of the Full Gear Motorbike Safety Program for young people aged 16 to 24 since 2017 (ongoing) to reduce unsafe motorcycle riding.
- Annual ‘Dad’s Day Out’ events in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Events provide support and referral information for parents and young people.
- Annual ‘Gig in the Gardens’ music event until 2019. Highlighting local up and coming young musicians.
- Work with local Primary Schools to develop health and well-being projects and organising visits from schools to Council-ongoing.
- Intergenerational activities at the Golden Years Club (on an as needed basis).
- Harmony Week activities with Cosgrove High School.
- Annual Safer Communities Young People’s Awards, which recognise the positive contributions of young people.
- Working with Colony 47 on the Backswing Project – Bringing young people together to work on projects that build employability skills.
- Support to set up a playgroup that was delivered from St Matthews Church until 2020.
- Children’s Week events and activities on Council lawns, including Pop-Up Play groups (which are conducted on an as needed and ongoing basis).
- Collaboration with Mission Australia Youth Beat program to deliver weekly sessions on Council lawns since 2019. Sessions offer recreation, case work and referral.
- Work with Salvation Army in Glenorchy to include a drop-in space for young people as part of their service.

- Delivery of the Mobile Activity Centre in schools and parks until transferred to YMCA to deliver recreational opportunities from 2018.
- Formation of a Local Drug Action Team, consisting of Council officers, Karadi, Goodwood Community Centre and YMCA to deliver of the weekly HAPPY (Healthy Active Preventative Programs for Youth) recreation activities at Giblins Reserve, from 2018 to 2019.
- Continuation of LDAT with training for young people to become Mentors for the HAPPY Youth Mentor Program at Montrose Bay High School from 2021 (current).
- Delivery of facilitated Teen Mental Health First Aid sessions to all Grade 8 students at Montrose Bay and Cosgrove High schools (2021-2022).
- Collaboration with Service Providers, including Salvos to develop specific youth initiatives such as Street Teams (current and ongoing)
- Work with Troublesmiths to seek work experience opportunities for young people (current and ongoing).
- Convening a CBD Roundtable with local businesses and youth services to develop recreational activities in Council's CBD (current and ongoing).
- Facilitation of the Thrive to 25 interagency network – Work with children and youth services to identify opportunities for collaboration in Glenorchy and build connections to be able to provide more services (current and ongoing).
- Promotion of school holiday programs and recreational opportunities such as Reclink and Ticket to Play via networks (current and ongoing)
- Supporting YMCA Skate Days at Tolosa Park.
- Work with local youth services, community houses and schools to deliver local and targeted initiatives to address youth related issues and needs (ongoing).
- School holiday programs at the Moonah Arts Centre (ongoing)

It is important to note that projects are collaborative and community driven, ensuring that services who can support young people are involved. Council's Community Strategy 2021-2030 now guides Council's work with the whole community, including children and young people and our goals and objectives are linked to 4 priority outcomes, Accessible, inclusive and diverse, Safe, Healthy, and Education and learning for life.

**Q. When will the construction of the Skatepark commence?**

- A. Construction of the new skate park at Montrose Bay Foreshore Reserve is expected to begin in May or June 2022 and take around 6 months to complete.

**Q2. As a result of increasing community concern around the loss of local facilities for Youth in Glenorchy will Council retain the much-needed BMX Track for the use of local children and youth for their active training, development and enjoyment? A regional facility in Sorell is not suitable for the daily use by our local young people residing in Glenorchy. Their opportunities will be destroyed.**

A. Unfortunately, it is not possible for Council to continue to operate a BMX Track in the Glenorchy municipality, due to a lack of suitable locations.

Council has resolved to lease the site of the current BMX facility at Berriedale to unlock the development potential of the Berriedale peninsula as envisaged in the Berriedale Peninsula Master Plan. Council had originally intended to relocate the facility to Tolosa Park, however subsequent investigations revealed significant ground stability issues at that site which would have made construction of a new track at that site far too expensive to be practical (approximately \$2.1 million). Council subsequently investigated numerous other possible locations in the municipality, in consultation with the Southern City BMX Club, however none could be located that was suitable or available. The club is supportive of the potential move relocation of the facility to Sorrel.

It should be noted, however, that the BMX Track at Berriedale is not a public facility and is only available for use by members of the Southern City BMX Club. Council has no plans to develop any public BMX facilities in the municipality.

**Q3. Will the Council advocate for the YMCA redevelopment to be commenced as a priority for the children and youth of Glenorchy?**

A. Council strongly supports the redevelopment of the Glenorchy YMCA and has been providing in-kind support (in the form of assistance with negotiations and project administration) to the YMCA as it prepares its application to the Federal Government for formal funding of the \$6m grant that was announced some time ago. We understand that YMCA is currently in advanced negotiations with the Federal Government around securing funding.

## **Question 2.**

**Q1. What action has Glenorchy City Council undertaken to protect, preserve and keep safe the irreplaceable Glenorchy's Historic Records that were stored in St Matthew's Church? Who is the custodian of these valuable items? Why is the Glenorchy Historical Society a small, closed group when the Community wish to participate in the preservation of Glenorchy's history? Why were the historic materials moved from the site when it was promised in the 2000 Partnership with the Government to be the permanent home for these records and artefacts? Funding was received by the Council and a commitment was made to curate and publicly display them.**



- A. Council has no ongoing association with the Glenorchy Historical Society (**GHS**), which is a private organisation. Any questions about the ownership and storage of artefacts in the custody of the GHS need to be directed to the GHS.
- Council officers are currently gathering information in relation to your questions around a 2000 partnership with the government. This part of the question is taken on notice and a written answer will be provided to you and published in the agenda for the May Council meeting.

**Questions on Notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta – McGill Rise subdivision (received 11 April 2022)**

**My questions relate to issues related to building construction at the McGill Rise subdivision which became public in early 2021.**

**According to the Mercury of June 12, Council vacated eight of the dwellings “until full engineering assessments can be carried out and any necessary remediation works are completed”. The Council is also quoted as saying that “where noncompliances with the National Construction Code have been identified, council has taken the necessary enforcement actions and will work with property owners to resolve”.**

**On a recent visit to McGill Rise, it was difficult to see any external evidence of remediation.**

- Q1. What remediation or rectification work has taken place so far? What future works are planned?**
- Q2. What role does Council see for itself in the resolution of the McGill Rise issues going forward?**
- Q3. What resources has Council expended so far to progress the resolution of the situation?**

- A. Council officers are preparing answers and will provide this in writing by 3 May 2022. The answers will also be published in the Council agenda for May 2022.

**Questions on Notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta – YMCA Glenorchy (received 11 April 2022)**

**My questions relate to agenda item 19 “YMCA Request to expunge 1999 Financial Assistance Deed” in the January 2022 Closed Session.**

**That agenda item was mentioned in the minutes of the Open Session. While I welcome that mention (which no-one but the most obsessive would have noticed since it was on the last page), the information given was vague. It was also not mentioned in the newsfeed item for the meeting. I'd like a little more detail please.**

- Q1. What interest does Council have in the 1999 Financial Assistance Deed?**

**Q2. Is the Deed a public document?**

**Q3. What additional “operational flexibility” did the YMCA receive from the changes made to the deed?**

A. Council officers are preparing answers and will provide this in writing by 3 May 2022. The answers will also be published in the Council agenda for May 2022.

**Questions on Notice – Tegan George  
(received 14 April 2022)**

**Q. I am aware that hooning and dangerous driving in the Glenorchy city council area is a regular occurrence causing noise, smoke, and danger to residents. I understand it is very difficult for police to intercept and prosecute since offenders have often left the area by the time police arrive.**

**Is the council aware of any community led approaches that could help reduce this antisocial behaviour and is this something council could look at?**

A. Council officers are preparing an answer and will provide this in writing by 3 May 2022. The answer will also be published in the Council agenda for May 2022.

**Questions Without Notice – Shane Alderton, Austins Ferry**

**Q1: In a response to the questions by Russell Yaxley in relation to whether there would be an update on the works to remediate Tolosa Dam, the answer was that an update would be provided in early April. I’ve not been made aware of or seen any public announcement. Are you in a position to provide an update?**

A. (Mayor) Yes, we did anticipate being in a position to make an announcement in early April, however our negotiations with TasWater are taking longer than expected. We expect to be making an announcement, 28 April.

**Q2: When will we have a start date for works on the proposed Giblyns Reserve Play Space?**

A. (Mayor) We have now gone out to tender on the Giblyns Reserve Play Space. The tender is still open but has been extended for 3 weeks due to the Easter Period. Once the tenders have closed, they will be assessed and a project plan prepared, and we will then be able to announce the likely start date for the commencement of works.

**Q4. From the time that they were first approved by Council, have the Giblyns Reserve PlaySpace and the Montrose Foreshore Reserve Skatepark, have the estimated costs increased because of the time taken to deliver these projects?**

A. The question was taken on notice.

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## **7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS**

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None.

## COMMUNITY

### *Community Goal: "Making Lives Better"*

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#### 8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

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File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

##### **Resolution:**

BULL/KING

That Council:

RECEIVE the report about the activities of Mayor Thomas during the period from Saturday, 19 March 2022 to Tuesday 19 April 2022.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

## ECONOMIC

### *Community Goal: “Open for Business”*

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#### 9. CITYSCAPE CIVIC HEART MASTERPLAN

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File Reference: Economic Recovery Program

##### **Reporting Brief:**

To seek Council’s approval of the Cityscape Civic Heart Masterplan ([Attachment 1](#)) to provide a framework for Glenorchy CBD’s strategic urban development as the primary centre for economic activity in the municipality.

##### **Resolution:**

RICHARDSON/KING

That Council:

APPROVE the CityScape Civic Heart Masterplan, to provide a strategic framework for urban development of Glenorchy’s Civic Heart.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

# GOVERNANCE

## *Community Goal: “Leading our Community”*

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### 10. ORGANISATIONAL DIRECTION-SETTING

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File Reference: Organisations structure

#### **Resolution:**

FRASER/RYAN

That Council:

1. DIRECT the General Manager to immediately begin project planning for a review of Council services, to better focus services on community priorities and improve Council’s financial sustainability, and
2. DIRECT the General Manager to prepare a project business case for the review of Council services for submission to the May 2022 ordinary Council meeting to enable Council to set the terms of reference for the review and to make appropriate budgetary provision for it.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 11. DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY 2022

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File Reference:

**Reporting Brief:**

To recommend Council endorses the Dog Management Policy 2022, which has been developed in extensive consultation with the community and key stakeholders.

**Resolution:**

HICKEY/BULL

That Council:

APPROVE the Dog Management Policy 2022 in the form of Attachment 1.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 12. QUARTERLY REPORT - QUARTER 3 2021/22

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File Reference: Corporate Reporting

**Reporting Brief:**

To present Council's Quarterly Report for the third quarter of the 2021/22 financial year, being the 3-month period ending 31 March 2022.

**Resolution:**

DUNSBY/FRASER

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE Council's Quarterly Report and Quarterly Annual Plan Progress Report for the quarter ending 31 March 2022.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.



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### **13. SUBMISSION TO FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW**

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File Reference: Local Government Reform

**Reporting Brief:**

To seek Council's endorsement of a submission to the Future of Local Government Review, with the closing date for submissions being 5 May 2022.

**Resolution:**

FRASER/KING

That Council:

1. MAKE a submission to the Local Government Board about the Future of Local Government Review in the terms set out in this report, and
2. PROVIDE a copy of its submission to the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 14. PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS - MONTHLY REPORT

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File Reference: Procurement

### Reporting Brief:

To inform Council of exemptions that have been applied to procurements under Council's Code for Tenders and Contracts for the period 14 March to 14 April 2022 and provide an update on external legal expenditure in accordance with the Ministerial Directions.

### Resolution:

RICHARDSON/DUNSBY

That Council:

RECEIVE and NOTE the Procurement and Contracts Monthly Report for the period from 14 March to 14 April 2022.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## **15. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE**

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### **Question without notice - Alderman Fraser – Claremont Primary School asbestos concerns**

**Q. Is Council aware of any health concerns in relation to asbestos at the old Claremont Primary School site due to it being degraded by fire. Are there any public health issues, and, if there are, can Council encourage the developer to commence work?**

**A. (General Manager)** Council has been actively involved in responding to vandalism and fire issues associated with that site and has expended money to ensure safety in the past.

Note: The question was taken on notice so additional information could be provided.

### **Question without notice - Alderman Fraser – Crime statistics**

**Q. I recently wrote a letter to the editor about the increase in crime that my family have experienced in West Moonah in recent years and was overwhelmed by the responses. It certainly looks like there has been an increase in crime in recent years. Has Council ever approached Glenorchy Police and asked whether they could provide Council (and the public) with a regular report on crime statistics within our municipality.**

**A. (Mayor)** We do have regular meetings with Inspector John Ward of the Glenorchy Branch of Tasmania Police and he does talk about crime statistics at those meetings. I am happy to ask the Inspector to provide us with updates.

### **Question without notice – Alderman Richardson – Graffiti on subdivision boundary fences**

**Q. In relation to the new subdivision near the exit to Abbotsfield Road on the Brooker Highway, a fence has been built which faces the highway. The entire fence has been sprayed with graffiti and is an eyesore. Is there anything we can do about this, and, in the longer term, is there anything we can do to avoid structures like this being put up because they are going to be tagged.**

**A.** The question was taken on notice.

### **Questions without notice - Alderman Sims – History committee and youth issues**

- Q. Does the Council believe that it should be supporting and facilitating the community in regards to aspects such as preserving our history through a formal council committee, something that we support, and not necessarily facilitate, but show some support?**

**Does Council feel it has a role around supporting our community cohorts such as this, other facilities and our local youth issues?**

- A. The questions were taken on notice.**

### **Question without notice - Alderman Dunsby – Glenorchy volunteer awards**

- Q: There is no information on our website about recognizing our volunteers at an awards event which is usually held in May each year. Has the recognition and the ceremony been cancelled?**

- A. (General Manager) There has been some work undertaken to recognise volunteer work, potentially in a different format to previous years.**

- A. (Director Community and Customer Services) We are in discussions around the format of the awards this year and will have some communication about this out soon.**

- Q: Why aren't we not continuing which this tradition to recognise our volunteers, and if there has been this change, why hasn't this been communicated to Aldermen?**

- A. (Director Community and Customer Services) There has been a two-month gap in recruiting for the position that would usually coordinate these awards. A meeting was held in relation to the this on Friday afternoon to discuss how the awards might look this year in view of this.**

- Q: Can we please have a report back to Council at the May meeting that will encompass this information so we can be informed about it? Or can we make it happen later on in the year, once the staffing issues has been resolved?**

- A. The question was taken on notice.**

**Resolution:**

KING/BULL

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 2015*.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 8.31 pm.

# CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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## 16. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

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### **Resolution:**

RICHARDSON/DUNSBY

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 28 March 2022 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser, Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

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## 17. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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None.

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## 18. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE (CLOSED)

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**Resolution:**

FRASER/RICHARDSON

That the meeting be re-opened to the public

The motion was put.

**FOR:** Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Richardson, Fraser,  
Carlton, Sims and Hickey

**AGAINST:**

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.51pm.

Confirmed,

**CHAIR**