

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the
on Monday, 23 June 2025 at 3:30 PM**



**Present
(in Chambers):**

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

**In attendance
(in Chambers):**

Tony McMullen (Chief Executive Officer), Emilio Reale (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Emma Watkins (Coordinator Executive and Strategy), Luke Chiu (Manager Property, Environment and Waste), Patrick Marshall (Manager Assets, Engineering and Design), Michael Sokulski (Chief Financial Officer), Tim Douglass (Events Officer)

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

Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

Leave of absence:

The Council meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 15 viewers and 0 members of the public attended in person.

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.30pm.

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the original and traditional owners and continuing custodians of the land and their elders, past and present.

We acknowledge the muwinina people as the traditional owners of this land. We recognise the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the original owners and continuing custodians of the land, sky and country and waters of this island, Lutruwita. We pay our respect to Aboriginal Elders, past and present. We commit to working in a way that welcomes and respects all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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

Comments from the Chair

Pool

- I am thrilled to announce that the contract for the repair of the pool has been finalised.
- Hutchinson Builders will undertake the works commencing in August and finishing by mid-2026.
- Information on the scope of work can be found on our website.

YMCA update

- We have recently received an update on the Glenorchy YMCA.
- The \$6M upgrade of the multi-facility at Constance Avenue is due for completion very soon and will be completed within budget.
- The newly refurbished facility will house programs and services for all ages, abilities and backgrounds with the focus on being fully inclusive, compassionate and approachable.

Windermere Skate Park

- This Wednesday I will officially open the new Windermere skatepark and pump track.
- This wonderful new facility is located close to the Claremont CBD, the cycleway and public transport.
- It is also next to the existing recreation area which features new public toilets, BBQ facilities, picnic tables and bench seats for families to watch their children play.
- This replaces the ageing and out of date skatepark at Abbotsfield Park that was no longer fit for purpose.
- The Abbotsfield site will be maintained for sport and recreation.

Moonah Streetscape improvements

- As one of the priority projects identified in the Greater Glenorchy Plan, we have started planning improvements to the streetscape of Main Road Moonah.
- As a start, we are working with local urban design firm, Inspiring Place, to engage with Moonah traders about their hopes and aspirations for the area.

Rates information

- Compared to other Councils in the Greater Hobart area, Glenorchy is in a very healthy financial state.
- We will be debt-free by the end of the 2025-26 Financial Year and will have a relatively small underlying deficit of \$1.2M.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

None.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

4. 2025/26 BUDGET ESTIMATES

File Reference: 2025/26 Annual Budget

Reporting Brief:

To present to Council the proposed Budget Estimates 2025/26, Long-Term Financial Management Plan 2025/26 to 2034/35 and Rates & Charges 2025/26.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/KING

That Council:

1. ADOPT the Glenorchy City Council 2025/26 Budget Estimates as set out in **Attachment 1** in concurrence with the 2025/26 Capital Works Programs and Budget report
2. APPROVE the Glenorchy City Council Long-Term Financial Management Plan 2025/26 to 2034/2035 as set out in **Attachment 1**
3. RESOLVE that pursuant to section 90 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (**the Act**), for the period commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 30 June 2026 inclusive (**the financial year**), Council makes a general rate of 8.2680 cents in the dollar based on the assessed annual value (**AAV**) of all rateable land in the municipal area of Glenorchy
4. RESOLVE that pursuant to section 107(1)(a) of the Act, for the financial year, Council varies the general rate down to 6.5790 cents in the dollar based on the AAV, for all rateable land in the municipal area of Glenorchy used for residential purposes
5. RESOLVE that pursuant to section 90(4) of the Act, for the financial year, Council sets the minimum amount payable in respect of the general rate at \$251.90
6. RESOLVE that pursuant to section 93A of the Act, for the financial year, Council makes the following service rates in respect of fire protection based on the AAV of all rateable land on the valuation roll or assessment roll prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* as follows:
 - a) 1.0517 cents in the dollar for Council's contribution to the State Fire Commission for land that is situated within the Hobart Permanent Brigade Rating District, with a minimum contribution for each parcel of land of \$50.00 applying, and

- b) 0.2434 cents in the dollar for Council's contribution to the State Fire Commission for land that is situated outside the Hobart Permanent Brigade Rating District with a minimum contribution for each parcel of land of \$50.00 applying
- 7. RESOLVE that a penalty of 5% pursuant to section 128(a) of the Act is to apply to the amount of any instalment not paid by the overdue reminder due date; and
- 8. RESOLVE that interest at a rate of 5.212% per annum pursuant to section 128(a) of the Act calculated daily is to apply to the amount of any instalment not paid by the overdue reminder due date, and
- 9. RESOLVE that rates levied in accordance with this resolution are payable to the Council by four (4) equal as practicable instalments:
 - a) the first instalment on the date specified in the rate notice being on or before the 31st day after the issue of the rates notice
 - b) the second instalment on or before 1 November 2025
 - c) the third instalment on or before 1 February 2026
 - d) the fourth instalment on or before 1 May 2026
- 10. RESOLVE a ratepayer may enter into an approved Direct Debit agreement in lieu of instalment payments detailed in recommendation 9
- 11. NOTE Waste Management Charges for kerbside bin collections and other User Fees and Charges were adopted as part of the 26 May 2025 Council meeting.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED by absolute majority.

5. 2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM AND BUDGET

File Reference: 2025/26 Annual Budget

Reporting Brief:

To present the proposed capital works program to Council for the 2025/26 financial year and seek Council's approval of the \$31.9 million program.

Resolution:

MARKS/ALDERTON

That Council:

1. ENDORSE the Glenorchy City Council Capital Works Program for the 2025/26 financial year, as detailed in this report; and
2. ADOPT the 2025/26 Capital Works Summary Budget Estimates as set out in **Attachment 1** in concurrence with the 2025/26 Budget Estimates report.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED by absolute majority.

6. GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026-2028/2029

File Reference: Annual Plan 2025/26-2028/29

Reporting Brief:

Council is required to adopt an Annual Plan under s.71 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). The draft Glenorchy City Council Annual Plan 2025/26 - 2028/29 (Annual Plan) is **Attachment 1** to this report.

Resolution:

KENDALL/YAXLEY

That Council:

1. ADOPT the Glenorchy City Council Annual Plan 2025/26 - 2028/29, set out in **Attachment 1** to this report.

The motion was put.

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

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The live stream was terminated at 4:09pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:09pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR