



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 18 August 2022

at 5:15 pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall

THE MISSION

Working together to make Hobart a better place for the community.

THE VALUES

The Council is:

People	We care about people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
Teamwork	We collaborate both within the organisation and with external stakeholders drawing on skills and expertise for the benefit of our community.
Focus and Direction	We have clear goals and plans to achieve sustainable social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Hobart community.
Creativity and Innovation	We embrace new approaches and continuously improve to achieve better outcomes for our community.
Accountability	We are transparent, work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Business listed on the agenda is to be conducted in the order in which it is set out, unless the committee by simple majority determines otherwise.

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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Thursday, 18 August 2022 at 5:15 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

This meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee is held in accordance with a Notice issued by the Premier on 3 April 2020 under section 18 of the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020.

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman J R Briscoe (Chairman)
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet
Alderman D C Thomas
Councillor J Fox
Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Nil.

NON-MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Alderman M Zucco
Alderman Dr P T Sexton
Councillor W F Harvey
Alderman S Behrakis
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor W N S Coats

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 14 July 2022](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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 Chief Executive Officer.

4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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 conflict 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.

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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?

6. REPORTS

6.1 General Deputation - Hobart Football Club - Sportsgrounds Fees and Charges File Ref: F22/80644

Memorandum of the Director City Life of 11 August 2022.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

General Deputation - Hobart Football Club - Sportsgrounds Fees and Charges

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the fees and charges levied at users of the City's sporting facilities.

The City owns and manages 19 sporting facilities across the City that are used for a variety of different sporting clubs and associations. Our aim when providing grounds is to maximise the amount of hours and feet on the surfaces whilst sustaining the playing surface so that it is safe and usable for the entire season.

The City charges an hourly rate of hire for use of its sporting facility that is reviewed annually and considers a number of factors when determining the charge, including:

- The quality of the playing surface.
- The availability of change rooms and public amenities.
- The provision of sports field lighting.
- The capacity to secure the facility – i.e. can income be generated by charging patrons to enter.
- Access to kiosk and catering facilities.
- Provision of covered spectator areas.
- The standard of sports fields irrigation and drainage infrastructure.
- Provision of a turf or synthetic cricket wicket.
- The presence of additional infrastructure including pavilions and scoreboards.

A seasonal lump sum rate has been considered in the past, however due to the extensive amount of use the City's sportsgrounds receive and the fact that most grounds are shared between Clubs, having an hourly based booking system enables management of the amount of usage on grounds and increases the chances of surfaces getting through the season in a usable condition.

Each ground has separate hourly rates depending on a number of factors:

- 1) Summer or winter – generally grounds with turf wickets have a higher hourly rate over summer, whereas most other grounds have a higher winter rate due to the wear and tear cause by winter sports.
- 2) Senior/Junior – a higher rate is charged for senior sport due to the increased wear on the playing surface.
- 3) Match/training – a higher rate is charged for matches.

A lighting surcharge of 15% is charged for use of sportsground lighting, which subsidises the energy costs for use of the lighting to a **small** degree.

A 25% discount is provided to seasonal hirers, on the condition that the City does not refund for ground closures. Most seasons this condition works in the favour of users of the grounds, however it is noted the current winter season has been challenging. This discount saves the City time administratively as having to cancel bookings and therefore adjust invoices for closures of different facilities is time consuming.

The City also provides associated building facilities at sportsgrounds at a highly subsidised rental in many cases. This rental is usually set at \$50 per annum and includes facilities such as function rooms, kiosks and change rooms. The reduced rental for these facilities allows clubs to pay minimal rental on facilities where they can earn an income.

An example of the table below shows fees and charges approved for 22/23 for the TCA Ground.

Type of Fee/Charge	01 Jul 2022 - 30 Sept 2022 including GST	01 Oct 2022 - 30 Jun 2023 including GST	GST Applicable (Y/N)	Fee Unit	Supplementary Information
TCA Ground - Senior Rates					
Winter match rate	\$90.00	\$95.00	Y	per hour	
Winter Training/Social rate	\$55.00	\$58.00	Y	per hour	
Summer match rate	\$94.00	\$99.00	Y	per hour	
Summer Training/Social rate	\$55.00	\$58.00	Y	per hour	
Synthetic practice wickets - training	\$10.00	\$11.00	Y	per hour	2 wickets minimum.
Turf practice wickets - training	\$21.00	\$22.00	Y	per hour, per net	2 wickets minimum.
TCA Ground - Junior Rates (Under 18)					
Winter match rate	\$41.00	\$44.00	Y	per hour	
Winter Training/Social rate	\$27.00	\$28.00	Y	per hour	
Summer match rate	\$43.00	\$46.00	Y	per hour	
Summer Training/Social rate	\$27.00	\$28.00	Y	per hour	
Synthetic practice wickets - training	\$10.00	\$10.00	Y	per hour	2 wickets minimum.

The City last undertook benchmarking on fees in around 2017 where it was noted that the fees and charges were re-cooping around 15% of the total expenditure on sporting grounds, which did not including any expenditure on asset replacement or subsidised rentals.

Maintenance of sporting facilities can be a costly exercise, with large costs attributed to:

Labour – required for mowing, linemarking, turf wicket preparation, turf maintenance renovation.

Equipment – operation and maintenance of equipment such as mowers, tractors, linemarkers, renovation equipment, spray buggy.

Materials – costs including grass seed, fertiliser, pesticides, herbicides, irrigation materials.

Contractor costs- for repairing lighting systems, irrigation controls.

Electricity and gas – costs for electricity for sportsground lighting, change rooms, hot water.

Water and sewer – costs for service cost of toilets and change rooms as well as water usage.

Cleansing – cleaning of change rooms on a weekly basis and toilets on a daily basis across facilities.

Building maintenance – the city has over 80 buildings at sporting facilities each require regular maintenance.

Asset replacement – there are over 1500 assets across the City's sporting facilities that require replacement and there are extensive costs in major upgrades to drainage, irrigation, change rooms, sportsground lighting which are required to maximise hours of use and provide a good experience for ground users.

Officers consider that a 15% contribution from ground users, and an 85% subsidy from ratepayers is equitable.

It is noted that officers have not received any complaints from clubs around the level of charges levied toward them.

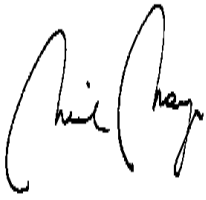
The letter from Hobart Football Club about the City having in place 'a small number of ad-hoc arrangements in place supporting a select number of sporting clubs in the region for no apparent rationale'. It is uncertain as to the exact nature of this allocation as there are no hirers that receive any reduction or discount in fees unless signed off under the Director delegation, and this is exclusively for charitable events.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The Committee notes the information contained in the memorandum of the Director City Life titled, "General Deputation – Hobart Football Club – Sportsgrounds – Fees and Charges" and the deputation provided by the Hobart Football Club**

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Noye". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 11 August 2022
File Reference: F22/80644

6.2 General Deputation - 1st Derwent Sea Scout Group - Relocation
File Ref: F22/80647

Memorandum of the Director City Life of 11 August 2022.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

General Deputation - 1st Derwent Sea Scout Group - Relocation

The 1st Derwent Sea Scout Group have been a long time tenant of TasPorts at the Queens Domain facility adjacent to the Domain Shipyards. TasPorts have given the scout group notice to vacate the premises and while TasPorts have attempted to find alternative premises within its land holdings it has not been able to do so.

On Thursday 23 June, a committee from Derwent and the President and Chief Commissioner of Scouts Tasmania met with the Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie to discuss their options and seek support from the Tasmanian Government. At that meeting, Minister Ogilvie agreed to support a Working Group including relevant State Government Departments and GBE's. Scouts Tasmania and Derwent Sea Scouts will also be included.

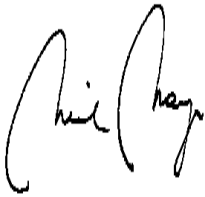
The Scout Group have previously approached the Council to have a Council staff representative on this Working Group. The Council has nominated a representative from the Sport and Recreation unit to participate and assist where possible.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The Committee notes the information contained in the memorandum of the Director City Life titled, "General Deputation – 1st Derwent Sea Scouts – Relocation" and the deputation provided by the 1st Derwent Sea Scouts.**

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Noye". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neil" and the last name "Noye" clearly distinguishable.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 11 August 2022
File Reference: F22/80647

7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT

7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report

A report indicating the status of current decisions is attached for the information of Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee

Attachment A: PRC Status Report OPEN July 2022

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - STATUS REPORT

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

July 2022

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
1	410 ELIZABETH STREET, NORTH HOBART – NAMING OF SWAN STREET PARK Open CPC 15/3/2021, Item 7.2.6	That in consultation with the property owner, consideration be given to naming the park (currently known as Swan Street Park).	Director City Life	The City is in discussions with the adjoining Church that owns the land but no decision has been made. Future ownership options for the site is being reconsidered.
2	PETITION - STREET TREE PLANTINGS RUPERT AVENUE, MOUNT STUART Open Council 10/5/2021, Item 6 Open Council 21/6/2021, Item 19	That: 1. The City undertake detailed investigations and design work for the potential installation of new street trees within Rupert Avenue, Mount Stuart, involving the following: (i) Local area consultation and engagement; (ii) Determination of potential locations and number of tree plantings, including suitable species selection; (iii) Traffic safety audit and traffic impact assessments; (iv) Impact of on-street parking availability; (v) Cost assessment for the installation of the trees within the road reservation to ensure appropriate tree root treatment and backfilling with structural soil to ensure surface surrounds remain trafficable; and (vi) Prioritisation of any installation to consider: (a) The timing of any potential road works scheduled for the Street. (b) Available funding (that is to be accommodated within the City's existing budget provision for its wider street tree planting program).	Director City Life	The Council decision is being actioned with draft plans prepared and undergoing costing.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Elected Members be kept informed of the matter via advice memorandums.3. The petitioners be advised of the Council's decision.		
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8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

The Chief Executive Officer reports:-

“In accordance with the procedures approved in respect to Questions Without Notice, the following responses to questions taken on notice are provided to the Committee for information.

The Committee is reminded that in accordance with Regulation 29(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Chairman is not to allow discussion or debate on either the question or the response.”

8.1 Pink Boxes Update
File Ref: F22/59299; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director Connected City of 11 August 2022.

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS

PINK BOXES UPDATE

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 16 June 2022

Raised by: Councillor Fox

Question:

Can the Director advise if data has been collected in relation to the Pink Boxes that were installed in Council maintained facilities?

Response:

Between the start of January 2022 and the end of July 2022, 334 packets were dispensed (average of approximately 11 per week) from the Argyle Street Carpark machine and 711 packets were dispensed (average of 23-24 packets a week) from the Franklin Square facility.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Jacqui Allen
DIRECTOR CONNECTED CITY

Date: 9 August 2022
File Reference: F22/59299; 13-1-10

9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

An Elected Member may ask a question without notice of the Chairman, another Elected Member, the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's representative, in line with the following procedures:

1. The Chairman will refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the Terms of Reference of the Council committee at which it is asked.
2. In putting a question without notice, an Elected Member must not:
 - (i) offer an argument or opinion; or
 - (ii) draw any inferences or make any imputations – except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.
3. The Chairman must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.
4. The Chairman, Elected Members, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer's representative who is asked a question may decline to answer the question, if in the opinion of the respondent it is considered inappropriate due to its being unclear, insulting or improper.
5. The Chairman may require a question to be put in writing.
6. Where a question without notice is asked and answered at a meeting, both the question and the response will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
7. Where a response is not able to be provided at the meeting, the question will be taken on notice and
 - (i) the minutes of the meeting at which the question is asked will record the question and the fact that it has been taken on notice.
 - (ii) a written response will be provided to all Elected Members, at the appropriate time.
 - (iii) upon the answer to the question being circulated to Elected Members, both the question and the answer will be listed on the agenda for the next available ordinary meeting of the committee at which it was asked, where it will be listed for noting purposes only.

10. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

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:

- Confirm the minutes of the Closed portion of the meeting
- Questions without notice in the Closed portion
- Committee action status report

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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| 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)(d) |
| Item No. 5 | Questions Without Notice |