



CITY OF HOBART

# **MINUTES**

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Open Portion**

**Thursday, 7 November 2019 at 5:15 pm**

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**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Thursday,  
7 November 2019 at 5:15 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Briscoe (Chairman)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin  
Sherlock

**NON-MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Denison  
Harvey  
Behrakis  
Dutta

**PRESENT:** Alderman J R Briscoe  
(Chairman), the Deputy Lord Mayor  
Councillor H Burnet, Alderman D C Thomas  
and Councillor H Ewin.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Z Sherlock.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Nil.

**1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A  
VACANCY**

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No Elected Members were co-opted to the Committee.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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EWIN

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 10 October 2019](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

NOES

The minutes were signed.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager.

No supplementary items were received.

### **4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Members of the Committee are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflicts of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the Committee has resolved to deal with.

No interest was indicated.

### **5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

No items were transferred.

## 6. REPORTS

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Isla MacGregor of Women's Speak Tasmania, Roen Meijers and Matty Wright of Transforming Tasmania and Jo Flannigan of Women's Health Tasmania addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.1.

### 6.1 Trans and Gender Diverse Posters in Public Convenience Facilities File Ref: F19/124052

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THOMAS

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Manager Parks and Recreation, the Manager Community and Culture, the Director City Amenity and the Director Community Life of 31 October 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That trans and gender diverse signage not be displayed on a permanent basis, at this stage, however the Council note the inclusion of this information in the City's annual program of periodical display in the City's public toilets.

**Delegation: Council**

### 6.2 Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens - Briefing File Ref: F19/140697

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THOMAS

That the item be withdrawn from the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the item be withdrawn from the agenda.

**Delegation: Committee**

**6.3 McAulays Reserve, Sandy Bay - Proposed Track Upgrade**  
**File Ref: F19/126948**

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THOMAS

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Program Leader Bushland Recreation, the Manager Bushland and the Director City Amenity of 31 October 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That:
1. The report seeking to upgrade the McAulays Reserve, Sandy Bay walking track, between Manning Avenue and McAulay Road, and its extension through to the boundary of Waimea Heights Primary School, be received and noted.
  2. Funding for track improvement and extension works be considered when the Council determines the 2020-21 Capital Works Program and Annual Budget at an estimated cost of \$50,000 with an estimated annual operational expense of \$1,500 per annum.

**Delegation: Council**

**6.4 188A Lenah Valley Road, Lenah Valley - Lease Renewal - Lenah Valley RSL and Community Club Over Parts of Haldane Reserve  
File Ref: F19/139088**

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DEPUTY LORD MAYOR BURNET

That the recommendation contained in the report of the Senior Parks Planner, the Manager Bushland and the Director City Amenity of 1 November 2019, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

- That:
1. A new lease be executed with the Lenah Valley RSL and Community Club over portions of the City's Haldane Reserve, Lenah Valley, as shown as Lot 1 and Lot 2 on Plan F-930-40 marked as Attachment A to item 6.4 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 7 November 2019.
    - (i) The lease include a licence for unrestricted access to Area 1 and Area 2, and a licence to use Lot 3 for overflow parking on special occasions with prior approval of the General Manager.
    - (ii) The lease term be for 5 years (with the option of for a further 5 years) at nominal rental value.
  2. Community engagement be undertaken pursuant to Sections 178 and 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
    - (i) Upon conclusion of the community engagement process;
      - (a) Should no objections be received, the General Manager be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions of the lease; or alternatively
      - (b) Should objections be received, a further report be provided to the Council on the matter.
  3. Should a new lease be approved, the value of the reduced rental to the Club be recorded in the City's Annual Report in accordance with the Council Policy 'Grants and Benefits Disclosure'.
  4. The Club be encouraged to negotiate with the Department of Health to access the rear of the adjoining Child Health Clinic property at 186 Lenah Valley Road, for potential development of additional car parking.

**Delegation: Council**

## **7. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

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### **7.1 Unleashing of Greyhounds in Designated Off Leash Area File Ref: F19/106384; 13-1-9**

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EWIN

That in accordance with Council's policy, the following Notice of Motion which was adopted by the Parks and Recreation Committee at its meeting of 7 November 2019, be considered by the Council, as amended by the following:

1. The words *That an Officer report be obtained for:* be inserted prior to clause 1 of the Motion.
2. The following words *and as a first step, approach Tas Racing to ascertain if there is any scope to utilise current greyhound racing facilities for the exercising of non-racing greyhounds when not in use* be inserted after the word *passed* in clause 3 of the Motion.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

#### **Motion:**

"That an Officer report be obtained for:

1. The City of Hobart to lobby the State Government to table an amendment to the *Dog Control Act 2000* s18, in a timely manner, to allow for greyhounds to be unleashed in a designated off leash area.
2. The City of Hobart to lobby LGAT to support this amendment.
3. Council officers to identify an appropriate piece of land to develop as a greyhound off leash area, to ensure that there is not an unnecessary delay when the amendment is passed and as a first step approach Tas Racing to ascertain if there is any scope to utilise current greyhound racing facilities for the exercising of non-racing greyhounds when not in use."

#### **Rationale:**

"Animal welfare advocates have long had serious misgivings about the treatment of greyhounds, in the racing and gambling industries. The 2015 Animals Australia expose and ensuing inquiries, legislative changes and changes in community expectations, have led to people embracing greyhounds as pets to stem the numbers of animals killed, when the racing industry discards them.



In Tasmania, there are an estimated 2500 greyhounds as pets, with Brightside Farm Sanctuary and the Greyhound Adoption Program adopting out around 250 dogs a year.

Enabling legislation was required for people to lawfully adopt greyhounds as pets, as historically legislation had directed greyhounds to be muzzled, providing a psychological and legal barrier to greys being seen as potential family pets.

Muzzling greys suggested that they were dangerous and different. The reality is that greys were being muzzled because they had been live baited. Using small furry animals as lures meant that cats and other pets were fair game to a live baited greys and muzzling kept them from doing the very thing they had been trained to do.

What I hope this motion will achieve is the next step in inclusion for greys and their owners and the next stage in their freedom.

We take registration fees from greyhound owners, therefore it follows that we should get ahead of the next legislative changes to allow greyhounds off leash in designated areas and show our community that we are a contemporary council which supports animal welfare, so that as soon as the legislative changes are through state parliament, we have the designated space ready to go.

[https://tasmps.greens.org.au/sites/default/files/Greyhound%20Inquiry\\_Dissenting%20Report\\_Cassy%20ConnorMP.pdf](https://tasmps.greens.org.au/sites/default/files/Greyhound%20Inquiry_Dissenting%20Report_Cassy%20ConnorMP.pdf)

**The General Manager reports:**

“In line with the Council’s policy in relation to Notices of Motion, I advise that the matter is considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Hobart City Council as it relates to the administration of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.”

**Delegation: Council**

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## **8. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT**

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### **8.1 Committee Actions - Status Report File Ref: F19/140683**

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THOMAS

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

**Delegation: Committee**

**9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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Regulation 29(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.  
File Ref: 13-1-10

**9.1 Vehicle Restrictions on Pinnacle Road**  
**File Ref: F19/126340; 13-1-10**

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Memorandum of the Director City Amenity of 31 October 2019.

EWIN

That the information be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Briscoe  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin

**Delegation: Committee**

**10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.  
File Ref: 13-1-10

No questions were asked at the meeting.

## 11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR BURNET

That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Information of a commercial and confidential nature;
- The proposed acquisition and disposal of land;
- Contract for the supply of goods and services; and
- Renewal of lease.

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Committee Action Status Report
Item No. 4.1	Committee Actions - Status Report LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Briscoe		
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet		
Thomas		
Ewin		

**Delegation: Committee**

There being no further business the open portion of the meeting closed at 6:06 pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

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CHAIRMAN