

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 30 September 2024 at 3:30pm**



**Present
(in Chambers):** Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), Aldermen Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer, Russell Yaxley (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Molly Kendall, Harry Quick

**In attendance
(in Chambers):** Tony McMullen (Chief Executive Officer), Emilio Reale (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Emma Watkins (Coordinator Executive and Strategy), Allan Wise (Manager Finance), Ron Petterson (Manager Community), Lisa Rudd (Inclusive City Officer)

**In attendance
(by video link):** Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer), Melanie Burk (Executive Assistant to the Mayor)

**Leave of
absence:**

**Workshops held
since last Council
Meeting**

Date: Monday, 2 September 2024

Purpose: Introductory meeting:

- Meet the new Glenorchy Police Inspector Jason Klug and receive an update on crime stats and preventative programs in Glenorchy LGA

Date: Monday, 9 September 2024

Purpose: OPEN Workshop:

- Child and Youth Safe Framework

Date: Monday, 16 September 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Car Parking Plan and Cash In-Lieu
- Cadbury Chocolate Experience
- Glenorchy Mural Proposal

Date: Monday, 23 September 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Update on STRLUS review project
- Annual update on upcoming bushfire season and Council's bushfire mitigation program

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 27 viewers and 5 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 Islander

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

1. APOLOGIES

Alderman Shane Alderton and Alderman Jan Dunsby.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

SLADE/YAXLEY

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 26 August 2024 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Pool update

Repair and reopen:

- The \$5M to repair and reopen the pool was confirmed in the State Budget handed down on 12 September.
- As soon as the grant deed is finalised we are ready to go to tender for the works to repair and reopen the pool.

Future of the pool:

- Our next open workshop will be the presentation of the business case on the pool by MI Global. Don't forget to register your interest in this session. You can participate in person or online.

City safety

- As part of our strategy to address safety issues in Glenorchy, we held a Community Yarn on 11 September. This followed our business breakfast on the same topic.
- At this session Dr Zelinda Sherlock provided practical advice on how community can keep themselves safe in the event of witnessing anti-social or criminal behaviour.
- We then heard from community members about their concerns and experiences in dealing with anti-social behaviour.
- The next step is to host a round table discussion where we will bring together key community stakeholders to discuss solutions for the issues we are facing.
- It will take the proverbial village to make Glenorchy a place where we can all feel safe.

Youth Engagement

- Council is maintaining its focus on engaging with young people who congregate in our city.
- Every day after school and during the school holidays the Communities Team are hosting activities on the front lawns.
- We are investigating the possibility of establishing a youth hub as a place for young people to hang out and access services.
- In the meanwhile, we are activating the Labour Bureau or as it's known, pensioner's building on the front lawns to run Council programs, all-ages activities and as a youth drop-in centre in the afternoons.
- This space will support information for community, community outreach and events.

Tackling graffiti

- I am very excited to announce that we have started covering traffic signal boxes around Glenorchy with a graffiti-proof wrap.
- In addition to the box outside the Jobs Hub, two more were wrapped last week. On the corner of Barry Street and Main Road and corner of Peltro Street and King George Avenue.
- Over the next few weeks you will see more boxes around Glenorchy being covered in wraps.
- We are also working with local schools on designs for even more boxes in the future.

b kinder Council

- Today Council will discuss a recommendation for Glenorchy City Council to become the first b kinder Council in Australia.
- The b kinder foundation was established in honour of 12 year old Billie Kinder (*pronounced like kinder in kindergarten*) who died in a tragic accident in 2016.
- It was set up by her family to empower and inspire others through kindness, a quality that Billie consistently demonstrated.
- Council's childcare centres have already integrated the b kinder program to give their children the skills to become kinder, more empathetic and compassionate.
- We think these are a set of skills that we as adults can also demonstrate and share with our community.
- The prospect of becoming Australia's first b kinder Council is very exciting.
- This is a great opportunity to expand on our current programs and activities to build positive pathways through kindness, compassion, empathy and belonging.

60th Anniversary celebrations

- Put Sunday 20 October in your diaries to come and help us celebrate 60 years of becoming a city.
- Our family funday on the front lawn will include music, food, market stalls and a variety of speakers from across the region.
- Our history will be on full display with an exhibition being held in collaboration with the Glenorchy Municipality History Group.

Electric Vehicles

The Mayor invited the CEO to provide the following update:

- Council takes its responsibilities to the environment very seriously.
- A fenced enclosure is being constructed around part of the Council Chambers carpark. This will enable the purchase of three electric vehicles and installation of two electric vehicle charging stations.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chairperson asked if any Aldermen had or were likely to have a pecuniary interest in any items on the Agenda.

Tony McMullen, Chief Executive Officer, declared a pecuniary interest in Item 21, Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review 2023/24 and KPIS 2024/25.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

None.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Please note:

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

In accordance with regulation 31(2) and (3) (Public question time) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, 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 without notice – Mr Eddy Steenberg, Rosetta

Q1: Has a decision been made to discontinue the Quarterly Planning Reports which list the planning applications approved under delegation?

A1: [Deputy CEO] We have two quarterly reports being developed now. We have been short staffed so we have had to prioritise our statutory obligations and delay some of the additional tasks.

Q2: Do those reports require planning staff to produce?

A2: [Deputy CEO] Those reports are produced by our Development Coordinator, however due to being short staffed in the planning team the coordinator has had to take up planning duties to meet the statutory timelines.

Q3: Does that mean you really can't give me a time when I can expect to see those reports?

A3: [Deputy CEO] I believe one is almost ready to go, I would say next week or two.

Q4: I have submitted previous requests on statistics about recycling of plastics and received no information from my last request. The last I had heard about this was it had been agreed to be provided, and it will be provided soon. Are you aware of the status of that request?

A4: [Deputy CEO] I contacted the CEO of TasWaste South just last week and was advised that he has had discussions with Cleanaway Pty Ltd. It has been approved and they will be coming out soon, but I still didn't get an exact time.

Q5: Council now has a Chief Executive Officer and a Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Does Glenorchy City Council still have a General Manager?

A5: [Mayor] Yes, we are very proud to have a CEO. This change of title is to reflect the professionalism of the positions and to align with other city councils. It is a common title to reflect their duties.

[CEO] The General Manager title still exists in the act.

[Mayor] It is a bit like Alderman and Elected Members, the title is interchangeable. It's the same with General Manager, that usually relates to a country council these days.

Q6: Are the duties of the CEO the same as GM?

A6: [Mayor] Yes, exactly the same.

Question without notice – Ms Gwendoline Curtain, Glenorchy with a support person (Ms Maree Bennett).

Q1: How can Council help to improve access to the community for people living with disabilities?

Ms Curtain experiences a number of obstacles when travelling from her home to Northgate. We have found that some paths are overgrown with plants, there are poles on some roads which prevents Ms Curtain from being on the path in her wheelchair. Some roads do not have verges, which means she must cross the road or it is a trip hazard. Sometimes cars are parked on the footpath. All this means that she does not have free access to her community.

A1: [Mayor] Thank you very much for bringing those to our attention. I concur with you. I know how important it is to have an accessible pathway, particularly when you are trying to lead a very active life.

[CEO] Yes Council does have obligation under the Disability Discrimination Act to maintain equitable access to all people in our Community. We have a long standing Access Committee which works to improve access across the City.

In terms of the specifics of the road network, I will hand over to our Deputy CEO who looks after our infrastructure area.

[Deputy CEO] Every time we construct or rebuild a road, we build it to the current DDA standards. In some areas, we cut ramps into the existing footpaths as well, if we are aware that a community member is living in an area that requires improved access, we will prioritise that area. I have noted down the areas you have mentioned today and will have them looked at.

Q2: It would also be good to look at the timing of the pedestrian button, consider extending the period of time to allow people with disabilities to cross the street?

A2: [Deputy CEO] The traffic signals are controlled by the Department of State Growth and I can certainly pass on the feedback to them.

[Mayor] Thank you for coming along, I know first-hand how difficult it is for someone in a wheelchair. This is one of the difficulties of being a sixty year old city. Footpaths were built to different standards that are not acceptable to people now for the accessibility levels we need. I really appreciate you bringing the photos along. You have done a great job on behalf of a lot of people with the same problem.

The Mayor asked for the Deputy CEO to have an answer for the next Council meeting.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY

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8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Reporting Brief:

To receive an update on the recent activities of the Mayor.

Resolution:

SLADE/KENDALL

That Council:

1. RECEIVE a report about the activities of Mayor Hickey from Monday, 19 August to Sunday, 22 September 2024.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
 Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY

File Reference: Community

Reporting Brief:

To present the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework, the Compliance Guidance for Organisations, and the Consultation Full Report for noting, and recommend that Council adopt the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy for review.

Resolution:

QUICK/KING

That Council:

1. NOTE the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework at **Attachment 1**, the Compliance Guidance for Organisations at **Attachment 2**, and the Consultation Full Report at **Attachment 4**.
2. ADOPT the Glenorchy City Council Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy at **Attachment 3**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

10. B KINDER COUNCIL PROPOSAL

File Reference: Community Projects

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council support Glenorchy City Council becoming a b kinder Council.

Resolution:

KING/SLADE

That Council:

1. SUPPORT Glenorchy City Council becoming a b kinder Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

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11. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2024

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the monthly Financial Performance Report for the period ending 31 August 2024.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 31 August 2024 as set out in **Attachment 1**.
2. APPROVE a variation to the 2024/25 budget estimates to provide for operational and capital grants carried forward from the 2023/24 financial year as set out in **Attachment 2**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

12. CAPITAL WORKS STATUS REPORT

File Reference: Capital Works Programs

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council an update on capital works progress for the 2024/25 financial year.

Resolution:

KENDALL/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the report on the Capital Works status to the end of August 2024
2. ENDORSE the adjustments to the Capital Works Budget for each grant or reserve funded account number as follows:
 - 101059 – increase forecast by \$755K (from \$1M to \$1.755M) – KGV Soccer, multi-year project forecast correction (totally grant funded)
 - 101536 – increase forecast by \$1.173M (from \$200K to \$1.373M) – Tolosa Dam, multi-year project forecast correction (totally funded by property disposal reserve funds from DEC sale)
 - 102182 – Increase by \$45K (from \$500K to \$545K) – Claremont Skatepark - multi-year project forecast correction (totally grant funded)
 - 101250 – Increase by \$65K (from \$4M to \$4.065M) – North Chigwell Soccer, multi-unit developer contribution of \$65K for pathway/footpath
 - 102231 – include \$3.5M (from \$0) – Glenorchy Pool repairs – (totally grant funded for \$5m balance to be included in next FY budget)
 - 102175 – increase of \$100K (from \$350K to \$450K) - landfill office accommodation and recycling/reuse area project, received a grant for \$100K to expand the project.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. UPDATED COUNCIL POLICIES

File Reference: Council Policies

Reporting Brief

To present the following reviewed policies for adoption:

- No Spray Register Policy
- Council Policy and Procedure Framework Policy
- Footpaths Policy

To present the following policy to be rescinded:

Traffic Management Plans Policy

Proposal in Detail

All policies adopted by Council are reviewed cyclically. The ordinary review period for Council policies is four (4) years after adoption. However, policies may be reviewed earlier if it is appropriate to do so, for example if there are changes to a relevant governing act.

Resolution:

QUICK/KING

That Council:

1. ADOPT the No Spray Register Policy in **Attachment 2**
2. ADOPT the Council Policy and Procedure Framework Policy in **Attachment 4**
3. ADOPT the Footpaths Policy in **Attachment 6**
4. RESCIND the Traffic Management Plans Policy in **Attachment 7**

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

14. PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS EXEMPTION REPORT

File Reference: Procurement

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (a) NOTE the exemption for the Mercer consultancy services. The expenditure totals are estimated at \$65,000 excl. GST over a six year period, and;
- (b) NOTE the exemption for the Liminal studio architectural services. The expenditure totals are estimated at \$170,810 excl. GST.

Resolution:

SLADE/YAXLEY

That Council:

- (a) NOTE the exemption for the Mercer consultancy services. The expenditure totals are estimated at \$65,000 excl. GST over a six year period, and;
- (b) NOTE the exemption for the Liminal studio architectural services. The expenditure totals are estimated at \$170,810 excl. GST.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Motion without notice:

YAXLEY/COCKSHUTT

That Mayor Hickey speak directly with the Premier, responsible for Infrastructure, and Minister Abetz, responsible for Transport, as a matter of urgency either face-to-face or over the phone and write to the respective parties, to ask the following questions behalf of all Elected Members and our community:

1. Explain why the dangerous and unsafe Montrose Bay Intersection was not funded in the 2024-2025 State Budget?
2. Can the Montrose Bay Intersection receive a firm commitment for inclusion in the 2025-2026 state budget?
3. Of the \$75 million allocated for upgrades to the Brooker Highway which the State is pursuing from the Federal Government, is the Montrose Bay Intersection included in this funding request? And if the funding is not received, what are the next steps?

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 5:01pm.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a 1 minute break.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 5:03pm

16. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

SLADE/YAXLEY

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 26 August 2024 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

17. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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18. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING RATES AND RECOVERY ACTION

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(f) (Proposals for the Council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land) and (4) (In relation to subregulation 15(3) only, matters relating to legal (or possible future legal) action taken (or may be taken) by or involving the Council).

19. AUDIT PANEL MINUTES

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(g) (Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential).

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

21. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2023/24 AND KPIS 2024/25

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(g) (Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential).

Resolution:

KING/YAXLEY

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley,
Councillors Kendall and Quick

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 6:05pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR