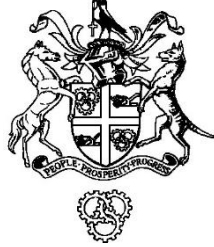


**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, 27 MAY 2024**



GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL

QUALIFIED PERSON CERTIFICATION

The General Manager certifies that, in accordance with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, any advice, information and recommendations contained in the reports related to this agenda have been prepared by persons who have the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information and recommendations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony McMullen'.

Tony McMullen
General Manager
MONDAY, 27 MAY 2024

Hour: 3:30pm

Present (in Chambers):

Present (by video link):

**In attendance (in
Chambers):**

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

Leave of Absence:

Workshops held since last Council Meeting

Date: Monday, 6 May 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Motions
- Contemporary Asset Management
- Fire and safety drills

Date: Monday, 13 May 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Hydrotherapy Pool Update
- Property Revaluation – Impact on Rates
- Fees and Charges – Draft Budget

Date: Monday, 20 May 2024

Purpose: To discuss:

- Annual Plan
- Regional Projects Update – May 2024
- Windermere Bay Skate Park Proposal



GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL

ELECTED MEMBER STATEMENT OF INTENT November 2022

We will...	By...
Be curious, open to change and difference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being progressive, proactive, and innovative Taking calculated risks Asking questions before offering opinions or solutions Debating ideas without getting personal Remembering everyone is equal Always having an open mind
Be authentic and act with integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being accessible Being honest and trustworthy Demonstrating transparency and accountability
Be respectful to each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Going to the source, in person, early Assuming good intent, always Acting with good intent, always Actively listening, seeking to understand Valuing other's opinions Being prepared
Own and right our wrongs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-reflecting Being open to feedback Being brave enough to be vulnerable
Show strong leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenging the status quo Continually learning and practicing good governance Striving for financial sustainability and strength Having clarity on role and purpose
Consider the impact we have on others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicing emotional intelligence Hearing both sides before making judgement Remembering our behaviour and words matter to staff



ELECTED MEMBER LEGACY

November 2022

At the end of our term, we will have made a real difference because, together:

We deliver

We're active and present

We put people first

We are inclusive

We are future focussed and brave

We improved communication and community engagement

We empowered our community

We rebuilt pride

We were accountable

We created a safe, clean, equitable city

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (OPEN MEETING)

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 April 2024 be confirmed.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Please note:

The answers provided to questions taken on notice from the Council meeting held on Monday 29 April 2024, not only address those questions, but also correct the public record.

To prevent the spread of incorrect information that can damage the reputation of our Municipality, I encourage everyone to verify information directly with Council rather than relying on social media for the facts.

Question without notice – Janiece Bryan, Montrose**Q1: Where are the compliance certificates held for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool?**

A: This question was taken on notice.

Response: Records are kept in Council's Enterprise Content Management system (ECM).

Q2: Who in Council has oversight around enforcing the legislative National Standards for the operation of a safe pool?

A: This question was taken on notice.

Response: The General Manager is classed as the person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) and is the duty holder for the work health and safety duty under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012.

Q3: When the Council claimed it was unsafe and had to close, what was date of the last compliance certificate and where is that held?

A: This question was taken on notice.

Response: The most recent Building Surveyor Essential Services inspection report was 27/09/2021. It was the detailed condition assessment work undertaken in early 2023 with aquatic specialists (via Knowledge Asset Management Services and Lacus) that detailed the unsafe conditions. The pool has not been reopened since receiving that report.

Q4: Who is responsible for communicating this to the Insurer and why does it appear there was no Asset Management Plan supporting the maintenance of the pool for the community?

A: This question was taken on notice.

Response: Council officers communicate with the insurer. As has been detailed previously, the pool has received regular asset maintenance which kept it operational for the community for 60 years. The pool has now reached an age and condition where it can no longer be kept operational with just asset maintenance alone and now requires significant capital investment for upgrading or replacement.

Q5: The Council needs to explain to the community why a new Property Identifier has recently been created on the Land Information System of Tasmania (LIST) showing changes that relate to the land that the pool is currently on. Approximately 2/3rds of the actual pool has been renamed King George V Park? Why is Council seeking \$50 Million private investment listed on the Glenorchy Priority Projects for this newly recreated Property pool site? Refer Land Information System of Tasmania (LIST)?

A: This question was taken on notice.

Response: The Council has not made or requested any changes related to the pool site title or the LIST, this enquiry should be directed to the Lands Titles Office.

With regards to why Council is seeking funding for the pool site in its Priority Projects Prospectus, firstly, the funding is requested for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool site in total. To Council's knowledge there is no newly recreated property pool site.

Secondly, the Priority Project Prospectus request was prepared before the State Government provided funding to undertake the MI Global investigation into options for the site and then promised the \$5 million to repair and reopen the pool. The amount of \$50 million was an estimate of what would be needed to fully redevelop the site based on feedback from Knowledge Asset Management Services and Lacus.

Once the MI Global study is finalised, Council will then be in a position to make direct submissions to State and Federal Governments and through available grant programs to fund the redevelopment of the pool beyond the repair work that the State Government have promised funding for. Neither State, nor Federal funding bodies will grant funds based on estimates, they will require fully scoped and costed proposals, which is what the MI Global report will provide.

Interactions following formal questions:

At the 31 July Council meeting (2023?) at about one hour into the video recording, the following elected member statements were made:

“We have 2 really good regional pools within 15 minutes. Do we really need one?”

“Does Glenorchy actually need a pool?”.

Doesn't the Council realise that this is a very valid and compelling reason for the need of an elector poll?

Don't the residents of Glenorchy deserve a say on whether they need a pool?

A positive response will assist the Council when seeking a priority community infrastructure program grant.

The Council keep mentioning the cost of an elector poll that it would not have been required if people had not been given dis-information by the Council.

Many people I have been speaking to have did not know the pool was closed and were shocked, they proceeded to talk about what the pool meant to them and were worried about our neglected youths.

I am aware of the cost of the elector poll, but it is necessary for the community to have it's say.

The purpose of an elector poll is actually to assist in seeking grant funding.

Given disinformation by Council about the cost of an elector poll, you need to be aware of all the money that Council has wasted on non-core responsibilities, just to mention a few:

- *\$5M for infrastructure for Berriedale Caravan Park.*
Response: This is not wasted money. External grant funding was sought to complete infrastructure works. However, the grant application was unsuccessful so no public money has been spent.
- *\$500K for the BMX track.*
Response: This is not wasted money. The BMX track, which was predominantly used by Southern City BMX club members only, except for club member recruitment days, was flagged for relocation through a consultation process completed by Council in 2020. The track was relocated to create a national standard facility that can host national events. Sorell Council agreed to relocate the track to Pembroke Park when a suitable, cost effective site could not be found in Glenorchy. At the time, estimates to relocate the track in Glenorchy were around \$2.1 million, far exceeding the project's proposed budget. Pembroke Park offers a more suitable regional facility for the BMX community. This centrally located track that supports the whole region was funded by the transfer to Sorell

Council of a \$250 000 State Government Sport and Recreation grant and a \$433 597 contribution from Glenorchy City Council's Economic Recovery Program.

- *CBD playground didn't proceed.*
Response: This is not wasted money. The money was transferred, with State Government approval, to fund the CBD Revitalisation project, which was successfully completed.
- *\$520K for the purchase of land at Peltro Street.*
Response: This is not wasted money. This was a strategic purchase given its proximity to a potential transit stop on the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor. If this doesn't proceed, it is an option for the land to be placed on the market and be sold at the price then prevailing.
- *\$725K for the MAC.*
Response: This is not wasted money. The cost quoted is presumably operational cost for running the Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) – a grassroots arts centre that provides a broad-ranging community cultural program. Just like recreational facilities that the Council provide, such as dog parks, sporting grounds and playspaces, there is no expectation that the MAC will provide a commercial return, however the expenditure is partially offset by revenue received by the MAC.
- *\$820K for the Jobs Hub in 22/23 and \$650K for this financial year.*
Response: This is not wasted money. The Jobs Hub is entirely State Government funded by Jobs Tasmania.
- *\$8M for the sale of the DEC.*
Response: This is not wasted money. This was revenue to Council, not expenditure.
- *\$2.4M spent on Loyd Road.*
Response: This is not wasted money. This was part of the negotiated sale of the DEC and Wilkinsons Point to the State government. It is yet to be expended.
- *\$3M to cart fill for MONA to Tolosa Reserve.*
A: [Acting Mayor] Quite a few of those things you said are not truthful. We have answered you on many occasions and whilst you believe they are right, they are not. We are happy to take all of your questions on notice for you to hand over for response.
Response: This is not wasted money. TasWater accepted the fill from MONA at Tolosa Park free of charge. The \$3M cited by Ms Bryan is presumably Council's \$3M contribution to the \$6.2M Tolosa Park Reintegration Project, which is expected to be completed in July 2024 – This project is converting the former reservoirs to a useable open space area. The \$3M Council contribution comes from DEC sale proceeds with the \$3.2M balance funded by TasWater

Point of Order – Alderman Cockshutt

Refer back to the February 2024 Council meeting:

Item 9; Petition seeking Public Meeting and Pool Repair and Reopening,

Motion Point 4; NOTE that there will be extensive opportunities for community input as part of the Pool Redevelopment and Alternative Options project which is currently underway, and that the consultants will carefully consider and analyse the options put to them, before bringing their recommendations back to Council for its further consideration.

Motion Point 5; In light of the bipartisan election commitments of \$5M funding, DIRECT the General Manager to identify priority works required and start planning to safely repair and reopen the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool, while long-term solutions are being explored.

We have already reached out to government about the \$5M funding and commenced work on the seals, so we can re-open the pool. We cannot open the pool until it is safe.

- *Do you have a firm commitment for the \$5m funding.*
A: [Acting Mayor] I have emailed and called all that promised the \$5M. This financial year we have a \$200K expected surplus. The elector poll will cost ratepayers \$250K.

Asked for Ms Bryan to take her seat.

Clarifying Response: Following the State Election, the Acting Mayor spoke to the Premier and left a message for Sport and Events Minister Nic Street to ask for the \$5 million as soon as possible so that Council can commence work on repairing and reopening the pool. These phone calls were then followed up by a letter signed by all Elected Members to both the Premier and Minister asking the same. A copy of this letter was also sent to all sitting member of Clark.

In addition a meeting was held with Madeleine Ogilvie on 29 April to discuss the pool and request the release of \$1 million in the first instance to start preparatory work immediately.

The Acting Mayor is awaiting a response from the Liberal Government.

- *A Land Information System Tasmania map suggests the pool site and KGV Oval are all on one title and is evidence of a Council conspiracy to sell the site.*
Response: Council is not planning to sell the site. As stated earlier, any questions about changes to the LIST map should be directed to the Lands Titles Office.

Point of Order – Alderman Alderton

Can we request that Ms Bryan provide concrete evidence to back her documentation up, provide evidence to Council rather than accusations?

Question without notice – Mala Crew, Glenorchy

Q1: Further to the recent incident in Lutana, I have prepared a petition to Parliament and ask whether GCC is prepared to be an active partner in the initiative addressing racially motivated violence, working in harmony with police and political parties? Youths need facilities, green spaces, etc.

A: [Acting Mayor] I commend Ms Crew on the question, I confirm that we are all at our wits end on how to improve the situation in Glenorchy, Australia and Globally with disengaged youths. We are committed to a 'Safer Communities Working Group' with Elected Members. We are still working out the Terms of Reference.

[Alderman Slade] We do have an internal group. Is there something that can be harnessed?

[General Manager] Have not seen what is in the petition yet, however we have the capacity to look at this as a priority.

[Alderman King] We are constantly committed to doing activities to engage youths on the Council lawns (breakfast clubs, afternoon barbeques, basketball and music).

Point of Order (Alderman Dunsby)

We appear to be having a debate in question time.

The Acting Mayor's ruling was that everyone is adding value to the topic.

[Acting Mayor] The question was taken on notice.

Response: Council regularly engages and partners with organisations working towards an inclusive and engaged city. Recent partnering programmes with PCYC and Mission Australia have provided a number of engagement activities on Council's front lawns. Council is currently working with Karadi planning Reconciliation Week activities.

Council recently held two family fun days at Benjafield and attracted over 1500 residents, providing a sense of community to those involved.

Additionally, Council supports the Glenorchy Jobs Hub which has a Youth Connector working towards increasing youth training and employment.

Council is also commencing an Access and Inclusion Committee which not only examines accessibility within Glenorchy, but also inclusiveness. This committee has a number of key stakeholders informing Council.

Council has also implemented a Safe Cities working group which meets with the Police, Mission Beat and the Salvation Army. This group allows two way communications between law enforcement and Council and assists both with responses to youth and racial issues.

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 – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta**(Received Thursday, 2 May 2024)**

Hello I am interested in the status of the land in this title on Berriedale Peninsula shown on this map and listed in The List website as owned by Council (Property ID: 9607379, Title Reference: 181869/1). I've read in Facebook and elsewhere various assertions about the ownership and status of the land on Berriedale Peninsula and council's relationships with MONA and tenants on that land. I would like the facts of the current situation.



Q1: Is Council the sole owner of the land covered by the title?

Response: Yes

Q2: I understand there are tenancies on portions of the title. Can Council provide the following information for each tenancy:

- a. The name of the tenant.
- b. The nature of the tenancy (e.g., lease – with or without expiry – with or without option to extend, rental, rent-free, etc).
- c. A map showing the boundary of the land covered.
- d. A copy of Councils agreement/contract with the tenant.



A – Licence to MONA for carparking. 2 years but can continue month to month with hold over provisions. Commercial fee.

B – Lease to Glenorchy City Bowls Club. 10 years but can continue month to month with hold over provisions. Discounted fee for sporting clubs. Section 178 land disposal process approved as per Council Meeting minutes 29 November 2021 (as required for lease >5 years).

C – Lease to City of Glenorchy Tennis Club. 10 years but can continue month to month with hold over provisions. Discounted fee for sporting clubs. Section 178 land disposal process approved as per Council Meeting minutes 29 November 2021 (as required for lease >5 years).

D – Lease to MONA for development and carparking. 10 years with extension options up to 99 years. Commercial fee. Section 178 land disposal process approved as per Council Meeting minutes 27 April 2020 (as required for lease >5 years). Note the BMX side of the site/lease not yet activated.

E – Licence to MONA for worm chapel, art exhibit, greenhouses, storage and parking. 5 years but can continue month to month with hold over provisions. Commercial fee. Note that copies of the agreements have not been provided as requested, as these are commercial in confidence. The enquirer would need to obtain the permission of the tenants for these to be released.

Q3: Can you list any active development permits covering any part of the title?

Response: The only active development application that is undetermined for the site is for a residential dwelling and museum addition for MONA. The only reason that 1 Alcorso Drive (Title reference: 181869/1) forms part of that application is that it creates some consequential stormwater connection works on the site.

Two recent approvals have been issued for the site. A permit for a caravan park (by MONA) was issued in Dec 2020. It is still current and has not yet been acted upon. An application for a generic approval of a food van site (by GCC) was approved in 2022.

Q4: Has Council a standing arrangement, formal or informal, to give landowner consent to any future DA from MONA on the Caravan Park land or any other part of the title?

Response: No. As noted below MONA already has a planning permit for the caravan park site.

Q5: When BMX activity has ceased, who or what will be responsible for making that land “development ready” and who will bear the cost?

Response: The tenant – MONA.

Q6: Final question relates to the TasWater Cameron Point treatment plant. I understand that via a MOU with MONA, TasWater committed to fixing a ‘odour’ problem allegedly holding up MONA development plans. Has TasWater fulfilled their commitment, and if so, did it remove the problem?

Response: In December 2020 a planning permit was issued to MONA for a caravan park on the site. A condition of the permit prevented the use (as a caravan park) from commencing until MONA were able to demonstrate that the level of odour experienced on the site, from the adjacent sewerage treatment plant, did not cause any environmental harm (including environmental nuisance). MONA have since been working with TasWater to upgrade elements of the plant to reduce odour emissions.

This condition of the permit has not yet been satisfied. Any requests on the progress of the upgrades should be directed to MONA.

Question with notice – Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta

(Received Sunday, 5 May 2024)

At the April 2024 Open Council I asked: *"Can Council provide me with any evidence or statistics to reassure me that any of the plastic I put into my yellow bin is in fact being recycled or reused?"*

In response, I was first given a brief synopsis of the recycling situation including Cleanaway and the Southern Tasmania Regional Waste Authority (STRWA). The second part of the response informed me that Council does indeed receive detailed statistics relating the amount of various types of material that are processed by Cleanaway. I was informed that the statistics were for "internal use". When I asked if Council would publish those statistics, the answer was non-committal.

Q1: What "internal use" are the statistics put to?

Response: They are provided to Councils for information on volumes of recyclables and comparisons across the various municipal areas.

Q2: Will Council publish the most recent statistics and each new set of statistics as they are received by Council, and if not, why not?

Response: The reports include information on all of the Southern Councils, not just Glenorchy, as well as commercial information relating to the commodities and processors. The reports are received with a "confidential" marking. Council is happy to request if the reports, or a version of the reports, can be publicly released by the regional body each month.

Q2a: I didn't quite understand what Council actually did with the reports. Can you clarify that please?

Response: They are simply provided as 'for information' reports to Council. They provide GCC with information on volumes of recyclables and comparisons across the different Council areas.

Q2b: Is the confidentiality a provision of STRWA's contract with Cleanaway? If not, who marks the reports as "confidential" - Cleanaway or STRWA or someone else?

Response: Cleanaway.

Q2c: I would definitely like Council to follow up to find out if the entire reports (or portions) might be made publicly available. Can you make that follow up happen?

Response: Yes, these discussions have already been had with STRWA, and are currently underway between STRWA and Cleanaway.

Question with notice – Leeanne Rose, Glenorchy

(Received Monday, 20 May 2024)

Q1: Has Council put in their submission for with the territories, regions and cities Thriving Suburbs Program grant in order to Save Glenorchy War Memorial Pool long term solution?

Response: Council is not in the position to apply for grants for the pool until the MI Global study is completed which will include the concept plans, business case and costings.

The grant program EOI that is referenced requires projects to be ‘shovel ready’, which we would not yet be able to demonstrate. There is also a 50% contribution from Council required. This referenced grant program is also not yet open for applications, it has simply been announced as a “forecast funding opportunity” (i.e., coming in the future). Council will however monitor this potential opportunity for the pool and other suitable projects.

From their website:

Important information: *The Forecast Funding Opportunity is subject to revision, withdrawal or cancellation. Information in forecasted opportunities is provided for planning purposes only. It does not represent a commitment by the Australian Government, is not the approved guidelines and does not provide confirmation that the program is open. Applications cannot be submitted at this time.*

Please continue to monitor this page for updates on this Forecast Funding Opportunity on the program guidelines.

7. PETITIONS/ADDRESSING COUNCIL MEETING (DEPUTATION)

COMMUNITY

Community Goal – Making Lives Better

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

Author: Acting Mayor (Sue Hickey)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Tony McMullen)

ECM File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Community Plan Reference:

Transparent and accountable government

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Objective We are a leader and partner that acts with integrity and upholds our community's best interests.

Strategy Listen to our community to understand their needs and priorities.

Strategy Communicate effectively with our community and stakeholders about what Council is doing.

Strategy Build and maintain productive relationships with all levels of government, other councils, and peak bodies to achieve community outcomes for Glenorchy and Greater Hobart.

Reporting Brief:

To receive an update on the recent activities of the former Mayor and Acting Mayor.

Proposal in Detail:

The following is a list of events and external meetings attended by:

Acting Mayor, Sue Hickey during the period from;

- Monday, 22 April 2024 to Sunday 5 May 2024.

Former Mayor, Bec Thomas during the period from;

- Monday 6 May 2024 to Wednesday 8 May 2024 .

Acting Mayor, Sue Hickey during the period from;

- Thursday 9 May 2024 to Sunday 19 May 2024.

Monday 22 April 2024

- Chaired the Council workshop.

Tuesday 23 April 2024

- Participated in media call to announce that GCC is a Yellow Ribbon Council ahead of National Road Safety Week 5-12 May.
- Meeting with Peter Frazer President of the SARA Group.
- Attended Legacy House Lunch in support of Legacy's Centenary and Legacy Flame project.
- Attended Constance Avenue with Council Officer to review hooning concerns.
- Wrote to the Premier of Tasmania seeking acceleration of the release of the \$5 million funding committed by the Liberal Party during the State Election Campaign for the repair and reopening of the Glenorchy War Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Wrote to the Minister for Finance seeking acceleration of the release of the \$5 million funding committed by the Liberal Party during the State Election Campaign for the repair and reopening of the Glenorchy War Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Wrote to the Minister for Transport seeking an urgent update as to the status of the project for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of foreshore Road and the Brooker Highway and sought a date for the installation of traffic signals.

Wednesday 24 April 2024

- Walked Glenorchy Rivulet with Don McCrae regarding the state of the Rivulet.

Thursday 25 April 2024

- Attended, took official salute and lay wreath at Claremont ANZAC Day Service held at Windermere Foreshore Community Reserve.
- Attended and lay wreath at Glenorchy ANZAC Day Memorial Service.

Saturday 27 April 2024

- Attended Chinese Confederation Association of Tasmania and awarded Master Wang honorary membership.

Monday 29 April 2024

- Attended breakfast with school children on the Glenorchy City Council Lawns.
- Chaired the Council workshop.

Tuesday 30 April 2024

- Participated in the Committee for Greater Hobart, Boardroom lunch entitled "*Rethinking Education*".

Wednesday 1 May 2024

- Participated in the National Candlelight Vigil remembering and honouring those who have died or lost a loved one to family violence at Parliament Lawns, Hobart.

Thursday 2 May 2024

- Met with John Hardy, RSL Tasmania to discuss the Glenorchy War Memorial Swimming Pool.

Friday 3 May 2024

- Participated in the media call regarding Wilkinsons Point.

Sunday 5 May 2024

- Attended the official launch of National Road Safety Week.

Former Mayor, Bec Thomas, recommended Mayoral arrangements

Monday 6 May 2024

- Chaired the Council workshop.

Tuesday 7 May 2024

- Participated in the Glenorchy Business Forum.

Acting Mayor, Sue Hickey, recommended Acting Mayor arrangements

Tuesday 7 May 2024

- Participated in the Glenorchy Business Forum.

Wednesday 8 May 2024

- Attended the Zonta Club of Hobart Event in support of the Kennerley “Kids Moving on Program”.

Thursday 9 May 2024

- Attended Moonah Arts Centre Exhibition ‘Ocean Plates’ with artists from Mosaic Support Services Centre.

Friday 10 May 2024

- Attended GCC Forum.
- Attended dinner to honour Helen Burnet for her service to the community as a former City of Hobart Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillor.

Saturday, 11 May 2024

- Attended the Glenorchy Community Fund Grant Ceremony and Fundraiser event.

Monday 13 May 2024

- Attended the Glenorchy Planning Authority meeting.
- Chaired the Council workshop.

Wednesday 15 May 2024

- Attended the National Council of Women of Tasmania AGM.
- Attended the Independent Regular information session on Child and Safe Organisations Framework.

Friday 17 May 2024

- Attended the Goodwood Community Centre 40th Birthday celebration.

Saturday 18 May 2024

- Attended media call for announcement confirming the \$5M funding for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool from the State government.

Sunday 19 May 2024

- Attended the Tasmanian Chinese Buddhist Academy of Australia 'Bathing Buddha Ceremony'.

In addition to the above meetings and events, the Acting Mayor attended numerous internal meetings and performed other administrative duties.

Consultations:

Nil

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Nil

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report about the activities of former Mayor Thomas and Acting Mayor Hickey during the period from Monday, 22 April 2024 to Sunday, 19 May 2024.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

ECONOMIC

Community Goal – Open for Business

9. PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES & CHARGES 2024/2025

Author: Waste Services Coordinator (Evan Brown)

Qualified Person: Deputy General Manager (Emilio Reale)

ECM File Reference: Waste Fees and Charges

Community Plan Reference:

Valuing our Environment

We will value and enhance our natural and built environment.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Valuing our Environment

Objective We protect and manage our City's natural environment and special places now and for the future.

Strategy Manage waste responsibly and innovate to reduce waste to landfill.

Reporting Brief:

This report addresses the setting of waste management and landfill fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year as required by Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Early consideration of fees and charges allows for reasonable communication to the public and businesses for the 2024/25 financial year. It also allows for signage to be ready (e.g. waste management signs) and for receipting systems to be prepared.

Proposal in Detail:

Council annually sets fees and charges under the *Local Government Act 1993* and these form part of its overall budget. Council's proposed waste management fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year have been formulated in line with the goals of the Waste Management Strategy.

The revised fees are intended to:

- continue to allow Council to provide a high-quality, cost-effective and flexible kerbside collection service
- continue to encourage and incentivise separation of waste, and to extend the life of the landfill, by charging an appropriate rate for mixed waste in particular commercial waste

- administer the State Landfill Levy in accordance with State Government requirements
- achieve consistency with other councils so that residents and businesses from outside the municipality will be more inclined to use their own local service, and
- continue to encourage safe disposal of domestic asbestos, tyres and other controlled domestic waste.

1. KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR 2024/2025

Council's standard kerbside collection service is a fortnightly 140L garbage service, and a fortnightly 240L recycling and FOGO bin service. Council allows residents to reduce the size of recycling and FOGO bins to 140L at no cost. Council also provides the ability for residents to increase the size of their garbage bins to 240L at a pro-rata cost.

Council provides shared waste services to some unit complexes and multi-unit dwellings under its Waste Services Policy.

Unit complexes and multi-unit dwellings with shared bin arrangements are provided a weekly service for garbage, recycling, and FOGO with the number of bins and sizes calculated and negotiated with these residents. Shared bins ensure issues like space encroachment and accessibility on both private land and on the kerb are managed appropriately.

Council also provides services to other tenement types, including limited commercial services and some special circumstance weekly garbage and recycling services.

Residential kerbside garbage and recycling collection

For the 2024/2025 financial year, fee increases of 10% are proposed for residential garbage and 5% for recycling kerbside collection. The proposed increase is required to offset the overall increases in expenses for waste collection and disposal, which includes inflation, collection contract increases, disposal, administration and the transport index.

The reason all garbage has increased by 10% rather than 5% is to sustain the \$23.52 increase of the statewide waste levy from \$21.36 to \$44.88 per tonne. In essence all kerbside waste services are increasing by 5%, but an additional 5% is required for garbage to cover the doubling of the statewide waste levy next financial year. Noting recycling is exempt from the waste levy and hence only increasing by 5%.

Residential Food Organic and Green Organic (FOGO) collection charges

Since the introduction of FOGO Council has been able to divert over 21,500 tonnes of organic waste from landfill.

For the 2024/2025 financial year, it is proposed to increase the fee for FOGO by 5% from \$85 to \$89.30 for all properties that receive the FOGO service. The increase will cover associated costs for the service which includes collection and disposal contracts, administration and inflation. Noting FOGO is exempt from the waste levy.

Commercial kerbside garbage, FOGO and recycling collection

Commercial kerbside garbage, FOGO and recycling services are provided by the private sector. Council does however offer residential kerbside services to non-residential tenements (i.e. commercial premises) on a limited basis. As per Council Policy this service is only for small businesses or sporting/community groups that only produce domestic quantities of waste, recycling and FOGO.

To continue to provide this service, it is proposed to also increase all commercial garbage by 10% and increase both recycling and FOGO by 5% from last year (consistent with the increases for the residential services). The commercial service fees do not attract any GST. There will be no difference in the fee for both FOGO and recycling collections, irrespective of whether premises have a 140 litre or 240 litre bins. The relevant charge will also be the same for both commercial and residential premises.

Proposed kerbside collection charges

The proposed increase in charges for the relevant categories are set out in the following table:

SERVICE TYPE	2023/2024 fees	Increase %	Increase amount	Final rounded charge 2024/2025
Standard Service				
Residential Garbage – 140L F/N	\$107.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$10.70	\$117.70
Residential Recycling – 140L/240L F/N	\$110.00	5%	\$5.50	\$115.50
Residential FOGO – 140L/240L F/N	\$85.00	5%	\$4.30	\$89.30
Change bin from 240L to 140L	No charge	N/A	N/A	No charge
Residential Garbage - 240L F/N (increase bin size from 140L)	\$188.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$18.80	\$206.80
Shared Services				
Residential Garbage – Shared Services	\$107.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$10.70	\$117.70
Residential Recycling – Shared Services	\$110.00	5%	\$5.50	\$115.50
FOGO Shared Service	\$85.00	5%	\$4.30	\$89.30

Other Services				
Commercial Garbage – 140L F/N	\$186.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$18.60	\$204.60
Group Home Garbage – 140L W (W140LCG)	\$325.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$32.50	\$357.50
Commercial Garbage – 240L F/N	\$319.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$31.90	\$350.90
Group Home Garbage – 240L W (W240LCG)	\$554.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$55.40	\$609.40
Commercial Recycling – 140L & 240L F/N	\$110.00	5%	\$5.50	\$115.50
Group Home Recycling – 140L & 240L W (WLCR)	\$218.00	5%	\$10.90	\$228.90
Commercial FOGO – 140L & 240L F/N (New Service)	\$85.00	5%	\$4.30	\$89.30
Special Garbage – 140L F/N	\$214.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$21.40	\$235.40
Special Garbage – 240L F/N	\$368.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$36.80	\$404.80
Special Recycling – 140L & 240L F/N	\$218.00	5%	\$10.90	\$228.90
Special FOGO – 140L & 240L F/N	\$220.00	5%	\$11.00	\$231.00
Notes:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. W – weekly, F/N – fortnightly. 2. All Residential tenements may upgrade their garbage service type from a 140 litre service to a 240 litre service fortnightly by paying the relevant charge listed above. There is no minimum number of residents required to utilise this service. Upgrades are required to be applied for by the resident/ratepayer for the property. 3. Weekly collections are for unit complexes only. However, all individual bin service residents have the option to upgrade to weekly collection by arrangement directly with Council’s kerbside garbage collection provider, (Veolia). 4. Special circumstance garbage, FOGO and recycling is a fortnightly service that manages a number of existing circumstances. 				

2. JACKSON STREET WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE CHARGES FOR 2024/25

Concession tip passes

As noted in last financial year's report, with the introduction of the statewide waste levy, the State Government has included within its Waste and Resource Recovery legislation an assistance program for charity groups, in particular charitable recyclers.

It is a statutory function of the State Government (Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board) to administer an assistance program to assist charitable recyclers. This process was developed after consultation with Charitable Recycling Australia, taking into account their advice that a rebate program was a more effective mechanism than an exemption.

Based on this information, no exemption would be given to any charity or community organisation disposing of waste to the Jackson Street landfill and furthermore charity groups or concession holders eligible for the rebate, would then need to directly apply to the State Government (Waste Board) to receive this.

It is however recommended that community groups, not-for-profits, and charities continue to be charged at the reduced domestic rate of \$151 per tonne (includes the levy charge) rather than the standard commercial mixed waste charge of \$285. The exception is community groups undertaking Council approved clean ups on Council owned or managed land, as in this instance Council absorbs the disposal and levy cost associated with the works undertaken.

Tyres

Tyres will still be accepted and charged per unit, with prices to reflect the cost of handling and disposal.

Asbestos and controlled waste

It is recommended to continue to accept domestic boot loads of asbestos from residents, with the requirement that it must be double wrapped. The charges for a boot load (\$55) or trailer (6x4 Box trailer) load of asbestos (\$110) are proposed to increase by 5% from last year. The minimal fee is designed to encourage people to dispose of asbestos safely.

It is strongly recommended to continue to not accept commercial loads of asbestos and controlled waste, except for special burials from Tas Police and State Health under prior arrangement with the Waste Services Coordinator and the Landfill Team Leader.

Given Council's controlled waste area is very limited for space, this area is restricted to the acceptance of domestic loads only to accommodate the needs of the Glenorchy residents into the future.

It is noted that commercial operators will continue to have alternative disposal options for commercial loads of asbestos and controlled waste outside of Jackson Street, including Copping landfill.

State-wide waste levy

As previously mentioned in this report the state-wide waste levy was introduced on 1 July 2022.

The levy amount was initially \$20 per tonne, this increased to \$21.36 per tonne last financial year, and as of 1 July 2024 we will see the levy increase to \$44.88 per tonne.

In the first two years of the scheme, Council has collected and paid approximately \$1,600,000 to the State Government in levy charges. The budget for the 2024/25 year is \$1,978,000.

Council effectively is acting as a collection agent, collecting the levy from the customer through gate fees and transferring this directly to the State Government as required under the new legislation. The state-wide waste levy of \$44.88 per tonne (Rounded to \$45/tonne) for 2024/25 is added to all waste types where the levy applies, as per the table below.

Recommended landfill disposal charges 2024/25

The recommended increases in the schedule of charges for the 2024/25 are as follows and vary depending on the waste type. Generally, fees are proposed to increase by around 5% (with rounding) to account for inflation, except for passenger tyres, clean fill and the minimum gate fee.

The minimum gate fee has been increased by 10% given we have seen no increase in this line for the past 2 years. This also covers the next 2-year period and incorporates the Levy increase.

The above charges are dependent on the operation of the weighbridge.

WASTE TYPE	2023 / 2024 (incl GST)	Increase %	2024 / 2025 Charges (incl GST)	Proposed final charges 2024 / 2025 (incl GST & SLL).
Minimum gate fee	\$15 per visit	10% (noting zero increase last year)	\$16.50 per visit	\$17 per visit
Passenger tyres	\$11 each	9%	\$12 each	\$12 each (levy N / A)
Light truck / 4wd tyres	\$21 each	5%	\$22 each	\$22 each (levy N / A)
Clean fill (conditions apply)	\$30 / tonne	7%	\$32 / tonne	\$77 / tonne
Brick / concrete / rubble	\$85.80 / tonne	6%	\$91 / tonne	\$136 / tonne
Green waste / vegetation (domestic)	\$84.70 / tonne	5%	\$89 / tonne	\$134 / tonne
Green waste / vegetation (commercial)	\$106.70	5%	\$112 / tonne	\$157 / tonne
General waste – domestic GCC residents* (cars and single axle trailers only), and community groups	\$100.60 / tonne	5%	\$106 / tonne	\$151 / tonne
General waste – Non GCC residents	\$144 / tonne	5%	\$151 / tonne	\$196 / tonne
Mattresses	\$26 each	4%	\$27 each	\$27 each
Mixed waste – commercial / industrial / demolition / construction	\$228 / tonne	5%	\$240 / tonne	\$285 / tonne
Metal	\$115 / tonne	5%	\$121 / tonne	\$121 / tonne (levy N / A)
Recycling	No charge		No charge	No charge
Domestic quantity of double wrapped asbestos	\$52 / boot load \$104 / small trailer load	5%	\$55 / boot load \$110 / small trailer load	\$55 / boot load \$110 / small trailer load (levy N / A)
Controlled waste / special burial – (Tas Police & State Health Only)	\$150 / special waste handling fee plus \$180 / tonne	N / A	\$165 / special waste handling fee plus \$285 / tonne	\$165 / special waste handling fee plus \$285 / tonne

* A driver's licence or valid ID would need to be presented to the tollbooth operator to receive the discounted general waste rate.

Council does have a back-up volumetric charge system on standby in case the weighbridge is out of operation.

These charges would only be used in this rare situation.

These fees are proposed to increase by 5% across the board as per the table below.

Waste type (only when weighbridge is non-operational)	Proposed charges 2024/25 (inc GST)	Increase %	Proposed charges 2024/25 (inc GST)
Boot Load (up to a maximum of 0.25m ³)	\$16.00	5%	\$16.80
Green Waste Boot Load	\$16.00	5%	\$16.80
Trucks GVM > 3 tonne to 7 tonne	\$86.00	5%	\$90.30
Trucks GVM > 7 tonne to 12 tonne	\$195.70	5%	\$205.50
Trucks GVM >12 tonne Single Axle	\$281.60	5%	\$295.70
Trucks GVM >12 tonne Dual Axle	\$346.90	5%	\$364.20
Dual axle trailers (behind trucks)	\$346.90	5%	\$364.20
Skip/Bin up to 4m ³	\$117.10	5%	\$122.90
Skip/Bin > 4m ³ to 8m ³	\$225.80	5%	\$237.10
Skip/Bin > 8m ³ to 12m ³	\$366.50	5%	\$384.80
Skip/Bin > 12m ³ to 15m ³	\$461.70	5%	\$484.80
Skip/Bin > 15m ³ to 20m ³	\$602.50	5%	\$632.60
Skip/Bin > 20m ³ to 25m ³	\$712.20	5%	\$747.80
Skip/Bin > 25m ³ to 30m ³	\$820.90	5%	\$861.90
Skip/Bin > 30m ³	\$1040.30	5%	\$1092.30
Compactors < 7m ³	\$276.50	5%	\$290.30
Compactors > 7m ³ to 15m ³	\$590.10	5%	\$619.60
Compactors < 15m ³ half full	\$439.90	5%	\$461.90
Compactors > 15m ³ full	\$994.80	5%	\$1044.50
Compactors > 15m ³ half full	\$628.40	5%	\$659.80

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Council's budget and estimates are adopted in part based upon fees and charges income that provides for the operational running of the respective areas of Council.

Fee and charge income is a significant proportion of Council total revenue.

The fees and charges have been incorporated into Council's Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

Risk Implications:

The key risk related to the setting of these fees and charges is whether a fair balance has been achieved between affordability for individuals and costs incurred by Council. In setting the fees, affordability has been balanced with the costs associated with implementation of the Acts and the provision of services.

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
Adopt the recommendation				
Community frustration at increasing fees leading to adverse public relations and negative impacts on Council staff	Insignificant (C1)	Possible (L3)	Low (3)	Reiterate that the proposed fees aligned with market pressures and are reflective of cost increases to providing the services. Reduced fees provided for local residents and community groups for waste disposed at landfill.
Do not adopt the recommendation				
If identified fee increases were not adopted as recommended, there may be negative impacts on Council's ability to meet its long-term financial management plan	Moderate (C3)	Possible (L3)	Medium (9)	Direct officers to revise the fee and charges proposals in consultation with finance and other internal stakeholders.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Engagement associated with this decision will be undertaken at Inform Level by inclusion within the Council meeting Minutes that will be available to the public on the Council's website and from the Customer Service Centre.

The fees and charges for 2024/25 have been formulated in line with Council's budget preparation. In addition to the mandatory increase from the increase of the state waste levy, thought has also been given as to the amount by which fees and charges should be increased. However, to enable the Council to continue to embrace a policy of user pays, wherever possible, it is necessary that the fees and charges are also increased in line with market pressures.

Care is taken to ensure fees:

- are maintained at affordable levels for local resident users
- apply higher rates for non-residents and commercial users that have alternative disposal options available to them
- represent value for money; and
- reflect costs of service delivery where applicable.

Waste management charges will be reflected in the rates notices and will be published on Council's website. The 2024/25 Landfill fees and charges will be communicated to landfill customers after Council approval through waste disposal information flyers, Council's website, Facebook, mobile apps, price signage boards at the landfill and in the Waste/Recycle Calendar that is issued to all residents annually in July.

If adopted, the key messages to be communicated will be:

- An increase of 10% on all kerbside garbage services will be charged to all properties. This rate of increase includes all costs associated with collection contracts, disposal, administration, and the transport index. This also allows Council to sustain the associated increase (doubling) of the state-wide waste levy from \$21.36/T to \$44.88/T.
- An increase of 5% on all kerbside Recycling and FOGO services be charged to all properties, this increase will cover all associated costs for the service. These services are exempt from the state waste levy.
- Free landfill entry will continue to remain for Council approved clean ups on Council owned or managed land, and all other community groups would be charged at the reduced local resident rate rather than the commercial rate. It should be noted that there is also a charitable recyclers rebate that can be applied for directly from the State Government by the charity.
- Landfill disposal fees will generally increase by approximately 5% (with rounding) to account for inflation, in addition, the statewide waste levy of \$44.88/T is also added to all waste types that the levy applies to.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. APPROVE the following kerbside fees for the 2024/2025 financial year:

SERVICE TYPE	2023/2024 fees	Increase %	Increase amount	Final rounded charge 2024/2025
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Residential Garbage – 140L F/N	\$107.00	10% (includes levy increase)	\$10.70	\$117.70
Residential Recycling – 140L/240L F/N	\$110.00	5%	\$5.50	\$115.50
Residential FOGO – 140L/240L F/N	\$85.00	5%	\$4.30	\$89.30
Change bin from 240L to 140L	No charge	N/A	N/A	No charge
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Other Services				
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Commercial Garbage – 240L F/N	\$319.00	10% (includes	\$31.90	\$350.90

SERVICE TYPE	2023/2024 fees	Increase %	Increase amount	Final rounded charge 2024/2025
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Commercial Recycling – 140L & 240L F/N	\$110.00	5%	\$5.50	\$115.50
Group Home Recycling – 140L & 240L W (WLCR)	\$218.00	5%	\$10.90	\$228.90
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Special FOGO – 140L & 240L F/N	\$220.00	5%	\$11.00	\$231.00
Notes:				
5. W – weekly, F/N – fortnightly.				
6. All Residential tenements may upgrade their garbage service type from a 140 litre service to a 240 litre service fortnightly by paying the relevant charge listed above. There is no minimum number of residents required to utilise this service. Upgrades are required to be applied for by the resident/ratepayer for the property.				
7. Weekly collections are for unit complexes only. However, all individual bin service residents have the option to upgrade to weekly collection by arrangement directly with Council's kerbside garbage collection provider, (Veolia).				
8. Special circumstance garbage, FOGO and recycling is a fortnightly service that manages a number of existing circumstances.				

2. APPROVE the following disposal charges for the Jackson Street Waste Management Centre for the 2024/2025 financial year:

WASTE TYPE	2023 / 2024 (incl GST)	Increase %	2024 / 2025 Charges (incl GST)	Proposed final charges 2024 / 2025 (incl GST & SLL).
Minimum gate fee	\$15 per visit	10% (noting zero increase last year)	\$16.50 per visit	\$17 per visit
Passenger tyres	\$11 each	9%	\$12 each	\$12 each (levy N / A)
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Clean fill (conditions apply)	\$30 / tonne	7%	\$32 / tonne	\$77 / tonne
Brick / concrete / rubble	\$85.80 / tonne	6%	\$91 / tonne	\$136 / tonne
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Mattresses	\$26 each	4%	\$27 each	\$27 each
Mixed waste – commercial / industrial / demolition / construction	\$228 / tonne	5%	\$240 / tonne	\$285 / tonne
Metal	\$115 / tonne	5%	\$121 / tonne	\$121 / tonne (levy N / A)
Recycling	No charge		No charge	No charge
Domestic quantity of double wrapped asbestos	\$52 / boot load \$104 / small trailer load	5%	\$55 / boot load \$110 / small trailer load	\$55 / boot load \$110 / small trailer load (levy N / A)
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Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

ENVIRONMENT

Community Goal – Valuing our Environment

10. CLIMATE CHANGE PLANS

Author: Manager Property, Environment and Waste (Luke Chiu)

Qualified Person: Deputy General Manager (Emilio Reale)

ECM File Reference: Climate Change

Community Plan Reference:

Valuing our Environment

We will value and enhance our natural and built environment

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Valuing our Environment

Objective	We protect and manage our City's natural environment and special places now and for the future
Strategy	Work to reduce our resource use and carbon emissions and prepare the City for the impacts of a changing climate
Action	To develop a climate change mitigation action plan for reducing Council's greenhouse gas emissions

Reporting Brief:

To seek Council endorsement of the Glenorchy City Council Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan after considering the results from the community engagement.

The report also provides a copy of a Glenorchy City Council Climate Change Adaptation Plan, that was recently prepared with the support of the Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI).

Proposal in Detail

Mitigation vs Adaptation

Taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit the impacts of climate change is 'mitigation'. Taking action to prepare for the impacts of climate change is 'adaptation'.

Mitigation Plan

Glenorchy City Council (Council) recognises the importance of acting on climate change and sustainability and understands that the primary measure Council can take in this regard is to actively reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions. As such in the Council's Annual Plan for 2023/24 Council committed: *To develop a climate change mitigation action plan for reducing Council's greenhouse gas emissions.* The attached document has been prepared to meet that commitment (Attachment 1).

Council is a member of the Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) which is a collaboration of the 12 Southern Tasmanian Councils aimed at supporting and responding to the challenges of climate change. As part of this collaboration Council recently took part in a Carbon and Energy Footprint assessment of the Council, which assessed and detailed the Council's corporate greenhouse gas emissions over the financial years 19/20, 20/21, and 21/22. Key findings of this Carbon and Energy Footprint assessment are included in the Plan and informed the proposed mitigation actions that are proposed.

Consultation findings

Following an Elected Member workshop on the draft Mitigation Plan, the draft plan was provided for community feedback via Council's Let's Talk platform.

The community engagement was open from 28 March to 22 April 2024. The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted via Social Media, GCC website, Let's Talk Glenorchy, Glenorchy Gazette, Posters and Fliers (Council foyer, Northgate, MAC, Library). Community interest networks such as Landcare, Wildcare and Conservation Volunteers were also informed directly and encouraged to share the engagement opportunities within their networks.

During the community engagement process there were:

- 151 total visits
- 65 respondents (22 undertook the full survey, and 43 undertook the quick poll)

Do you support Council taking action to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions?

85% of respondents (55) responded yes.

15% of respondents (10) responded no.

This result demonstrated reasonably strong support from respondents towards Council taking action to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, although there remains some opposition to Council taking any action in this space.

Some of the written feedback provided in Attachment 2 provides some insight into the reasons some participants did not want Council to take action such as *"I do not want our taxes to be used for this purpose. The Council needs to focus on supporting the local community with the immediate needs - which is relief to significant economic stress"*.

Do you disagree with any of the proposed actions within the plan?

77% of respondents (17) stated that they agreed with the proposed actions.

23% of respondents (5) stated they did not agree with all of the proposed actions.

When asked why people disagreed with some of the actions, the responses varied from those that did not want Council taking any action, through to those that wanted additional actions such as improvements to public transport and active transport infrastructure (walking and cycling).

Other suggestions?

A full transcript of all of the other suggestions from respondents is provided in Attachment 2, which also includes officer notes against each suggestion.

The most frequent suggestions related to supporting the provision of active transport (i.e. walking and cycling), as well as improved public transport options.

Two new action that address these two issues have subsequently been proposed to be added to the draft plan. The proposed new actions are:

- *“2.5 Support the provision of active transport infrastructure (e.g. walking and cycling paths); and*
- *2.6 Advocate for improved public transport services including the northern suburbs transit corridor”.*

Adaptation Plan

The above Mitigation Action Plan focuses on how Council will take action to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to assist in limiting the impacts of climate change. This is an important goal and part of Council’s corporate responsibility to the broader community. However, there are some inevitable impacts of climate change, some that we are already witnessing, such as increased extreme weather events, increased bushfire risk, rising temperatures, rising sea levels, and storm surge events.

For these reasons Council has also been working on an Adaptation Plan that focuses on improving the capability of Council to manage the risks associated with climate change.

The Adaptation Plan has been developed with support from the Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) and facilitated by RCCI professional officers who ran a series of workshops with the various operational areas of Council before drafting the plan. The same process has been undertaken with most of the Southern Tasmanian Councils, who are by and large exposed to the same risks (Attachment 2).

The process has been a risk management exercise where the identified risks are categorised against their likelihood and consequence to provide a risk rating. Existing controls along with any proposed additional risk treatment options are then defined to manage those risks, as well as defining the responsible areas for undertaking these controls.

The intent is that these risks and controls are now added to Council’s internal Risk Register in the same way as other identified corporate risks are. As this is an internal risk management process this element is not subject to community engagement or seeking endorsement, but rather is provided for information as to how Council’s operational areas are managing these risks.

Consultations

Elected Members
Executive Leadership Team
Managers
Senior Legal Counsel
Coordinator Strategic Planning
Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
Natural Areas Environment Officer
Fleet Coordinator
Waste Coordinator
Coordinator Bushfire Management

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Financial

The proposed mitigation plan has been designed to be practical and achievable, whilst also targeting the areas likely to make the biggest difference based off research and an emissions audit.

Whilst some actions will require funding commitments, many of the actions included do not require additional budget allocations but rather a change or commitment to a more climate-conscious approach.

Some of the actions that will require funding support are capital projects such as the installation of solar panels, chargers and electric fleet vehicles. However, these will also often result in operational savings to Council over the longer term. It is anticipated funding for these projects will be sought through the usual capital budget processes each financial year.

The proposed adaptation plan similarly outlines practical and achievable controls to manage the risks, and in many instances reinforces the controls that Council already has in place to manage risks. Works requiring funding support will typically be managed through the usual asset management processes that already focuses on reducing risks. Any additional projects would seek funding from the usual annual budget bid process if/as required.

A commitment to additional funding would however clearly strengthen Council's ability to take action on climate change and implement both plans. Council officers are of the view that the most effective funding support would be the creation of a recurrent capital investment fund that is set aside for climate change initiatives. The fund could then be used to implement actions from the climate change plans each year, as well as be used to as co-contributions towards grant programs. For example, such a fund could be used to support a grant application for installing solar panels on Council buildings, which would also provide ongoing operational savings to Council once in place.

Human resources

Both plans have been prepared as part of the existing staff resources, with support from the Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI).

Actions within the plan have been assigned to the relevant areas of responsibility throughout the Council. As such the actions can be implemented without the need for additional staffing resources. This approach also helps to embed climate change action as a whole-of-council responsibility rather than having it only sit with one officer or one team.

Risk management

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
Adopt the recommendation				
Negative public relations from some in the community that have outlined they do not want Council to do anything in this space, particularly in relation to potential costs.	Minor (C2)	Likely (L4)	Medium (8)	The proposed plan outlines the importance of taking action on climate change. The proposed plan has been designed to be practical and achievable. Many actions can be achieved for minimal cost, and some actions will result in ongoing operational savings.
Do not adopt the recommendation				
Council fails to take responsibility for its own greenhouse gas emissions resulting in negative public relations. Failing to take steps to reduce emissions also present risks to cost increases into the future (e.g. fuel and power costs).	Moderate (C3)	Likely (L4)	High (12)	Council outlines its reasons for not taking action to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions or proposes an alternative plan.
Council fails to appropriately manage risks associated with climate change potentially leading to increased costs relating to recovery efforts and potential legal risks.	Moderate (C3)	Likely (L4)	High (12)	Council outlines its reasons for not managing risks associated with climate change, or proposes an alternative plan.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation

Following an Elected Member workshop on the draft Mitigation Plan, the draft plan was provided for community feedback via Council’s Let’s Talk platform.

The community engagement was open from 28 March to 22 April 2024. The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted via Social Media, GCC website, Lets Talk Glenorchy, Glenorchy Gazette, Posters and Fliers (Council foyer, Northgate, MAC, Library). Community interest networks such as Landcare, Wildcare and Conservation Volunteers were also informed directly and encouraged to share the engagement opportunities within their networks.

During the community engagement process there were:

- 151 total visits
- 65 respondents (22 undertook the full survey, and 43 undertook the quick poll)

Public relations

Introducing and implementing Climate Change plans are an opportunity for positive public relations with residents that are concerned about the impacts of climate change. For example, the recent finding that Council's successful introduction of a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection service has resulted in Council's greenhouse gas emissions reducing by over 54% between the 2019/20 and 2021/22 years.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. APPROVE the *Glenorchy City Council Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan*, set out in Attachment 1.
2. RECEIVE AND NOTE the *Glenorchy City Council Climate Change Adaptation Plan*, set out in Attachment 3.

Attachments/Annexures

- 1 GCC Climate Change Mitigation Action Plan
[⇒](#)
- 2 Other suggestions received
[⇒](#)
- 3 GCC Climate Change Adaptation Plan
[⇒](#)

11. CAPITAL WORKS STATUS REPORT

Author: Deputy General Manager (Emilio Reale)

Qualified Person: Deputy General Manager (Emilio Reale)

ECM File Reference: Capital Works

Community Plan Reference:

Leading Our Community

The communities of Glenorchy will be confident that Council manages the community's assets soundly for the long-term benefit of the community.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Leading Our Community

Objective	We are a leader and partner that acts with integrity and upholds our community's best interests.
Strategy	Communicate effectively with our community and stakeholders about what Council is doing.
Strategy	Make informed decisions that are open and transparent and in the best interests of our community.
Objective	We responsibly manage our community's resources to deliver what matters most.
Strategy	Manage the City's assets responsibly for the long-term benefit and growth of our community.
Strategy	Deploy the Council's resources effectively to deliver value while being financially responsible.
Action	Manage Council's property, parks and recreation infrastructure and facilities sustainably for the benefit of the community by implementing asset management plans that maintain or replace facilities as they reach the end of their useful lives.

Reporting Brief

To provide a capital works status update report to Council and report progress on the Capital works program budget.

Proposal in Detail

This report is provided to update elected members and the community on the progress and delivery of Council's capital program up to the end of April 2024.

Delivery of an extensive capital work program requires various adjustments during the financial year due to project-related variables and external market factors.

Council is experiencing some variations to the capital program. The variations are because of required changes to scope of works and/or contractor delays. The affected projects will be outlined in more detail further into the report.

Capital Works and Project Governance

The capital works program and expenditure are reviewed by an internal working group called the Infrastructure Management Group (IMG), at monthly meetings based on monthly financial forecasting reports.

During the financial year, Council officers actively monitor project delivery and budgets, due to some unexpected changes that arise. In some cases, projects exceed their original scope due to reasons that can't be identified until after they commence. These funding variations/reallocations or additional projects are monitored and overseen by the IMG to ensure the total works program does not exceed the available funding, or to bring forward a future project in place of one that can't be delivered. This is done in accordance with IMG's Terms of Reference.

Council also has a Project Control Group in place to oversee major projects that exceed \$1 million in value or have a high level of complexity, or public interest.

Any notable adjustments are reported to Council through the monthly financial performance reports or via this Capital Works Status Report.

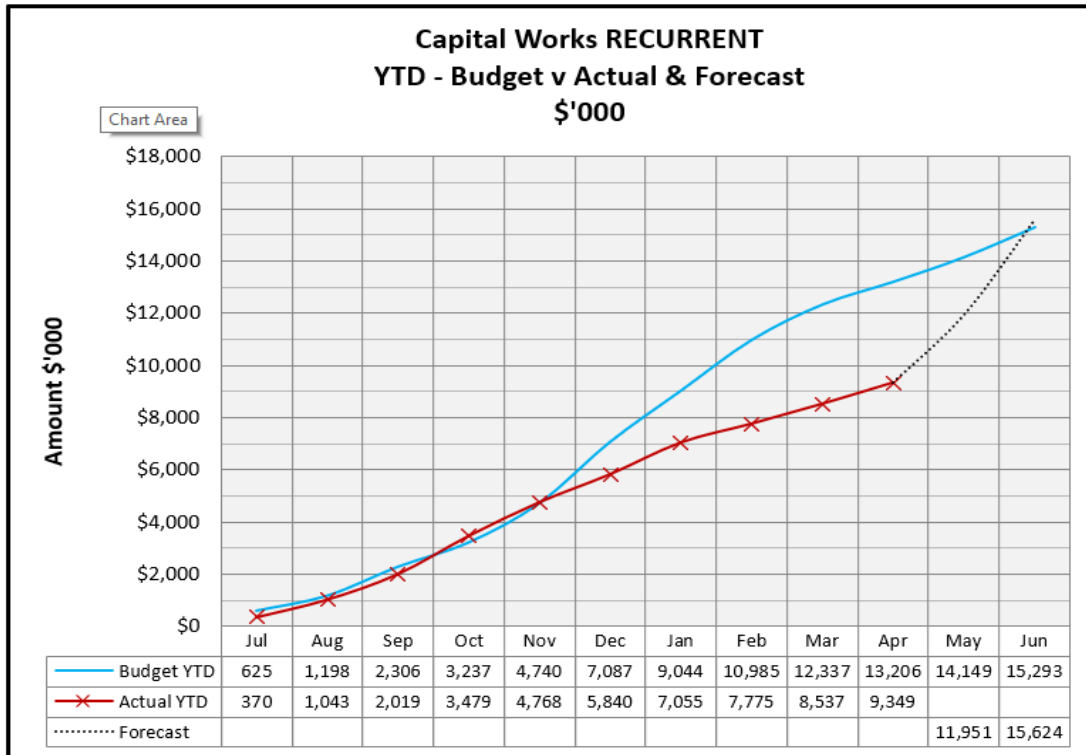
Capital Works Status

Council's Capital Works program for this year has an annual budget of \$32.686 million with the major grant funded projects making up close to half of the annual capital works program. Delays to these can negatively impact reported overall expenditure.

At the end of the April, Capital Works expenditure is \$17.794m against a combined annual budget of \$32.686m and a combined annual forecast spend of \$27.401m. At the end of April, \$9.349m or 61% of the annual recurrent budget has been expended on recurrent projects and \$8.445m or 49% of the major projects budget has been expended on major projects.

Currently, the recurrent capital works program is reporting actual expenditure slightly behind budget at the end of April. There are still some road resealing works taking place in May and June. Several adjustments are also needed in the recurrent capital works program, due to contractor availability.

The graph below indicates that at the end of April 2024, \$9.349 million has been expended on Council funded recurrent projects. Currently, the recurrent capital works program is reporting actual expenditure behind the year to date budget at quarter end.



Status of Major and Grant Funded Projects

As well as Council’s recurrent renewal projects, Council is undertaking a large program of grant-funded major projects which involves some major sporting facility redevelopments. Capital grants revenue is \$7.080 million against an annual budget of \$11.971 million. The only grant funding able to be claimed for the remainder of this year is \$300,000 for the Giblins Reserve Playspace which is the final payment upon completion.

Major projects that are still under construction will have their grant carried forward into next financial year.

While Council is completing many of the small to medium size projects, the two larger projects are the North Chigwell soccer clubrooms and KGV soccer grandstand upgrade.

The majority of the major grant funded projects are on track for completion in the 2024/25 financial year.

A summary of larger scale projects is provided below.

Football Packages

KGV

To date, the synthetic pitch replacement at KGV has been completed and certified to FIFA standards along with all fencing surrounding the pitch. The new LED lighting is complete and operational.

Construction of the new changerooms and public toilets will be completed in early June. This will provide the players with required facilities without disruption to games.

The renovation of the existing grandstand will commence in mid June with expected completion in early next calendar year. This will complete the KGV redevelopment project.

North Chigwell

Ground works and new LED lighting are now complete at the North Chigwell and the new natural turfs are in use.

The tender for the construction of the new clubrooms has been awarded and works commenced in early May. This project is expected to be completed mid next calendar year.

This will complete the redevelopment project for the North Chigwell soccer facility.

Tolosa Park Dam Reintegration Project

TasWater and Glenorchy City Council are jointly funding the first stage of works under the master plan for the former reservoir area to transform it into an open parkland.

Under the agreement, TasWater will contribute \$3.2 million of the estimated \$6.208 million cost of the Stage A works, with Council funding the balance.

Works commenced on the first stage of the redevelopment in September 2023 and is nearing completion. The earthworks were completed in April and irrigation works commenced. Seeding of the grass has also commenced. The new gravel paths will be constructed in June and tree planting will also commence in late May/early June. Once defects have been rectified, TasWater will hand the area back to the Council to continue to develop as funding becomes available.

Playground Renewal Program

Council has completed a number of major Playspace replacement works at Giblins Reserve and Benjafield Park.

As well as these major Destination Playspace developments, and the 10 grant supported Playspaces (listed below), Council has upgraded many other playgrounds and reserves since the endorsement of the playspace strategy including:

- Cairnduff Reserve
- Barry Street Reserve
- Alkoo Circle Reserve
- Montrose Foreshore Reserve
- Moorina Reserve
- Montrose Road Reserve, and
- Booth Avenue Reserve

Council received a grant deed from the Australian Government for a \$1.5 million election commitment for playground renewals that was made at the last federal election. These funds have provided a further acceleration of the playground renewal program and includes the renewal of the following Playspaces:

Playspace Location	Planned Completion Date
Alroy Court Reserve, Rosetta	Completed
Cooinda Park, West Moonah	July 2024
Roseneath Reserve, Austins Ferry	November 2024
Chandos Drive Reserve, Berriedale	Completed
Pitcairn Street Reserve, Glenorchy	June 2024
Battersby Drive Reserve, Claremont	June 2024
Collinsvale Reserve, Collinsvale	Completed
Lutana Woodlands, Lutana	July 2024
Barossa Road Reserve, Glenorchy	June 2024
International Peace Park, Berriedale	Completed

Council Chambers Solar Panel Installation and Roof Upgrades

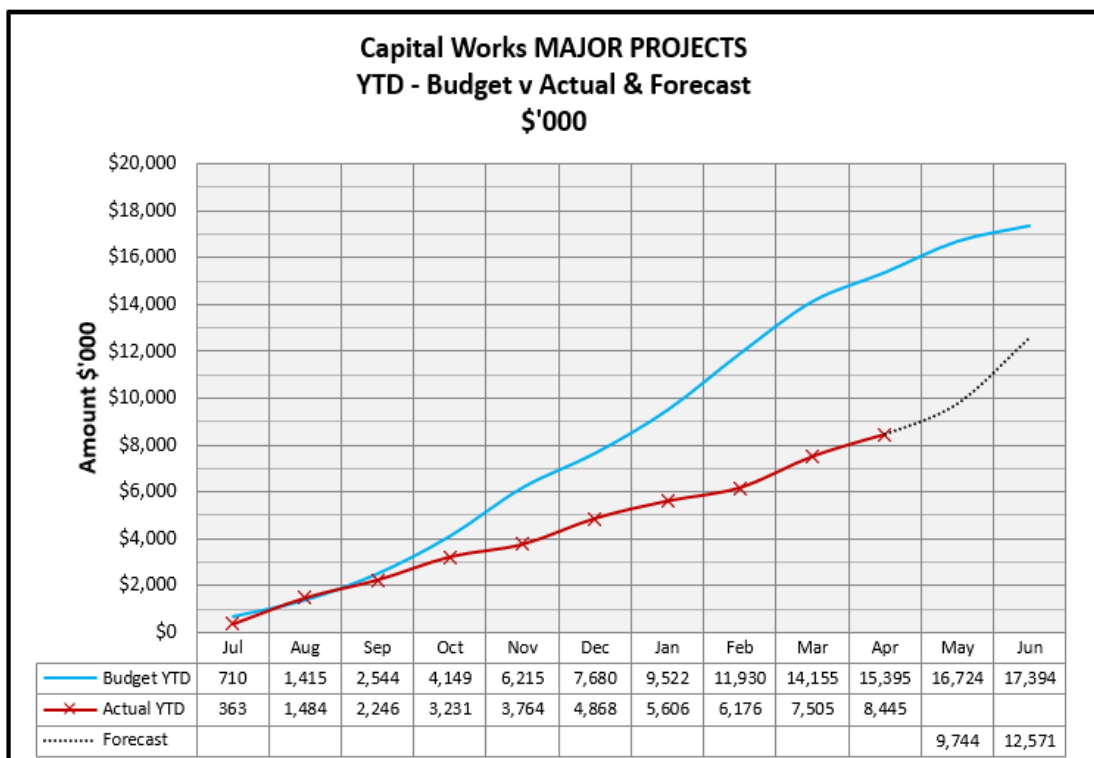
Council officers investigated the benefits of installing solar panels on high daytime use buildings such as the Council Chambers. A cost benefit analysis based on quotes received indicated the solar panels cost was \$95,000 but will save up to approximately \$25,000 per annum (depending on the time of year and weather conditions) in electricity costs, putting the payback time for the panels themselves at around five to six years.

Council has experienced delays in the completion of this project due to having to do major upgrade works to the switch board, have to obtain engineered roof tie downs designs required due a section of the building needing roof structure upgrades for the wind loading for this area.

Summary of Grant-Funded Capital Projects

Major grant funded projects make up close to half of the annual capital works program.

The end of January actual expenditure is \$8.445 million versus a budget forecast of \$9.342 million for the major/grant funded projects shown in the graph provided below, which is reflecting some delays Council has experienced in expenditure in these projects. Some of the major projects have been programmed over multiple years. This will result in financial statements showing underspends in this year’s program that will be carried forward into next financial year due to the projects being substantial in size and value. Although the current forecast is in line with budget, many of the major projects reported will be completed next financial year with an updated final forecast and future budget becoming clearer at year end.



Consultations:

Consultation has been undertaken with Directors, Managers and Coordinators within the relevant Departments and external agencies such as TasWater, Community Sport and Recreation and numerous sporting clubs and community groups.

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Financial

It is important to note that for every new asset created by Council there will be additional, ongoing operational costs. New assets should therefore be treated as a new service to the community which incurs additional cost. On current estimates and experience, the cost of new assets to Council's ongoing operational budget over the life of the asset is around 2.5% for maintenance and 2.5% for depreciation. This could be equated to a percentage of rates that need to be allocated to keep new assets in a good state of repair and renewed when they reach the end of their useful life.

Delivery of a capital works program within budget is essential to ensure that Council is financially sustainable, and that Council's assets are being renewed, maintained, and developed to meet the current and future needs of the Glenorchy community. Failing to maintain and renew assets can lead to environmental impacts and assets not delivering the required level of service to the community. Poorly maintained assets can also have impacts on energy and resource use. Communities expect assets such as recreational facilities, roads, bridges, and stormwater systems to be safe and maintained to necessary standards.

The financial sustainability of the Council would be at risk if capital works programs are not kept within budget or are not undertaken.

Human resources

The delivery of the capital works program (including project management of outsourced works) is managed within Council's existing resources.

Risk management

Council must plan and deliver a suitable capital works program to ensure that its assets are able to service the needs of the community. Council’s reputation and the community’s amenity would suffer if assets and service levels are not maintained at necessary standards. The consequence of inadequate maintenance and upgrade of capital assets will be increased costs in the future.

Risks associated with Council’s financial expenditure and sustainability are managed through the process for developing Council’s annual budget and are monitored through ongoing reporting on Council’s Strategic and Key Operational risk register.

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
Adopt the recommendation				
Ongoing substantial budget deficits leading to depleted cash reserves as a result of changes to economic conditions or other unforeseen events, leads to a loss of financial sustainability or the need to borrow or increase rates above community expectations.	Severe (C5)	Unlikely (L2)	Medium (10)	Budget and LTFMP formally reviewed during the year. Prudent debt management and consistent monitoring of financial conditions enabling an appropriate response. LTFMP reviewed annually and adjustments made in future budgets to account for any unforeseen events. The current LTFMP forecasts ongoing modest rate increases. However, this may be subject to review depending on prevailing market conditions and construction indexes.
Further economic changes result in estimates that are not materially accurate, leading to a need to revise estimates either up or down again during the year.	Minor (C2)	Possible (L3)	Medium (6)	Continued prudent debt management and consistent monitoring and reporting of financial conditions, enabling an appropriate response.
Suppliers, contractors and service providers are unable to provide goods and services or at competitive prices.	Minor (C2)	Possible (L3)	Medium (6)	Robust procurements to engage with a broad range of potential suppliers and service providers to minimise dependencies.
Damage to Council infrastructure from unpredictable events resulting in significant costs to repair or replace.	Major (C4)	Unlikely (L2)	Medium (8)	Limited insurance coverage in place for some events with Council accepting risk of a significant event where other financial support is not made available (e.g. State Government).

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
Do not adopt the recommendation				
Budget estimates for the 2023/24 year would not reflect the actual position, leading to less effective financial management and potential breaches of the Act or accounting standards	Major (C4)	Likely (L4)	High (16)	A further report and revised recommendation is brought to Council as a priority, addressing any concerns raised by Aldermen.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation

Community consultation is undertaken on specific projects as required. There are several projects included in this report where specific community engagements have been undertaken to determine the final outcomes to be achieved.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the capital works status report to 30 April 2024.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

12. COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25

Author: Manager Finance (Allan Wise)

Qualified Person: Director Community and Corporate Services (Tracey Ehrlich)

ECM File Reference: Fees and Charges 2024/25

Community Plan Reference:

Leading Our Community

The communities of Glenorchy will be confident that Council manages the community's assets soundly for the long-term benefit of the community.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Leading Our Community

Objective: We are a leader and partner that acts with integrity and upholds our community's best interests.

Strategy: Make informed decisions that are open and transparent and in the best interests of our community.

Objective: We responsibly manage our community's resources to deliver what matters most.

Strategy: Deploy the Council's resources effectively to deliver value while being financially responsible.

Reporting Brief:

To present the recommended Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2024/25 financial year.

Proposal in Detail:

Legislation

Under s. 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a fee or charge may be imposed for a wide range of services provided by Council. More particularly, s. 205 states:

(1) In addition to any other power to impose fees and charges but subject to subsection

(2) a council may impose fees and charges in respect of any one or all of the following matters:

(a) the use of any property or facility owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the council;

(b) services supplied at a person's request;

(c) carrying out work at a person's request;

(d) providing information or materials, or providing copies of, or extracts from records of the council;

(e) any application to the council;

(f) any licence, permit, registration or authorization granted by the council;

(g) any other prescribed matter.

Furthermore, s. 205 requires:

(2) A council may not impose a fee or charge in respect of a matter if –

(a) a fee or charge is prescribed in respect of that matter; or

(b) this or any other Act provides that a fee or charge is not payable in respect of that matter.

(3) Any fee or charge under subsection (1) need not be fixed by reference to the cost to the council.

Fees and Charges Budget

A general increase of 5% (“general increase”) has been used in setting the amounts for the 2024/25 financial year, except where there are special circumstances to vary the general increase or full cost recovery is required. The general increase is in accordance with Council’s Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

User fees and charges constitute approximately \$15.388 million or 19.7% of Council’s total operating revenue under the draft budget estimates for 2024/25.

Table 1 - Fees & Charges 2022/23 - 2024/25

Year	Total Budgeted Fees & Charge Revenue¹	Percentage of Total Operational Revenue²
2022/23	\$13.471m	20.4%
2023/24	\$13.961m	19.5%
2024/25 (draft)	\$15.388m	19.7%

¹Original budget

²The rate increase dilutes the total contribution from Fees & Charges

Revenue for each program is based on the estimated use of each of the services multiplied by the relevant fee or charge. An increase to a fee or charge does not necessarily equate to a corresponding increase to revenue. Therefore, it is important to note the total revenue derived from a fee increase may be affected by a reduction or increase in sales quantities.

Fees and Charges by Program

Program	2023/24¹	2024/25	Change %
Berriedale Childcare Centre	\$427,697	\$503,850	15%
Benjafield Childcare Centre	\$340,412	\$368,250	8%
Creative Communities	\$71,101	\$117,350	36%
Financial Operations	\$132,000	\$138,600	5%
Public Compliance	\$909,573	\$887,485	(2)%
Building Governance	\$998,009	\$781,946	(28)%
Environmental Health Services	\$189,177	\$194,053	3%
Planning Services	\$475,500	\$550,375	14%
Landfill Operations ¹	\$2,603,936	\$3,062,623	15%
Waste Management Services ²	\$6,930,607	\$7,544,464	8%
Property Services	\$811,965	\$1,163,436	30%
Asset Management	\$2,546	\$2,673	5%
Urban Services	\$49,012	\$51,463	5%
Facilities Maintenance	\$20,369	\$21,387	5%
TOTAL	\$13,961,904	\$15,387,955	10%

¹Original budget

²Fees and charges for Waste Management Services and Landfill are presented in a separate report to this Council meeting.

Summary of Fee Movements

(most fees are rounded to nearest whole dollars)

Animal Control

The general increase has been applied to most fees with the exception of Dangerous Dogs fees which were set at \$200.00 at the April 2023 Council meeting. The Dog Impound Reclaim fee of \$80.00 has been agreed upon by participating Southern Councils. It is also proposed not to increase the Late Dog Registration Fee above its current \$30.00.

Assets

Fees for various asset management, maintenance and investigation services are proposed to increase by the general increase.

Building

Generally, fees for various building applications and services are proposed to increase by the general increase. The fee for notifiable works has been split between residential and commercial to recognise the additional work commercial applications require.

Child Care Centres

The total fee revenue for the two child care centres is:

Centre	Total Parent Fee and Federal Subsidy	Total Revenue Increase FY24 – FY25	Parent Fee %	Federal Subsidy %
Berriedale	\$1,679,500	15%	30%	70%
Benjafield	\$1,227,500	8%	30%	70%

The % split between Parent Fees and the Federal Child Care Subsidy is reviewed annually. The modelling indicates we are able to increase parent fees by between 10% - 12% without significantly impacting many families due to the offsetting increase to the CCS paid by the Federal Government. Also, the proposed fee is comparable to those being charged within the childcare sector.

Customer Service

The only fee in this category are the sales of the Glenorchy History Book (Vol 2), which is not proposed to increase beyond its current price of \$47.00 as it is existing stock.

Environmental Health Services

The general increase has been applied.

Event Hire

Fees for event hire at Tolosa Park were approved by Council at the meeting on 31 July 2023. It is proposed to increase the 2024/25 fees by the general increase.

Hall Hire

Fees for various facilities are proposed to increase by the general increase. However, the refundable bond and key deposit are proposed to decrease to \$500.00 and \$70.00 respectively because:

- The bond has progressively risen to a fee that is creating an impediment to people's ability to hire the venues as up-front payment is required
- There are very few instances of needing to retain any of the bond, which usually only involve extra cleaning
- A lower amount supports the community in keeping the venues affordable, without impacting revenue.
- A reasonable level of bond is still required however, to act as incentive to make sure the venues and keys are looked after.

Information Management

The cost of lodging a Right to Information application will rise by \$2.25 to \$46.75. This fee is set by legislation and based on the value of 25 fee units. Fee units increase annually with the fee unit for 2024/25 being \$1.87.

Landfill

Proposed fees for the Jackson Street Landfill are outlined in a separate report to this Council meeting. The doubling of the per tonne rate for the State Landfill Levy to \$44.88 has resulted in an increase to gate fees above the general increase.

Licences / Permits

Fees for various licences and permits are proposed to increase by the general increase.

Miscellaneous

Fees for miscellaneous services are proposed to increase by the general increase plus a bit extra for rounding. These fees include public photocopying, producing plans on a plotter, scanning paper copies for electronic lodgement and a time-based fee for researching historic files.

Moonah Arts Centre

The updated Moonah Business Plan was approved by Council at the August 2023 meeting. A key target in the plan is a 30% increase in total fee revenue for the 2024/25 year. Based on improved fee revenue to date this year, next year's proposed budget provides for a 36% revenue increase. In relation to individual fees, there are above average increases for commercial hire which has been benchmarked against other comparative Hobart venues, as has staff overheads for all hirers.

Parking Permits

Fees for parking permits including the disabled permit is proposed to increase by the general increase.

Planning Services

The individual fees have been reviewed with many increasing above the general increase to reflect the resources required to process planning applications.

The service “Engineering Drawing Assessment” has been renamed “Condition Assessment”. It introduces a separation between engineering assessment of residential and civil/commercial works and includes a cap to eliminate excessive fees. Condition assessment also introduces new fees for the assessment of other required documents/reports previously assessed for free.

A new fee structure for Planning Scheme Amendments (PSA) is proposed to reflect the substantial assessment and resourcing requirements of these requests. The current fee for a PSA is a two-stage fee, with \$990 for assessment being paid first, then if the Glenorchy Planning Authority decides to prepare the amendment a further \$3010 fee is charged. The current fee reflects approximately one day’s work by one officer. However, on average, several members of staff are involved in the assessment and this can take multiple days to consider representations and attend Panel hearings. The current fees do not represent cost recovery and are well below the fees being charged by other urban Councils.

Plumbing

Fees for plumbing applications are proposed to increase by the general increase. The only exceptions are a new stand-alone fee for an on-site waste water (OSWW) assessment where not being lodged with a dwelling. There is also an increase to the combined class 1 & 10 and OSWW by 12.7% assessment to appropriately recognise the amount of additional work the assessment requires.

Property Assets

Fees for Road Opening Permits are proposed to increase by the general increase.

Reserves

Fees for casual use of reserves (ie not covered by separate lease or licence agreements) proposed to increase by the general increase.

Revenue

Fees for issuing section 132 and section 337 certificates have increased in line with the legislated fee-units increase of 5.1% set by Department of Treasury and Finance. The minimum monthly account for the Jackson Street landfill is increasing by 5.1% and there is no change to the \$30.00 fee for dishonoured payments.

Tolosa Park

Fees for hiring huts at Tolosa Park are proposed to increase by the general increase.

Waste Management

Proposed fees for Waste Management Services are outlined in a separate report to this Council meeting. The doubling of the per tonne rate for the State Landfill Levy to \$44.88 has resulted in an increase to kerbside garbage charges above the general increase.

Financial Hardship Policy

A person or business responsible for the payment of Council fees may be eligible for financial hardship assistance if they can demonstrate they are experiencing genuine financial hardship.

Council’s Financial Hardship Policy and application form are available on Council’s website. Alternatively, applicants can telephone Council and ask that the guidelines and forms be posted or emailed to them.

Consultations:

Executive Leadership Team
Managers and Coordinators
Senior Finance staff

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Financial

Approximately 19.7% of Council’s revenue comes from user charges. It is therefore a significant part of Council’s budgeted income.

Human resources

There are no material human resource implications.

Risk management

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
Adopt the recommendation				
Adverse public reaction to the decision to increase fees.	Minor (C2)	Possible (L3)	Medium (6)	Communicate to the community that the fee increases have been kept to a minimum and are predominately user fees for providing a particular service and subsidise partially any increase in general rates.
Do not adopt the recommendation				
Adverse financial implications for Council with a risk of not meeting Budget or Long-Term Financial Management Plan revenue objectives.	Moderate (C3)	Unlikely (L2)	Medium (6)	Consider cost savings or service reductions to counteract the revenue shortfall.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation

The Schedule of Fees and Charges will be published on Council's website once adopted.

Public relations

In setting the recommended fees included in the Schedule, Council has tried to balance the need to ensure financial sustainability with minimising the impact on ratepayers and continuing to deliver essential services to the Glenorchy community

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. APPROVE the fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year as detailed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges set out in Attachment 1
2. NOTE that fees and charges for Waste Management and Landfill are subject to approval as part of a separate report to this Council meeting.
3. AMEND the Schedule of Fees and Charges, if necessary, to reflect any changes to the recommended fees and charges for Waste Management and Landfill arising from Council's consideration of the separate report referred to in item 2.

Attachments/Annexures

- 1 Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/25



13. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2024

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ECM File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Community Plan Reference:

Leading Our Community

The communities of Glenorchy will be confident that Council manages the community's assets soundly for the long-term benefit of the community.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Objective: We are a leader and partner that acts with integrity and upholds our community's best interests.

Strategy: Make informed decisions that are open and transparent and in the best interests of our community.

Objective: We responsibly manage our community's resources to deliver what matters most.

Strategy: Deploy the Council's resources effectively to deliver value while being financially responsible.

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the monthly Financial Performance Report for the period ending 30 April 2024.

Proposal in Detail:

Council's Financial Performance Report (Report) for the year-to-date ending 30 April 2024 is at [Attachment 1](#).

The Report highlights Council's operating result as at the end of April is \$2.399 million better than budget. The favourable variance is the combined result of \$0.605 million more revenue than budget and \$1.794 million less expenditure than budget.

Executive Summary

The financial position at the end of April continues to report favourable revenue and expenditure results.

With only two months left in the 2023/24 financial year, programs are busy completing their remaining budgeted body of work. Forecasts indicate the favourable position will be maintained through to 30 June.

Revenue

Year-to-date operational revenue is \$70.629 million compared to budgeted operational revenue of \$70.024 million. This represents a favourable result of \$0.605 million or 0.9% against budget.

Revenue estimates continue to remain stable. Interest received on investments is contributing strongly to the result due to sustained favourable interest rates and increased available cash. The forecast revenue result will be influenced by how much of the Financial Assistance Grant is paid in advance by the Federal Government.

Expenditure

Year-to-date operational expenditure is \$57.641 million compared to budgeted expenditure of \$59.434 million. This represents a favourable result of \$1.794 million or 3.0% against budget.

Expenditure remains below budget across most categories and programs. The revised salary budget adopted at the mid-year budget review has eliminated the large underspend and has stabilised the variance. Materials and services are largely influenced by timing of the expenditure and availability of suppliers, leading to a continued underspend.

The 30 June forecast result includes an estimation of \$300,000 for the upcoming Mayoral Election and Glenorchy Pool Poll. The actual cost will be determined by the Tasmanian Electoral Office at the completion of the ballots.

Non-operating – Capital Grant Revenue

Capital grants revenue is \$7.080 million against an annual budget of \$11.971 million.

The only grant able to be claimed for the remainder of this year is \$300,000 for the Giblins Playspace final payment upon completion of the required audit. Major projects still under construction will have the grant carried forward into next financial year.

Non-Operating – Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets

Disposal of assets currently records a minimal gain of \$89,000 against an annual budget loss of \$0.418 million.

Activities in this area are disposal of obsolete computer equipment, minor plant and vehicle changeovers. Land sales also contribute to the monthly result. The sale price of all disposed assets is tempered by the expense in writing down the book value of those assets.

Non-Operating – Contributions Non-Monetary Assets

No non-monetary assets have been recorded to date against an annual budget of \$3.500 million. A reconciliation of these assets is currently being undertaken for inclusion in the Financial Performance Report for May.

Typically, these are donated / gifted assets received from subdivisions and similar developments, as well as assets found not to be currently recorded in the asset register.

Non-Operating – Assets Written Off

No assets have been written off to date against an annual budget of \$1.920 million. A reconciliation of these assets is currently being undertaken for inclusion in the Financial Performance Report for May.

Typically, this relates to the residual value of assets that have reached the end of their useful lives and have been replaced.

Capital Works

Year-to-date Capital Works expenditure is \$17.794 million against a combined annual budget of \$32.686 million and a combined annual forecast spend of \$27.401 million. At the end of April, \$9.349 million or 61% of the annual recurrent budget has been expended on recurrent projects and \$8.445 million or 49% of the major projects budget has been expended on major projects.

Council is experiencing some variations to the capital program. Some variations are because of required variations to scope of works and/or contractor delays. The affected projects are detailed in a separate Capital Works Status report presented to this meeting.

Further Information

Further information on revenue, expenditure and capital works figures is provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

Consultations:

General Manager

Executive Leadership Team

Officers responsible for Capital and Operational Budget reporting

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Financial implications are set out in the body of this report and in [Attachment 1](#).

The Financial Performance Report is only for receiving and noting, so no financial issues arise.

Risks associated with Council's financial expenditure and sustainability were managed through the process for developing Council's annual budget and are monitored through ongoing monthly reporting and Council's Strategic and Key Operational risk register.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation was not required due to the regular and operational nature of this report. There are no material public relations implications.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 30 April 2024 as set out in [Attachment 1](#).

Attachments/Annexures

- 1 Attachment 1 - Financial Performance Report - April 2024



14. ELECTOR POLL ON GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL POOL

Author: General Manager (Tony McMullen)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Tony McMullen)

ECM File Reference: Elector poll for Glenorchy pool

Community Plan Reference:

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Champion and work together to address our community's needs and priorities.

Reporting Brief:

To formally advise Council of the requirement to hold an elector poll on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool by 22 June 2024 and the associated arrangements.

Proposal in Detail:

The petition

A petition was received from Ms Janiece Bryan on 23 April 2024.

The petition was originally signed by 2548 signatories of which 1736 signatories had Tasmanian addresses.

The petition read as follows:

Hold an elector poll to urgently repair, re-open , redevelop & retain our Glenorchy War Memorial Pool

Petition to Glenorchy City Council – Mayor, Aldermen, & General Manager

We the undersigned, hereby request that Council:

- 1. Hold a Poll of the Electors of the Glenorchy Municipality:*
- 2. Urgently Repair, Re-open, Redevelop & Retain the Glenorchy War memorial Pool in the centre of Glenorchy CBD by obtaining Government Grants.*

Poll question: Do you agree with ‘Save the Pool’ Community that the Glenorchy City Council urgently Repair, Re-open, Redevelop and Retain the ‘Glenorchy War Memorial Pool’ in the centre of Glenorchy CBD by obtaining Government Grants?

Ms Bryan subsequently submitted additional pages of the petition comprising a further 16 signatures.

Petition complies with the Act

The petition was received within 30 days of a public meeting, held under s. 59 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”) on 27 March 2024 to discuss pool-related concerns.

The General Manager checked that the petition complied with s. 57(2) of the Act - which requires a petition to be clearly stated and in the right format.

The petition was tabled at the Council meeting on 29 April 2024 after the General Manager checked, under s. 58 of the Act, that it had the right format, was not defamatory and was not proposing an unlawful action.

Elector Poll required

Following the April Council meeting, Council officers checked the signatories to confirm that the threshold of 1,000 Glenorchy electors had been met, requiring Council to conduct an elector poll by 22 June 2024.

The General Manager wrote to the Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner (“Commissioner”) on 6 May 2024 requesting that the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (“TEC”) conduct the elector poll.

The General Manager also wrote to Ms Bryan on 6 May 2024 advising that the threshold had been reached to require an elector poll.

Elector poll to be held at same time as by-election

With the election of former Mayor, Bec Thomas, to the Legislative Council on 9 May 2024, a by-election is required to be held for the vacant mayor and councillor positions.

The polling period is scheduled to be from 3 June to 2.00pm on 20 June, with results expected to be known on 21 June.

In response to a question from the General Manager, the Commissioner advised that it would be possible to run the elector poll at the same time as the by-election. This will greatly save on the cost of running an elector poll on its own.

Ms Bryan declined the option under s. 60C(2) of the Act for the elector poll to be held in conjunction with the next ordinary election in October 2026.

Elector poll question

The Commissioner is ultimately responsible for the framing of the question to be asked in the elector poll and to determine the background information to accompany the question.

The Commissioner met with Ms Bryan and the General Manager on 17 May 2024 to consult with them on the drafting of the question and the background information.

At the time of writing, the Commissioner was considering the feedback from the parties.

Consultations:

Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner

Ms J Bryan

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Financial

If the elector poll has been held on its own, it would have been expected to cost in the order of \$150,000.

However, by holding the elector poll at the same time as the by-election for mayor and councillor, its cost is expected to be reduced to between \$10,000 and \$12,000 because items such as postal costs and vote counting will already be required for the by-election.

Human resources

The relevant Council officers have received training from the TEC to enable them to support the by-election and elector poll processes effectively.

Risk management

As the recommendation of this report is for noting only, a risk assessment is not required.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation

The TEC is responsible for public notification associated with the elector poll process.

While voting for mayor and councillor in the by-election is compulsory, voting in the elector poll is NOT compulsory. However, given the two processes are being run at the same time, it is likely a high than normal return rate will be achieved for the elector poll.

Public relations

The result of the elector poll is expected to be known on 21 June 2024.

Under s. 60E(1) of the Act, Council is required to discuss the result of an elector poll at its next ordinary meeting. Given the next ordinary meeting of Council is 24 June, an officer's report will be written in anticipation of the outcome to ensure there is an agenda item to enable discussion, while avoiding the need to table an urgent item.

Under s. 60E(2) of the Act, the result of an elector poll is not binding on Council.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. NOTE the requirement to hold an elector poll on the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool by 22 June 2024 and the arrangements for it that are described in this report.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

15. TRIAL OF OPEN TO THE PUBLIC COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Author: General Manager (Tony McMullen)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Tony McMullen)

ECM File Reference: Aldermen Administration

Community Plan Reference:

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Reporting Brief:

For Council to consider whether to trial open to the public Council workshop sessions as a part of its overall Council workshop program.

Proposal in Detail:

At the Council workshop on 20 May 2024, elected members discussed the possibility of trialling Council workshop sessions that are open to the public as a part of its overall Council workshop program.

In the words of the Acting Mayor:

Many councils go to an open workshop/committee.

The public complains we are not sharing information and "do behind-the-door work." We still need to have workshops for councillors to share their thinking and where confidential information (staff, ratepayers, land developments, intellectual property) can be discussed. These workshops could start after the open meeting.

This proposal was initially going to be brought forward as a notice of motion. However, the deadline for notices of motion for the 27 May 2024 ordinary Council meeting passed on 19 May. Therefore, this report is presented to enable Council to consider the issue.

What are Council workshops?

Council Workshop is defined in the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* (“the Regulations”) as: *means a workshop, seminar or gathering of persons for the purposes of a council, but does not include a meeting or a meeting of a special committee.* (reg. 3)

The “Good Governance Guide for Local Government in Tasmania”, Third Edition, Department of Premier and Cabinet, August 2022 at p. 60 provides the following explanation of the role of Council workshops:

Council workshops are informal meetings, held for the purpose of providing elected members with information on specific matters. Workshop procedure is not governed by the Act or the Meeting Regulations. Council workshops provide the time needed to explore important matters in detail.

Council decisions must be made in a council meeting, not in a council workshop.

Individual councils are entitled to hold workshops as and when they deem it necessary.

Workshops are generally closed to the public, although a council may invite the public or individuals to attend if it wishes to do so.

Regulation 8 of the Meeting Regulations requires general managers to report in each ordinary meeting agenda the date and purpose of any council workshop held since the last meeting.

To be clear, there is no suggestion that all Council workshop sessions be made open to the public. In a democracy, it is appropriate for a group of elected representatives to seek advice in relation to sometimes complex matters and to have the safe space to ask questions or seek clarification in a non-decision-making forum that later assists open debate and decision-making in Council meetings.

Transparency of Council decision-making

It has been argued by some that making Council workshop sessions open to the public will improve transparency.

Transparency is defined in the Good Design Guide, P. 8 as a characteristic of good governance:

Good governance is transparent. People should be able to follow and understand the decision-making process. This means that they are able to clearly see how and why a decision was made - what information, advice and consultation a council considered, and which legislative requirements (when relevant) a council followed.

With open Council agenda items, this information is already freely evident and available through the officer’s report, recommendation and associated attachments.

In addition, open Council meetings are live streamed - or members of the public can attend in person to witness the debate and the decision-making process first hand.

Members of the general public also have the opportunity to ask questions with or without notice as part of the Council meeting agenda.

Meetings may only be closed to the public when matters set out in reg. 15(2) are to be discussed at a meeting:

- (a) *personnel matters, including complaints against an employee of the council and industrial relations matters;*
- (b) *information that, if disclosed, is likely to confer a commercial advantage or impose a commercial disadvantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business;*
- (c) *commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to –*
 - (i) *prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or*
 - (ii) *confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or*
 - (iii) *reveal a trade secret;*
- (d) *contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal;*
- (e) *the security of –*
 - (i) *the council, councillors and council staff; or*
 - (ii) *the property of the council;*
- (f) *proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land;*
- (g) *information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential;*
- (h) *applications by councillors for a leave of absence;*
- (i) *matters relating to actual or possible litigation taken, or to be taken, by or involving the council or an employee of the council;*
- (j) *the personal hardship of any person who is resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area.*

Certain Council meetings including those involving planning decisions, permit decisions or consideration of proposals for a council to deal with public land must remain open to the public, except where discussing related legal matters. (reg. 15(3) &(4)).

When they are making decisions, elected members must, under s. 28U of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act"), comply with the Code of Conduct requirements, including obligations to make impartial and unbiased, merits-based decisions, to act in the public interest and to be free of non-pecuniary conflicts of interest. They are also governed by the pecuniary interest provisions in Part 5 of the Act.

The existing statutory scheme sets the level of transparency required in respect of Council workshops through, reg. 2(c) of the Regulations, which requires that the purpose of every workshop and its date must be publicly-disclosed in the next ordinary Council meeting agenda.

It is not, therefore, immediately clear how opening Council workshop sessions would aid transparency in the sense of providing any further insight into the decision-making process - given this must happen solely in Council meetings and Council committee meetings – and NOT in Council workshops. However, it is acknowledged that providing open Council workshop sessions may assuage the criticisms of some about lack of transparency, however founded.

Need for closed workshop sessions to remain

Council workshops primarily exist to provide space for elected members to build their understanding of issues that will be the subject of future formal decision-making by Council.

They also provide a mechanism for officers to consult elected members about the strategic direction of matters that will be the subject of future formal decision-making by Council.

Based on the author’s experience of Council in past decades when there were many fewer workshops, more workshops, in their existing format, enable subsequent Council meetings to run more decisively - with better informed decision-makers considering more refined reports and recommendations. Arguably, this leads to a better standard of decision-making in the community interest.

Those who suggest closed Council workshops are a case of “democracy dying in darkness” have likely not considered the extensive checks and balances provided by the existing statutory scheme; or have an unwavering and, it is suggested, unwarranted, mistrust of Council.

Benefits and disbenefits of open Council workshop sessions

Benefits	Disbenefits
Community gains more information.	No further insight into decision-making because workshops are not decision-making forums.
Another mechanism to provide information to the community.	Council conducted an extensive community engagement review in 2022 and there are existing mechanisms in place such as community yarns to provide information to the community.
More openness – demystifying Council processes.	Less opportunity for elected members to obtain information or provide guidance to officers in a safe and candid setting.
Encourage more trust in council processes.	More organisation and officer resources required to source presentations, to invite and accommodate attendees and to promote events.
Possible to make a Council policy about workshops.	Shortage of statutory guidance about running of workshops, attendee behaviour etc.
Opportunity to clarify those workshop matters or processes that are to remain closed to the public.	Lack of clarity as to which matters are open and which are to remain closed.
Greater prioritisation of workshop topics.	Scarcity of additional available workshop slots for open sessions.
Volume of open Council forums increases.	Unlikely ever to satisfy those calling for complete transparency.

Proposed features of a trial of open to the public workshop sessionsTrial duration

Up to 6 months subject to satisfactory performance

Open workshop frequency

One per month, open information sharing workshop: on a workshop night (generally a Monday).

Time allowed

1 hour with half an hour for questions. Information that would be useful for aldermen and the public.

Venue

Council Chambers or Mayoral reception room

Chairperson

Mayor

Stakeholders

Open to the general public, with potential for specific stakeholders to be invited (small business/ large business or individuals with an interest—e.g. a school principal).

Participation

The public and elected officials can ask questions. The public or others may not discuss other matters in this session. It is only an information event.

Room setup

To be confirmed but potential for elected members to form part of the general audience or to sit back from the speaker and members of the public.

Open Workshop Topics:

Information sessions on community interest topics such as demographics, policing, landcare, community and recreation facilities, multicultural, social issues and the like.

Meeting rules:

- The Chairperson governs the conduct of the Open workshop session, including question time, and their directions and rulings are final.
- Members of the public who seek to hinder or disrupt an Open workshop may be directed to leave by the Chairperson.

Consultations:

ELT

Elected members

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Open workshops will require more staff resources to arrange than the current workshops because of the need to source presentations, to invite and accommodate attendees and to promote events. However, this can be accommodated within Council's existing resources.

Risk management

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
Adopt the recommendation				
Trial of open to the public Council workshops does not meet community expectations.	Minor (C2)	Possible (L3)	Medium (6)	Clear communications that the existing statutory arrangements already provide transparency - and that closed to the public Council workshop sessions are necessary and will continue.
Inappropriate behaviour in Open to the public Council workshop sessions.	Minor (C2)	Possible (L3)	Medium (6)	Chairperson governs the conduct of the sessions and their directions and rulings are final – and they may direct those who seek to hinder or disrupt a session to leave.
Poor public turnout makes holding the sessions unviable.	Minor (C2)	Possible (L3)	Medium (6)	The basis of the trial would be up to 6 months subject to satisfactory performance. So the trial could be terminated earlier if unsuccessful. A review is recommended to be undertaken following the trial in February 2025.
Do not adopt the recommendation				
Some in the community criticise Council for a perceived lack of transparency in not holding open to the public Council workshop sessions.	Minor (C2)	Likely (L4)	Medium (8)	Clear communications that the existing statutory arrangements already provide transparency - and that closed to the public Council workshop sessions are necessary and will continue.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Some in the community may welcome a trial of open to the public Council workshop sessions.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. APPROVE a trial for up to 6 months (subject to satisfactory performance) of monthly, open to the public Council workshop sessions starting in July 2024.
2. CONDUCT the trial based on the “proposed features of a trial of open to the public workshop sessions” in the body of this report.
3. DIRECT the General Manager to bring a report on the review of the trial of open to the public Council workshop sessions to the February 2025 ordinary Council meeting setting out recommendations as to the continuation or otherwise of those sessions and any other relevant matters.
4. CONTINUE to hold closed to the public Council workshop sessions to address matters requiring Council officer to elected member briefings and dialogue of a strictly non-decision making nature, preparatory to formal decision-making processes in Council meetings and Council committee meetings.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

16. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE SAFER COMMUNITIES WORKING GROUP

Author: Director Community and Corporate Services (Tracey Ehrlich)

Qualified Person: General Manager (Tony McMullen)

ECM File Reference: Committees

Community Plan Reference:

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Reporting Brief:

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council selects and appoints two Elected Members to the Safer Communities Working Group in accordance with statutory and policy requirements.

Proposal in Detail:

Background

To assist Council to achieve its goals and objectives and comply with its statutory responsibilities, Council has established and maintains representation on a number of internal committees and working groups and other statutory bodies.

By convention, and in accordance with Council policy, Council elects Elected Members to represent Council on the various committees and other bodies at the first meeting of Council following a Council election. Following this, Council at its meeting on 29 April 2024 approved the establishment of two additional bodies, namely the:

- Economic Development Committee; and
- Safer Communities Working Group.

The Economic Development Committee's proposed terms of reference encompass the existing Glenorchy Jobs Hub operations and State Government grant compliance, as well as the promotion of sustainable business and industry engagement. Its terms of reference includes the following:

- i. A focus on local employment for Glenorchy municipality residents;
- ii. Increasing workforce participation of Glenorchy residents;
- iii. Increasing engagement by Glenorchy residents in formal education and training;
- iv. Identifying key employee skills required by local business and industry to assist with business sustainability in the municipality; and
- v. Establishing a forum to enable effective consultation with Glenorchy's business and industry.

The Safer Communities Working Group terms of reference are to consult with community and subject matter experts regarding issues of crime and safety in the Glenorchy community, including:

- Providing advice to Council regarding public safety, including youth and other crime;
- Promoting safety within the Glenorchy community;
- Providing advice to Council regarding graffiti and vandalism issues within Glenorchy; and
- Providing advice to Council regarding public events within the municipal area.

The nomination and appointment process is set out in Council's *Committee Nominations and Appointments Policy 2023* (the Policy), a copy of which is [Attachment 1](#) to this report.

This report identifies the candidates nominated for each available position and provides the information required for Council to consider and determine appointments.

Notice to Elected Members calling for nominations

In accordance with Part 1 of the Policy, a Notice was circulated to Elected Members on 15 May 2024 (**Notice**) calling for nominations to the following committees and other bodies (**the committees**):

1. Economic Development Committee; and
2. Safer Communities Working Group.

A copy of the Notice is [Attachment 2](#).

Nominations received

The nominations received for the above are set out in the following table:

Committee / Body	Positions Available (not inc. Mayor)	No. of nominees	Ballot Required?	Nominees	Automatic Appointments
Economic Development Committee	1	0	No		Mayor
Safer Communities Working Group	2	3	Yes	Ald Dunsby Ald Slade Ald Alderton	None

Procedural Requirements

Part 1, clauses 6 and 7 of the Policy set out the process for appointing nominees for committees, as follows:

6. *Where the number of nominees for a position does not exceed the number of positions available, the Council will determine the appointment in accordance with its ordinary meeting procedures.*
7. *If the number of nominees for a position exceeds the number of positions available—*
 - (a) a ballot will be held to select the appointee or appointees (or nominees for a position on an External Body, if applicable), and*
 - (b) once the result of the ballot is determined, the chair will call for the appointment to be confirmed in accordance with Council's ordinary meeting procedures.*

As the number of nominees exceeds the number of positions available for the Safer Communities Working Group, ballots are required to determine its membership.

Ballots must be conducted in accordance with Part 3 of the Policy. Ballot papers will be distributed to Elected Members prior to the meeting and will be destroyed as soon as practical after the conclusion of the meeting.

The Policy does not consider a situation where no elected members have nominated for a committee. Given this it is proposed that Council approve the continuation of the Glenorchy Jobs Hub Steering Committee in its current format, with the Mayor continuing to chair the Committee.

NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES

The following information about each committee is provided below, as required under the Policy:

- the information specified in clause 1(b) of the Policy, and
- a list of the nominations received for each committee and the statements provided by the nominees in support of each.

Clause 5 requires that “the documentation in support” of each nomination is provided in this report. All information relevant to each candidate’s nomination has been included in this report, in lieu of providing copies of the nomination forms themselves.

1. Appointment of Elected Members to the Safer Communities Working Group

Committee type	Working Group
Committee composition	2 Elected Members, Director Infrastructure and Development
No. of Elected Member positions available	2 committee members
Meeting frequency	Quarterly
Ex-officio appointments	2 Elected Members in a co-chairing arrangement.
Proposed term of appointment	4 years or next Local Government election, whichever is sooner
Role and functions of Committee	Initiate a Safer Communities Working Group. This working group would target the following community issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aggression and abuse in public places; • graffiti; • vandalism; and • public events within the city.
Nature of duties to be undertaken	The duties of a working group member, include (but are not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attending meetings of the committee, and • discharging the roles and functions of the committee.
Extent of delegated authority	Nil. The working group must adhere to the Media and Communications and Social Media Policies in its external communications.

Nominations Received

Council has received three (3) nominations for the two (2) positions available on the Safer Communities Working Group. The nominees for the positions are:

- Ald. Dunsby;
- Ald. Slade; and
- Ald. Alderton.

The statements provided in support of the nominations are as follows:

<p>Ald. Dunsby</p>	<p>I was engaged with Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania for 19 years, 12 of those as President. This provided me with a deep understanding of working with community to bring crime prevention strategies and enhancing community safety. I worked with multiple agencies, including Tasmania Police, Crimestoppers Tasmania, Neighbourhood Watch Australasia, along with the diverse range of Watch groups around the State.</p> <p>In a previous term of Council, I was one of the elected members of the Safer Communities Committee, where I also gained further insight into strategies and partnerships at a local government level.</p>
<p>Ald. Slade</p>	<p>I have obtained knowledge, skills, and experience to serve on this committee through being a former Sergeant of Police, State Crime Prevention Coordinator, and a former member of this Working Group.</p> <p>I have personally dealt with aggression and abuse in public places – to members of the public and myself.</p> <p>I understand the history and psychology behind graffiti and have developed and monitored large city graffiti reduction programs.</p> <p>I have also dealt with vandalism, charged offenders, and assisted complainants.</p> <p>I have a sound understanding of operating public events within cities and how to undertake risk assessments and define what resources are required.</p>
<p>Ald. Alderton</p>	<p>I wish to be on the Committee so that I can provide input into finding community solutions to deal with antisocial behaviour in our community.</p>

Recommendation

In accordance with clause 7 of the Policy, it is recommended that a ballot be held to determine the members-elect to be confirmed in the available positions.

Consultations:

- Mayor
- Elected Members
- General Manager
- Executive Leadership Team

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

There are no human resource or financial implications.

Risk Identification	Consequence	Likelihood	Rating	Risk Mitigation Treatment
<p>If Council does not appoint Elected Members to the various committees and statutory bodies:</p> <p>Council will be in breach of the Policy and various legislative requirements, and</p> <p>Governance control will be less effective and Council’s ability to discharge its statutory functions will be jeopardised.</p> <p>The above would represent a significant regulatory and policy breach.</p>	Major (C4)	Unlikely (L2)	Medium (8)	Council makes considered appointments to the various committees in accordance with the procedural requirements set out in this report.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Committees play a vital role in Council’s ability to discharge its functions and duties to the community, and in ensuring that appropriate oversight of governance and critical Council functions is maintained.

It is essential that the process of nominating and appointing Elected Members to committees is transparent, considered and conducted in accordance with all relevant legislation, policies and procedures.

Recommendation:

That Council:

Representation on the Jobs Hub Steering Committee

1. RESOLVE that the Jobs Hub Steering Committee continue in its current capacity with the Mayor as its chair; and

Ballots

2. CONDUCT a ballot in accordance with the procedure in Part 3 of the *Committee Nominations and Appointments Policy* to determine the two (2) members-elect for the Safer Communities Working Group; and

That Council, having received the results of the ballot conducted under resolution 2 (above):

Safer Communities Working Group

3. APPOINT the members-elect for the two (2) positions determined by ballot to the Safer Communities Working Group.

Attachments/Annexures

- 1 Committee Nominations and Appointments Policy 2023



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2 Notice for Nominations 15 May 2024



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

Question without notice – Alderman Dunsby

Q: Can officers undertake a further review of parking options for large vehicles and trade vehicle parking because of the impact of parking overflow from these vehicles on the road network?

A: [Acting Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

Response: Council officers have conducted a thorough review of our legal jurisdiction and have determined that the Council lacks the necessary authority to mandate the provision of parking for large and trade vehicles. Furthermore, such enforcement falls outside the scope of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme concerning developments.

In response, Council officers will be reaching out to the major shopping centers situated in Glenorchy, Moonah, and Claremont. These communications will respectfully request that these centers consider the need for accommodating parking options for large and trade vehicles. However, it's important to clarify that Council does not possess the regulatory power to compel these centers to provide such accommodations.

Question without notice – Alderman Alderton

Q1: Am I correct that Council is planning to construct a toilet block on the left-hand side of the War Memorial at Claremont?

A: [Director Infrastructure and Development] Yes, it is proposed to construct it on the hard left near the adult exercise equipment.

Q2: Are you aware that there is a plaque under the Lone Pine for Mr Jack Kirwan which may impact on construction of the toilet block?

A: [Director Infrastructure and Development] The question was taken on notice.

Response: After extensive consultation with the RSL and with their approval, the memorial plaque for Mr Jack Kerwin (returned serviceman) will be relocated and replaced with a new one with the planting of a new Lone Pine. The new (Lone) pine tree will help frame the existing gathering space to the Claremont RSL War Memorial area. It is understood from the RSL that Mr Kerwin's ashes are encapsulated in the concrete plinth and some of the ashes sprinkled under the Lone Pine tree. The plinth in its entirety will be relocated and the RSL will remove dirt beneath the tree and relocate this soil to the new Lone Pine location. An interpretive sign will also be installed by Council depicting the life and good deeds that Mr Jack Kerwin undertook for the community which led to the plaque being installed in the first place.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

18. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

That the minutes of the Council meeting(Closed Meeting) held on 29 April 2024 be confirmed.

19. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

**20. REQUEST FOR TENDER NO. 963 - MAIN ROAD GRANTON [560
MAIN RD TO BRIDGEWATER BRIDGE] PATHWAY
CONSTRUCTION – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD**

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

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