

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 25 August 2025 at 3:30 PM**



**Present
(in Chambers):**

Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Tim Marks, Peter Ridler, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer, and Councillor Molly Kendall

**In attendance
(in Chambers):**

Emilio Reale (Chief Executive Officer), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Luke Chiu (Acting Director Infrastructure and Development), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Emma Watkins (Coordinator Executive and Strategy), Tim Douglass (Events Officer)

**In attendance
(by video link):**

Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

Leave of absence:

Workshops held since last Council Meeting

Date: Monday, 4 August 2025

Purpose: Site visit:

- Memorial tree planting at Beedhams Bay for Alderman Dunsby and Chandos Drive for Councillor Quick
- Brent Street Park new playspace

Date: Monday, 11 August 2025

Purpose: To present and discuss:

- Strategic and Statutory Planning Work Plan and Major Projects Overview
- Pool Communication and Advocacy Plans

Date: Monday, 18 August 2025

Purpose: To present and discuss:

- Gambling Harm Reduction Awareness
- Statement of Commitment on Gambling

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 24 viewers and one member of the public attended in person.

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.30 PM.

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 people.

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 Russell Yaxley

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

SLADE/KENDALL

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 28 July 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Visit from the Governor

- Last Thursday, Her Excellency, Governor Barbara Baker paid a visit to Glenorchy to see firsthand the work we are doing in key strategic areas including youth engagement, community safety and housing.
- This followed a pre-briefing that I provided to Her Excellency about this work last Monday.
- During her visit to Council, the Governor was given a short presentation on work being undertaken in each strategic area.
- This was followed by a visit to the Jobs Hub to speak with our Youth Connector on the work they are doing to help young people into work.
- This was then followed by a tour of the Terry Street building where we are planning to establish our Glenorchy Youth Hub.
- During her visit the Governor was able to see the front lawn activated with our Communities team activities underway, along with the presence of the Tas Police Poli Van and Mission Youth Beat service.
- Her Excellency congratulated us on the work being undertaken by Council and the depth of our relationships with local service providers.

Local School Engagement

- We are continually expanding our engagement with local primary and secondary schools in the Glenorchy area to raise the profile of both public education and the reputation of our city.
- Recent activities include:
 - Promotion of letters sent to Council from Bowen Road Primary students with feedback on Benjafield Park. These heartfelt letters are now on display in Chambers foyer.
 - Involvement of Rosetta Primary students in a recent native plant planting day.
 - Participation in Springfield Gardens Primary Book Week events, including judging their book week parade and visiting three classrooms to read to the students and ask them what we can do to make Glenorchy an even better place to live.
 - In addition to these direct engagement activities, our Communities Team regularly engage with both Montrose Bay and Cosgrove High Schools to run targeted youth programs and our Jobs Hub Youth Connector works closely with Claremont College and high school students to provide work ready skills and help with getting a job.

Montrose Intersection

- Work has started to make the Brooker Highway intersection at Montrose Foreshore safer.
- This project will add new traffic lights and pedestrian crossings at the intersection of the highway, Foreshore Road and Duncan Street – helping drivers, cyclists and pedestrians move through the area more safely.
- The \$9.7 million upgrade is jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian governments with more than \$7.7 million from the Australian Government and \$1.9 million from the State.
- Early preparation works began earlier this month with major construction to commence soon.

It's Planting Time

- Earlier this month we had a great group of 24 volunteers spend their day planting trees and shrubs to revegetate a section of the New Town Rivulet behind Hobart City High's New Town Campus.
- The group, along with the Council's Vegetation Control Crew have spent time over the past few months removing weeds from the area preparing it for revegetation.
- Over 180 native plants were planted to provide habitat for birds and other native species; and to provide shade over the rivulet in coming years.
- This adds to the over 10 000 native plants that were planted in rehabilitation and landscaping projects across the city last financial year.

Draft Glenorchy Parking Plan

- Community members are invited to have your say on the draft Glenorchy Parking Plan, which is now open for consultation.
- As Glenorchy grows, we need parking rules that work for residents, businesses and visitors, while making the best use of our urban land.
- The plan applies to areas near public transport, including Glenorchy, Moonah, Claremont, the Northern Transit Corridor and residential zones.
- Feedback can be provided via our Let's Talk, Glenorchy site, which closes on Monday 15 September.
- Alternatively, you can participate in a Community Workshop next Thursday 4 September from 4.30 – 5.30pm at the Glenorchy Library in Room 2.

School Holiday Program

- Our Community Development Team is partnering with Mission Australia to help shape our school holiday programs.
- The aim is to find out which activities young people enjoy most and what times work best so we can create a consistent holiday program on the Council lawns that young people will engage in during their school breaks.
- You can have your say by filling out the survey on our Let's Talk, Glenorchy website.

Solar Panel Installation

- To date, Council has installed 93 KW (kilowatts) of solar panels on the Council Chambers (60KW) and Work Centre (33KW) buildings.
- Approximately 90% of the power generated will be directly used within the Chamber and Work Centre buildings.
- This represents a significant saving of approximately \$20,000 every year.

Next Open Workshop

- Our next Open Workshop is scheduled for Monday September 8 when we will be joined by the Hobart Women's Shelter and Shelter Tasmania who will provide briefings on their services and information about what homelessness looks like in Glenorchy for different demographics.
- I encourage you to join us for this very important topic. You can join us here in Chambers or online.

The Pool

- And finally, I'm pleased to share some recent photos of the repair works at the pool.
- Our Comms Team are recording progress on the work being done to provide regular updates to community and get a historic record of the repair work.

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.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

None.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Please note:

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

In accordance with regulation 31(2) and (3) (Public question time) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 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 with notice – Thomas David Sherwood, Dowsings Point
Received Saturday, 16 August 2025**

Q1: Can Council provide a full update on the status of the Glenorchy YMCA Indoor Skatepark project, which received government funding approval approximately six years ago, but has not yet been delivered? This project had strong community support (including over 1,000 petition signatures at the time) and was promoted as a long-term community facility supporting physical and mental wellbeing. Can Council clarify the reasons for the delay and provide a clear timeline for delivery?" I look forward to a long-formed submission at the next meeting if possible.

I've provided links to articles regarding my request;

<https://tasmaniantimes.com/2019/01/glenorchy-ymca-to-be-transformed-by-6m-grant/amp/>

<https://hobart.ymca.org.au/ymca-receives-6m-redevelopment-funding/>

<http://www.glenorchygazette.com.au/6-million-grant-set-to-rejuvenate-community-hub/>

Response:

In recent communications with the current YMCA CEO, he has confirmed that the redevelopment of the YMCA with the \$6 million grant is about to be completed and will be re-opened to the public with new programs later this year.

Whilst the Council did advocate for this funding to be provided to the YMCA to see improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the community, this is not a Council owned, managed or run facility. The Council is not able to provide a full update on its status and suggest writing directly to the YMCA Glenorchy.

The Council did receive a \$250,000 grant from the State Government to build a replacement skate park when the Community Medical Centre was built at the location of the Barry Street Skate Park. This replacement skate park was constructed at the Montrose Bay Reserve and was completed 2 years ago.

Question without notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta

Q1: I noticed in the newspaper that the Council advertised an expression of interest in public electric vehicle chargers. What is the thinking behind that?

A1: [Acting Director Infrastructure and Development] What Council is interested in doing is putting it out to market to see if there is an operator. As you know, there are many operators of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure that might like to run electric vehicle chargers from some of the Council's properties and car parks. Council did investigate whether we could or should do that ourselves, but because the market has now transitioned to a real market where private operators are going to provide those services, it would potentially be in competition with them. We think it is best just to give them a lease of the land on a site where they install the infrastructure and take the revenue and manage the service. We just provide the land for it, which helps to get more vehicle chargers out in the community.

Q2: Will Council receive any financial return on this?

A2: [Acting Director Infrastructure and Development] This will depend on the level of interest from EV charger operators. It is likely that Council will only receive the licence fee for the car spaces used. It is more about expanding the services to the community without a cost to Council.

Q3: With reference to agenda item 11; if the motion/recommendation for the item is endorsed, what will actually happen?

A3: [Chief Executive Officer] If the recommendation is endorsed it allows Council to become a member of a collaborative network of the Southern Tasmanian Councils. Council would become a member where the Regional Development Australia (RDA) would be coordinator and provide the secretariat services to the collaboration. Council would have to pay a membership fee to be a member, the same as what they did with the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA). This would take the place of the STCA so there is a regional body that councils can collaborate with each other to drive regional strategic projects. The word endorse really is the same as approve, but if you look up the meaning, it is probably a little bit stronger. It means that it is to approve wholeheartedly.

[ES] What will happen now once the motion is passed?

[Chief Executive Officer] If the motion is passed, endorsed or approved the Council will then notify the RDA that we want to join. We will have to pay our membership fee, and then we become part of a collaboration of Southern Councils. We would meet to discuss strategic objectives across the region.

[ES] The report mentions that the collaborative network intends to be self-sufficient after two years. What does this mean?

[Chief Executive Officer] My understanding is that the RDA will continue to have a role to play and will generate its own revenue, meaning that councils will no longer need to contribute a membership fee.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY

Community Goal – Making Lives Better

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Reports

Reporting Brief:

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

Resolution:

SLADE/MARKS

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report of the activities of Mayor Hickey during the period from Monday, 21 July 2025 to Sunday, 17 August 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE POTENTIAL DISPOSAL OF 16A CAMDEN CRESCENT, MOONAH

File Reference: 16a Camden Crescent, Moonah

Reporting Brief: This report is to recommend that Council begin preliminary investigations into the potential disposal of 16a Camden Crescent, Moonah (the Land) by way of a long-term lease to the Returned & Services League of Australia, Tasmania Branch (RSL Tasmania) for the purposes of veteran transition housing.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/MARKS

That Council:

1. ENDORSE the commencement of investigations into the potential disposal of 16a Camden Crescent, Moonah (CT 84713/1 and CT 84713/2) by way of a long-term lease to RSL Tasmania.
2. AUTHORISE the CEO to undertake a community engagement process to identify any concerns about the potential disposal of the Land.
3. REQUIRE a further report to Council summarising the feedback received (and identifying any concerns) and to seek approval to proceed or not proceed with the statutory processes for public land disposal.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENT

Community Goal – Valuing our Environment

10. CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ACTION PLAN - 2024/2025 PROGRESS UPDATE

File Reference: Climate Change

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the 2024–2025 annual update on the implementation of the Council’s *Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan* and note progress achieved across Council operations in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Resolution:

MARKS/RIDLER

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the 2024–2025 annual progress update on the Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

11. COLLABORATIVE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS

File Reference: Southern Tasmanian Councils

Reporting Brief:

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider its support for a new operating model to facilitate Local Government collaboration within the Southern region.

Resolution:

SLADE/MARKS

That Council:

1. ENDORSE the formation of a Collaborative Network of Southern Tasmanian Councils, delivered through Regional Development Australia (Tasmania) to replace the regional collaboration role previously provided by the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority.
2. ENDORSE the winding up of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority in accordance with section 37 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the rules of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

12. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 JULY 2025

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the monthly Financial Performance Report for the period ending 31 July 2025.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/STRINGER

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 31 July 2025 as set out in **Attachment 1**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. UPDATED COUNCIL POLICIES

File Reference: Council Policies

Reporting Brief:

To present two (2) updated policies to Council for adoption.

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.

This report is to present the following reviewed policies for adoption:

- Business Continuity Policy
- Risk Management Policy

Resolution:

SLADE/KING

That Council:

1. ADOPT the revised Business Continuity Policy in **Attachment 1**
2. ADOPT the revised Risk Management Policy in **Attachment 2**
3. APPROVE the CEO to make minor grammatical corrections as required.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

14. CODE OF CONDUCT - INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

File Reference: Council Policies

Reporting Brief:

To recommend that Council adopts the Code of Conduct – Internal Dispute Resolution Policy as per **Attachment 1**. The policy has been adapted from the template prepared by the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

Resolution:

SLADE/KING

That Council:

1. ADOPT the Code of Conduct – Internal Dispute Resolution Policy in **Attachment 1**
2. APPROVE the CEO to amend the policy to include an addition to section 4.5 ‘nor any person who has been admitted to practice law in any country overseas’.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

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

None.

Resolution:

KING/SLADE

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 Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 4:37 PM.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a 1-minute recess.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 4:38 PM

16. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

Resolution:

SLADE/MARKS

That the minutes of the Council meeting (closed meeting) held on Monday, 28 July 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

17. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Resolution:

KING/COCKSHUTT

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:41 PM.

Confirmed,

CHAIR