



CITY OF HOBART

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

### OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

**MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025**

**AT 4.00PM**

**VENUE: LADY OSBORNE ROOM**

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City of **HOBART**

# City Heritage Committee

## Notes

Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 5.30pm  
Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall

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## 1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Cr Anna Reynolds  
(Chairperson)  
Sherrie-Lee Evans  
Mat Hinds  
Brendan Lennard  
Deirdre Macdonald  
Hugh Magnus  
Warwick Oakman  
Dianne Snowden

### CITY OF HOBART STAFF

Karen Abey, Acting Director City Life  
Sarah Waight, Senior Cultural Heritage Officer  
Jason Turvey, A/Governance Officer  
  
Allie Costin, Cultural Heritage Officer  
Nick Booth, Cultural Heritage Officer  
Nicole Manley, Cultural Heritage Officer  
Nic Moore, Design consultant

### PRESENT:

Lord Mayor Cr Anna Reynolds  
(Chairperson)  
Sherrie-Lee Evans  
Matt Hinds  
Brendan Lennard  
Deirdre Macdonald  
Dianne Snowden

### APOLOGIES:

Hugh Magnus  
Warwick Oakman

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

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The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement to Country.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF NOTES

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The notes of the previous meeting held on 24 September 2024 are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

The notes were confirmed unanimously by all Members present.

## 4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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Members of the Committee are requested to indicate whether they may have any conflicts of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

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Refer to **ATTACHMENT A** – City Heritage Committee – Action Status Report.

These were noted and comments updated accordingly.

## 6. INFORMATION SHARING

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### 6.1 Members invited to share ideas, thoughts, feedback (light bulb moments) since last session.

**Brendan** – Regarding the Organ located in the Hobart Town Hall Ballroom, there was concern that some of the corporate knowledge of the organ may have left the organisation.  
Brendan advised the organ requires a tune up before each performance.

Karen advised that a report was prepared by Thomas Heywood which outlined various options for the future of the organ. Money has been put aside under Capital Works and it has been listed as a '1B priority', however part of the works will be completed based on grant funding.

**Sherrie-Lee** suggested the potential to request a philanthropic bequest or fundraiser from organ lovers.

**Deirdre** Prof Richard Mackay has done a draft heritage report into the proposed stadium but will need to review information before completing his report.

Karen informed the Committee that the Commission was to release further information for the City of Hobart to review and that it was anticipated that the Commission would likely hold hearings for representors.

**Mat** enquired how the Committee was able to inform the process?

The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to inform the Committee of a new process whereby City of Hobart Special Committee's, such as the City Heritage Committee, can bring items to the Council for their consideration.

**ACTION: 6.1.1 – Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium hearings** – Karen to provide dates so the Committee can make a representation to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

**Sherrie-Lee** enquired about the risk of the St Johns Avenue site excavation becoming as drawn out as the Hutchins school excavation?

**Dianne** advised that there is always that risk with a burial site however as the cemetery's existence was well documented, it could've been more foreseen.

## 7. PORTFOLIO BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

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### 7.1. Heritage Design Guide

Members were provided the first complete draft version of the Heritage Design Guide for comment.

Members noted that:

- There were referrals to New South Wales and Victoria heritage councils but no reference to the Heritage Council of Tasmania. *(It was noted that the Heritage Tasmania Guide was used but not referenced. This was an accidental omission.)*
- The terminology needs to be anglicised. ('Footpath' instead of 'sidewalk', 'kerb' instead of 'curb', etc.)
- The overall consensus was that the guide gave a good balance of images and text, was better than previous versions.
- It was felt that there needed to be clearer definitions for terms like 'compliment' or 'sympathetic' as they can be quite subjective.
- References to 'curtilage' would be better defined as 'Heritage curtilage'
- There appeared to be internal inconsistency between the Heritage Design Guide and the Planning Scheme when it came to 're-densifying' the city.
- The promotion of 'Adaptive reuse' was a welcome addition citing prime examples of the Jam Factory and the old Hobart High School sites as creating functional spaces while maintaining the heritage.
- It was suggested to approach the Australian Institute of Architects to seek members to either co-author, or to review and endorse the guide.
- This will help to fortify the document as a tool for designers, given the Council is providing this as a regulator.

Sherrie-Lee provided a number of supporting documents to assist officers. Copies of which will be attached to these notes.

- *Design Guide for Heritage* (Heritage Council of NSW)
- *Heritage Curtilages* (Department of Urban Affairs and Planning – NSW)
- *Restoration and reconstruction* (Heritage Tasmania)
- *Heritage Area Plans – Teralba Heritage Conservation Area* (Lake Macquarie City Council)
- *Heritage Area Plans – West Wallsend / Holmesville* (Lake Macquarie City Council)

The Heritage Design Guide will come back to the Committee at the April meeting.



## 8. OTHER BUSINESS / NEXT MEETING

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The Committee discussed the Heritage Framework/Strategy Workplan. Karen confirmed there was an amount in the budget to develop it. It was identified that 'heritage' is more than just buildings, but also includes walks and stories and that the scope should include this also.

Karen provided suggestions of locations that the Committee may wish to visit to better understand the heritage and interpretation of. These locations included:

- The Hobart Penitentiary  
*(There is a new exhibition that Committee members were keen to understand how it's been received.)*
- St John's Avenue
- Antarctic Heritage
- The Treasury Building
- Hobart Town Hall  
*(It was noted that there is an Open Day scheduled during September 2025.)*

## 9. NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting date is 8 April 2025.

The meeting closed at 6.51pm

## ATTACHMENT A

City Heritage Portfolio Committee – Status Report – Items outstanding  
February 2025

Item No & Date	Title	Report/Action	Action Officer	Comments
Sept 2023 <b>Action 6.2</b>  and  Nov 2023 <b>Action 7.3.1</b>	<b>Further consideration of the St Johns Site redevelopment</b> – Committee to engage with a suitable person from Department of Health who is working on the St Johns site redevelopment. Dianne to take members on a tour of St Johns site and Council arrange to have a representative from Department of Health talk to the Committee about their redevelopment plans.  <b>St Johns Park Site Visit</b> – A site visit to St Johns Park will be arranged for early 2024.	See 7.3 above	Karen Abey / Sarah Waight	This DA has been approved by the Planning Committee. That decision has been appealed and is currently in the mediation phase of the appeal.  It is suggested that a site visit takes place after the appeal has been finalised.
Jan 2024 <b>ACTION 6.1.1</b>  May 2024 <b>ACTION 8.1.2</b>	<b>Penitentiary Tour</b> – A tour of the Penitentiary to be arranged for the Portfolio Committee	To be considered after the St Johns Park Tour.		Committee members are invited to provide available dates for this tour.
May 2024 <b>ACTION 7.2.1</b>	<b>Heritage Strategy</b> – In the context of the review of the Heritage Portfolio Committee's work plan, an update will be included as a proposal for endorsement by the Council, that a heritage strategy is created, which is likely to include an interpretation strategy. If this is endorsed by the Council, it can be created by Council officers and the Committee, possibly through a workshop (minimising any external expenses). The Committee			This is subject to approval of the Council as part of an updated workplan for the Committee, which has not yet occurred.

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	notes that a heritage strategy would need to be endorsed by the Council.			
May 2024 <b>ACTION:</b> 7.2.1	<b>Work Plan Walks and Brochures</b> – It was agreed that the Walks and Brochure action on the work plan not proceed at this point until there was a decision from the Council on updating the work plan to include a heritage strategy. The review of walks and brochures would be best carried out as a subsequent step			This is intended to be progressed as an outcome of the heritage strategy / framework.
July 2024 <b>ACTION:</b> 6.1.1	<b>Presentation on Antarctic Heritage</b> – Sherrie-lee to give a presentation to City Heritage on the work that she is doing in relation to Polar Heritage.		Sherrie-lee Evans	Sherrie-lee confirmed she is ready to give her presentation. This will be considered as part of a future meeting agenda.
July 2024 <b>ACTION:</b> 7.1.1	<b>What type of tree grew on Hope and Anchor Site</b> – It was agreed that Sarah Waight will find out from Dr Jones-Travers what type of tree was growing on the site when known – for sharing with the Committee.		Sarah Waight	No definitive answer is available at this point in time. Once received the information will be shared.
July 2024 <b>ACTION:</b> 7.3.2	<b>Future Presenter</b> – It was agreed that Sarah Waight arrange for Director of Conservation and Infrastructure, Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority (including the Cascade Female Factory Historic Site) to present to the Portfolio Committee.		Sarah Waight	This will be considered as part of a future meeting agenda.
Feb 2025 <b>ACTION:</b> 6.1.1	<b>Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium hearings</b> – Karen to provide dates so the Committee can make a representation to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.		Karen Abey	



City of **HOBART**

# City Economy Committee

## Notes

Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 5.33pm  
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City Economy Committee, 25 February 2025, 5.33pm, Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.

## 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Louise Bloomfield  
(Chairperson)  
Corey Bygraves  
Nadia Calvert  
Casey Farrell  
Louise Grimmer  
Cooper Healy  
Edwin Johnstone  
Lauren Purtill  
Brad Upton  
Zephyr West  
Sanaullah Shar  
Jonathan Elliot

### CITY OF HOBART STAFF

Ben Artup, Director Community and Economic  
Development  
Nick McGuire, Manager Economic Development  
Camilla Best, Project Manager Economic Development  
Jason Turvey, A/Governance Officer

### APOLOGIES:

Nadia Calvert

### PRESENT:

Alderman Louise Bloomfield  
(Chairperson)  
Corey Bygraves  
Casey Farrell  
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## 6. INFORMATION SHARING

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### 6.1. Members to share ideas, thoughts, feedback (light bulb moments) since last session.

**Corey** – Keen to know if we were working with the State Government and Opposition in developing the City's Night Time Economy Plan?

The CEO advised that they had been working with them and had recently had a collegial meeting with Dean Winter about looking at evidence-based solutions.

The CEO mentioned that Council was keen to develop more ways to engage with the business community to learn how Council can support them. Nick reiterated Council wanting to engage with broader business network.

**Edwin**, as Chair of the Confederation of Greater Hobart Business (CGHB), mentioned they boasted over 100 members and we always open to having a speaker attend their functions

Ald Bloomfield also reminded the Committee that Nadia represents a large number of small businesses through her market.

**Corey** – Expressed encouragement for the greenery that had been added to Wellington Court as well as the effect that playing 'classical' style music in Wellington Court was having acting as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour in the area. The conversation continued to discussing other ideas to improve the precinct as well as managing scenarios with troubled youths exhibiting disruptive behaviour.

Ald Bloomfield was keen to know if the issue of troubled youth was improving across the city? Nick advised the Wesley Mission was engaging with youth and businesses but highlighted the importance of businesses reporting all incidents to TasPolice so that the statistics could support the required solutions.

**ACTION: 6.1.1 – Invitation to Tasmania Police**– The Committee were keen to invite a member of Tasmania Police along to a future meeting to better understand how to improve the issue with troubled youth within the retail areas in the City as well as managing those scenarios as they appeared.

**Jonathan** noted the increase in visitors to the city from Asian countries in recent years as well as the anticipated return after covid years. He suggested both the city and businesses could make visitors feel more welcome by providing additional signage and information in additional languages.

The Committee discussed the talent deficit within Hobart and Tasmania more broadly and asked about possible incentives and initiatives to improve the Hobart workforce by retaining students who train here. It was noted the established pathway of people leaving the state only to return later in life with more experience however this still left a gap in the labour market.

Ald Bloomfield was keen to explore engagement with the visiting cruise ships each summer. Suggested utilising Airmaps to encourage visitors' movements to various areas of interest within the city. This led to ideas about improving the 'concrete' look of the wharf area. While trees had been added to the area to provide some greening, it was reported that it didn't appear that they were watered enough, and this diminished the intended effect.

**Corey** suggested introducing a location or industry based 'loyalty card' similar to a 'Craft beer passport' he has experienced elsewhere. **Lauren** recalled an initiative that Council used with Hobart restaurants as part of a Covid recovery called 'Passport to Hobart'.

***ACTION: 6.1.2 – 'Passport to Hobart' Review– Officers to review findings from last campaign to investigate if there are any outcomes that can be used again.***

## 7. BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

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### 7.1. Welcome and Introductions

There was an opportunity for all members to introduce themselves to the new Director Community and Economic Development and Manager Economic Development.

### 7.2. City Economic Strategy | 18-month check-in

Camilla Best provided the Committee with a presentation that included a strategy entitled 'The Hobart Difference', and the 'Where's Elfie?' Christmas campaign. A copy of which is provided for Committee member on the Hub.

The Committee was keen to explore if there was data already being published that could not only provide an economic snapshot but also provide an idea of shop vacancies to give a better idea of open/closing trends of businesses. This may be information that the Property Council collects.

**ACTION: 7.2.1 – Business trend data** – Investigate if Property Council of Tasmania, or other industry bodies, collect data on business turn over rates.

**ACTION: 7.2.2 – Hobart Design Guidelines** – Jaime Parsons (Principal Advisor Urban Design) to attend the next meeting to discuss the Hobart Design Guidelines.

### 7.3. Invest Hobart

Nick McGuire provided a presentation, a copy of which has been provided to Committee members via the Hub.

The Committee were keen to see the Council act as a facilitator to incubate and promote innovation within the private sector to encourage and grow the local economy.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

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## **9. NEXT MEETING**

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### 9.1 Meeting dates for 2025.

Tuesday 29 April 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Tuesday 14 October 2025

The meeting closed at 7.11pm

## Item 5.

City Economy – Status Report – Items Outstanding  
April 2025

Date & Item No	Agenda Item	Action Officer	Comments
Jan 2024 Item 7.2.2	<p><b>Argyle Street Car Park</b></p> <p>Officers to consider providing a cost analysis on opening Argyle Street carpark for late night trade.</p> <p>This action has been delayed as a result of the organisational re-alignment and change of team management.</p> <p>This is still being worked on and considered a priority.</p> <p><a href="#">Update 25/02/2025</a></p> <p>Nick advised that the analysis would include all three Council owned off-street car parks.</p>	Nick McGuire/Andrew Pike	
Jan 2024 Item 7.2.3	<p><b>Monitoring of Nighttime Movements</b></p> <p>Officers consider reviewing data from Dark MOFO events to model nighttime movements.</p> <p>We've got a 'plan on a page' which is currently being reviewed. It will be ready to be circulated at the April meeting.</p> <p><a href="#">Update 20/02/2025</a></p> <p>Under review.</p> <p>We are currently reviewing the Night Time Economy Plan on a page to ensure that it aligns with the findings in "Measuring the Australian Night Time Economy 2024."</p>	Nick McGuire/Camilla Best	

Date & Item No	Agenda Item	Action Officer	Comments
April 2024 Item 7.2.1	<p><b>Street Greening Pilot Program Criterion Street</b></p> <p>The Economic Development team will explore the possibility of implementing a Pilot Street Greening / beautification in Criterion Street.</p> <p>Preliminary discussions have taken place with the nursery and greening team. There is a need to determine the appropriate plant selection, where to put the plants (so as not to block the footpath), wicking and who will be responsible for looking after the plants.</p> <p>It's likely that we will do an expression of interest to find out who is interested in participating in the pilot.</p> <p><a href="#">Update 20/02/2025</a></p> <p>This project is on hold until a suitable location is found. The City Economy team will continue to work with Ruby on finding a suitable location to progress this idea.</p>	Nick McGuire/Camilla Best	
February 2025 Item 6.1.1	<p><b>Information Sharing – Tasmania Police</b></p> <p>The Committee were keen to invite a member of Tasmania Police along to a future meeting to better understand how to improve the issue with troubled youth within the retail areas in the City as well as managing those scenarios as they appeared.</p>	Nick McGuire	
February 2025 Item 6.1.2	<p><b>'Passport to Hobart' Review</b></p> <p>Officers to review findings from last campaign to investigate if there are any outcomes that can be used again.</p>	Nick McGuire	

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February 2025 Item 7.2.1	<b>Business trend data</b> Investigate is Property Council of Tasmania, or other industry bodies, collects data on business turn over rates.	Nick McGuire	
February 2025 Item 7.2.2	<b>Hobart Design Guidelines</b> Jaime Parsons (Principal Advisor Urban Design) to attend the next meeting to discuss the Hobart Design Guidelines	Nick McGuire	

## February 2025 Biannual Grant Round - Summary of Approved Applicants

Application ID	Applicant <i>Auspice</i>	Project Title	Grant Program	Approval Date	Total Allocated	Brief Project Description	Project Start Date	Project End Date
CG250206	<b>Pets in the Park Hobart Incorporated</b>	Pets in the Park Companion Animal Surgery Project	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	This project assists companion animal to attend monthly Pet's in the Park clinics and receive health exams, vaccinations, microchips, parasite prevention, and necessary medications from volunteer veterinarians. The project also supports surgeries, prioritising urgent cases and desexing surgeries through a triaged waiting list.	01/07/2025	30/06/2026
CG250207	<b>Cancer Patients Foundation</b>	Look Good Feel Better	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$2,450.00</b>	Look Good Feel Better offers workshops to help manage appearance-related side effects of treatment and virtual wellness sessions. Each year, they support over 10,000 people, including 100 Hobart residents in the next 12 months.	01/07/2025	30/06/2026
CG250208	<b>Hobart Playback Theatre</b>	Stories of Young and Old	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$4,600.00</b>	Two improvisational performances will pair primary school students with grandparents and seniors from Hobart to share and reenact their stories. This concept originated from a successful project in the Clarence community funded by the Clarence City Council.	01/07/2025	30/05/2026
CG250210	<b>Narryna Heritage Museum Incorporated</b>	Virtual Tour for people with mobility impairments	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$3,318.00</b>	A virtual tour of its first floor and collections to ensure accessibility for all visitors, including those with physical disabilities. This digital experience will use high-quality imaging and interactive features to provide an inclusive way to explore the museum's rich history, aligning with their commitment to accessibility, education, and heritage preservation.	01/07/2025	30/09/2025
CG250223	<b>Indian Festivals Association Of Tasmania</b>	Garba Night 2025	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	A vibrant nine-night Hindu festival dedicated to Goddess Durga, featuring energetic dances, colorful attire, and joyous devotion. Navratri 2025 presents a great opportunity to unite communities in celebration and reverence.	20/09/2025	20/09/2025



Application ID	Applicant <i>Auspice</i>	Project Title	Grant Program	Approval Date	Total Allocated	Brief Project Description	Project Start Date	Project End Date
CG250226	<b>A Fairer World Incorporated</b>	Voices of Experience	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	A program that trains individuals with lived experience of discrimination, disability, or marginalisation to share their stories effectively through workshops, coaching, and practice sessions. It empowers participants to advocate for inclusion and social change, fostering conversations that challenge stereotypes and promote empathy in various community settings.	01/07/2025	31/12/2025
CG250229	<b>Colony 47</b>	Community Christmas Lunch	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	Every year on 25 December, Home Base and volunteers provide a traditional Christmas lunch, gifts, food hampers, and entertainment to over 500 people in need in southern Tasmania. The event involves more than 100 volunteers, including chefs, kitchen staff, waiting staff, and Santa.	01/09/2025	26/12/2025
CG250236	<b>Parents Beyond Breakup Ltd</b>	Hobart Family Court Support	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	The Parents Beyond Breakup (PBB) Family Court Support program assist separating parents in the Family Court of Hobart and refer them to local peer support groups and the National Helpline.	01/07/2025	31/07/2026
CG250240	<b>The Nappy Collective Incorporated</b>	Local area growth	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	A Not-for-Profit organisation providing free nappies to Tasmanian families in need. They mobilise communities through public nappy drives and redistribute unused nappies to families in crisis, including those fleeing violence, seeking asylum, or facing homelessness, mental illness, financial hardship, or other disadvantages.	01/07/2025	30/06/2026
CG250242	<b>Lifeline Tasmania Incorporated</b>	Out Of The Shadows (Hobart)	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	An annual event by Lifeline Tasmania, offering a free, safe space for people to remember those lost to suicide by walking into the sunrise. It connects attendees with others who have experienced similar loss and provides information on Lifeline Tasmania's mental health support programs, with around 150 participants each year.	05/09/2025	05/09/2025

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CG250243	<b>Tasmanian University Student Association</b>	TUSA Community Lunch Program for UTAS Students	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	A program offering free, freshly cooked meals to UTAS students once a month, addressing food insecurity and fostering community on campus. Funding will support food purchasing and compostable serving materials, ensuring the program is accessible, environmentally friendly, and beneficial for students in need.	01/07/2025	30/12/2026
CG250249	<b>Vietname Society - VISATAS – The Vietnamese Student Association in Tasmania</b>	VMUSIC FEST – The Vietnamese Community Show	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$3,732.00</b>	The Vietnamese Community Show is a vibrant cultural event celebrating the Vietnamese community in Tasmania. The three-hour program includes a networking session and 15 diverse performances, such as singing, dancing, martial arts, and music, showcasing local Vietnamese students' talents. The event aims to foster community connections and cultural appreciation, with an audience-voted award for the best performance and an expected attendance of 250.	21/11/2025	21/11/2025
CG250253	<b>Tourism Council of Tasmania Limited - Pride History and Archives Group of Tasmania</b>	Hobart LGBTIQA+ History Map	Community Grants	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	Aims to design, publish and distribute a paper map based on the annual Tas Pride LGBTIQA+ history walk.	01/07/2025	30/04/2026
CHM250202	<b>Ms Vivien Mason Apple Box Studio Incorporated</b>	Lutruwita Animation Festival	Creative Hobart Medium	2/05/2025	<b>\$11,500.00</b>	A festival that celebrates Tasmanian and Australian culture with screenings, workshops, and discussions at the State Cinema. Featuring diverse voices, including First Nations and emerging Tasmanian animators, the festival fosters youth engagement through a student competition and provides industry panels and workshops for the community. LUTAF supports artistic excellence, employs local artists, and showcases Hobart as a creative city, attracting new connections and innovation.	01/07/2025	23/11/2025

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CHM250204	<b>Derwent Estuary Program</b>	Ceramic Burrows for Hobart Little Penguin's	Creative Hobart Medium	2/05/2025	<b>\$14,908.00</b>	This project is a multidisciplinary collaboration involving a ceramic artist, photographer, writer, and ecologist to benefit species conservation. Jane Bamford will create ceramic nesting burrows for Little Penguins, Peter Whyte will photograph the process, and Katherine Johnson will write a feature article and media release, promoting the project and enhancing community connection to iconic species	01/07/2025	01/07/2026
CHM250213	<b>Second Echo Ensemble</b>	The Adventures of Peacock, Chicken and Pony	Creative Hobart Medium	2/05/2025	<b>\$4,381.00</b>	An intermedia theatrical production by Second Echo Ensemble and Midnight Feast. This intergalactic musical adventure, featuring original songs by Mia Palencia and contributions from diverse artists, follows a chicken, a conflicted pony, and a misunderstood peacock on their quest for egg-lightenment. It will be part of the Theatre Royal's Education and Learning and Staycation programs, providing a unique experience for children and families.	01/07/2025	28/11/2025
CHM250222	<b>Miss Jem Nicholas The Glynn Nicholas Group Pty Ltd</b>	Live work for site-specific Hobart activation	Creative Hobart Medium	2/05/2025	<b>\$13,828.00</b>	A participatory variety show by a local team of interdisciplinary performers and a cast of eight. This unique iteration will activate St David's Rotunda with intimate, Hobartian performances over two nights, including mentorship, marketing, creative development, public outcomes in Hobart CBD, and professional documentation. Created in 2024, it has never been performed in Hobart.	21/07/2025	30/11/2025
CHM250223	<b>Mr Jon Smeathers Contemporary Art Services Tasmania</b>	Perfect Alias: a five-day hyperpop festival	Creative Hobart Medium	2/05/2025	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	A five-day regional festival in lutruwita/Tasmania, promoting hyperpop music through five performances and two workshops. Featuring nineteen artists from Australia and Taiwan, the festival will take place in unique venues like Royal Park Skate Park, Adventure Bay Hall, and Savoy Day Spa, enhancing the local community and solidifying Huh!pink's role in the global hyperpop scene.	19/11/2025	23/11/2025

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CHM250226	<b>University of Tasmania</b>	Read, Write, Publish: Hobart	Creative Hobart Medium	2/05/2025	<b>\$11,248.00</b>	A a one-day youth literary festival featuring author panels, workshops, and masterclasses for aspiring young Tasmanian authors and College English teachers. Speakers include the 2025 UTAS Hedberg Writer-in-Residence, two Tasmanian writers, one interstate writer, and creative writing experts from the University of Tasmania. Hosted by the University of Tasmania in partnership with the Copyright Agency, the event will be held at a convenient CBD campus location.	22/10/2025	22/10/2025
CHS250201	<b>Joshua Santospirito</b>	Small Press Zine Fair 2025	Creative Hobart Small	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	An annual event held in the Hobart Town Hall Ballroom, for artists to showcase their homemade publications (zines) and other forms of art for sale or swap.	01/09/2025	06/10/2025
CHS250203	<b>Bus Stop Films</b>	Accessible Filmmaking in Hobart	Creative Hobart Small	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	In partnership with TasTAFE, this program supports young adults with intellectual disability or autism to learn filmmaking. The project will produce a short film, co-created by people with disabilities and local professionals, celebrating Hobart's creative industry. The film will premiere at the BSF Showcase tour in December and enter global festivals, highlighting Hobart as an inclusive city.	01/08/2025	31/12/2024
CHS250207	<b>Hobart City Band Incorporated</b>	Lord of the Rings featuring Yoram Levy	Creative Hobart Small	2/05/2025	<b>\$2,823.00</b>	The Hobart City Concert Band and Derwent Valley Concert Band will host a concert at Hobart's City Hall, featuring former TSO principal trumpet player Yoram Levy. The event will showcase the Hobart Wind Symphony and Derwent Valley Concert Band performing Johan de Meij's Lord of the Rings symphony, with Yoram Levy as the soloist for the Aratunion trumpet concerto.	09/11/2025	09/11/2025
CHS250210	<b>Dominic Flynn</b>	Ensemble Mania's 2026 Extinctions Festival	Creative Hobart Small	2/05/2025	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	Ensemble Mania will present three concerts in 2026 as part of their Extinctions Festival, marking the 90th anniversary of the Thylacine's extinction. Held at the old Beaumaris Zoo site in Hobart, the concerts will feature music on extinction and colonisation by Tasmanian and Indigenous Australian artists.	01/05/2026	31/05/2026

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CHS250212	<b>Designed Made Incorporated</b>	Home - inspired by this place	Creative Hobart Small	2/05/2025	<b>\$3,804.00</b>	An exhibition by 15-20 members of designedmade inc., showcasing locally produced design objects. Exhibitors will explore the theme of home, presenting one-off and production pieces like jewellery, ceramics, textiles, glass, printmaking, furniture, and timber objects. The event will also feature daily lunchtime artist talks.	08/12/2025	17/12/2025
EV250202	<b>Van Diemen's Band</b>	VDB Lunchbox Concert Series 2026	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$10,778.00</b>	In 2026, the VDB Lunchbox Concert Series will return for its seventh year, offering affordable, bite-sized concerts in Nipaluna/Hobart. Featuring a variety of musical styles, the series includes 10 concerts split into two seasons (Autumn and Winter). Priced at \$15/\$10, it attracts diverse audiences and showcases both established and emerging Tasmanian talent.	28/04/2026	01/09/2026
EV250207	<b>Hobart Jazz Club Incorporated</b>	Hot August Jazz	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$14,686.00</b>	The 21st Hot August Jazz Festival will showcase over 250 Tasmanian musicians, including new, emerging, and professional artists, as well as community and school bands. The event, held across various North Hobart venues, features a diverse range of participants and offers free entry. Audiences can enjoy Tasmanian food and hospitality while moving between venues to listen to their	31/08/2025	31/08/2025
EV250211	<b>Paradise Live Entertainment</b>	Day of The Dead Tasmanian Festival	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$6,186.00</b>	For the 5th consecutive year, we are celebrating Día de Muertos in Hobart with performances by three local artists and a community parade at Hanging Garden. Attendees can enjoy free face painting, children's workshops, and the traditional altar ceremony. Two weeks prior, a free community workshop will be hosted with support from the Multicultural Council of Tasmania.	30/10/2025	31/10/2025

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EV250215	<b>South Hobart Sustainable Community</b>	South Hobart Resilience Fair & Film Night	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$7,040.00</b>	The South Hobart Resilience Fair and Film Night is a free event celebrating community connection, resilience, and sustainability. It features activities that encourage creative thinking and practical local actions to overcome shared challenges, providing an accessible and inclusive opportunity for everyone to connect, learn, share, and play.	08/11/2025	08/11/2025
EV250223	<b>Argyle Orchestra and Choir Incorporated</b>	The People's 'Messiah' Community Event	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	Join us for a weekend community event where you can participate in the preparation and performance of Handel's Messiah. No auditions required! Upon registration, you'll receive rehearsal tools and participate in pre-event rehearsals with experienced singers. Communal rehearsals will also be held to prepare for the main event.	23/11/2025	23/11/2025
EV250224	<b>Tasmanian Fashion Festival Incorporated</b>	Tasmanian Fashion Festival	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$20,000.00</b>	The Tasmanian Fashion Festival is a two-day event featuring runway shows by Tasmanian designers, fashion houses, and local businesses. The program includes industry workshops, entertainment, and music performances. A highlight is the Up & Coming Designer Showcase, which supports emerging designers and youth from high schools, colleges, and community organisations.	11/10/2025	12/10/2025
EV250235	<b>Vandemonian</b>	Tasmanian Wine Festival	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	The Tasmanian Wine Festival is an annual event at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, celebrating Tasmania's renowned wine and culinary culture. It features exceptional wines, gourmet food, and live music. The festival promotes inclusivity, sustainability, and supports local businesses, showcasing both small and large vineyards. It's a staple event highlighting the best of Tasmania's wine, food, and music.	07/02/2026	08/02/2026



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EV250239	<b>Artology</b>	Very Short Film Festival National Premiere Event	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$8,700.00</b>	The Very Short Film Festival (VSFF) National Premiere Event is a multi-day celebration of Australian short filmmaking, featuring screenings, talks, and industry workshops. It connects audiences, emerging filmmakers, and industry professionals, fostering creativity and collaboration. Hosting the festival in Hobart highlights the city's creative excellence and boosts the regional economy by driving tourism, supporting local businesses, and enhancing cultural vibrancy.	30/04/2026	03/05/2026
EV250244	<b>Taspride</b>	2026 TasPride Summer Festival	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	The TasPride Festival is the main event for the LGBTIQA+ Tasmanian community, their families, and allies. Held annually, it began over 15 years ago, following the 1988 march for decriminalising same-sex attraction. Today, the parade unites LGBTIQA+ people and allies, promoting human rights, raising awareness about discrimination, and celebrating pride in identity and diversity.	30/01/2026	28/02/2026
EV250248	<b>Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG)</b>	Lift Off! Festival	Event Grants	1/05/2025	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	Lift Off! is Tasmania's only annual cultural festival for children and young people, held during the national school holiday period at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) in Hobart. The festival features a multi-day program of activities, performances, and workshops, involving young people in its planning and delivery to explore new	18/04/2026	24/04/2026

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YCAF2502	<b>Nepalese Association of Agriculture, Forestry and Environment in Australia Incorporated</b>	EcoRise: Empowering Youth	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Tomorrow, an initiative by NEPAFE, aims to equip youth with the knowledge and tools for climate action. Starting with a two-day workshop in September 2025, it will engage culturally diverse youth in learning about climate change, sustainable living, and biodiversity. The project includes expert speakers, group activities, and youth-led planning sessions, followed by a month-long online campaign. It will also form a Youth Climate Advocacy Group to foster ongoing collaboration and local action, building a network of young leaders advocating for sustainability.	05/07/2025	30/09/2025
YCAF2506	<b>Kickstart Arts Incorporated</b>	Little Jobs - Climate Theatre Development	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Developing and previewing a children's theatre piece to educate and inspire climate action. Running from May to August, it includes script workshops, rehearsals, and staging, focusing on pollution, deforestation, and recycling. The production emphasizes sustainability, using recycled materials for costumes, props, and sets. After each performance, an interactive activity will encourage audiences to repurpose litter, reinforcing recycling and reusing. This project aims to mobilize young audiences, spark meaningful conversations, and empower the next generation to take small but impactful steps toward a sustainable future.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025



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YCAF2509	<b>The Sustainability Learning Centre</b>	Echoes of Tomorrow: A Climate Story Production	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	The Sustainability Learning Centre (SLC) will collaborate with three schools to create a student-devised performing arts production on climate change, human behavior, and sustainability. Over a 4-week program, students will develop skills and performance materials, culminating in a showcase at the SLC. Each school will contribute a 10-minute segment, and all cast members will rehearse together for a powerful finale. This project aims to enhance students' understanding of climate change and inspire the audience to take local action for global benefit.	12/05/2025	13/10/2025
YCAF2510	<b>Student Living University Gardening Society University of Tasmania</b>	Native Food Garden	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Aims to expand their student-led community garden at UTAS, Sandy Bay, to include an educational native food garden. This initiative will teach young people about Australian edible native plants, with guidance from First Nations people and local experts. The garden will provide a climate-ready food source, using local native plants adapted to evolving conditions. To ensure sustainability, they will install an irrigation system to manage erratic weather patterns, supporting local pollinators and	01/08/2025	30/09/2025
YCAF2511	<b>Youth-led Group, led by Dekota Mark The Wattle Fellowship at the University of Melbourne</b>	Art For The Sea	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	This program aims to engage local youth (ages 15-25) in ocean conservation through artistic expression. Participants will explore marine issues in collaborative workshops and create a large-scale public mural with guidance from environmental artists. The program includes community artist workshops to foster intergenerational dialogue about marine conservation. It will culminate in the "Ocean Perspectives" exhibition, showcasing works from artists of all levels and emphasising sustainable, eco-friendly materials. This initiative aims to celebrate the marine environment and inspire meaningful conversations about ocean stewardship.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025

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YCAF2512	<b>Youth-led Group, led by Finnian Gregg-Rowan</b> <i>The Wattle Fellowship at the University of Melbourne</i>	Building Care and Resilience for Country & People	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	A youth-led initiative in Nipaluna/Hobart, aiming to reconnect residents with the land through cultural burning practices. This workshop series supports the Sustainable Hobart Action Plan and Climate Ready Hobart Strategy, fostering environmental and social resilience to climate change. Participants will actively contribute to co-creating climate-resilient solutions, engaging in discussions, hands-on practice, and group reflection. The project promotes knowledge-sharing between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, building stronger community networks and understanding of land care.	01/05/2025	30/10/2025
YCAF2513	<b>Sustainable Living Tasmania Incorporated</b>	Wasting Away	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Aims to empower students from multiple Hobart schools, including Friends School, Taroona High, and Collegiate, to lead community-driven climate action. The program will support initiatives focused on waste reduction, such as slow fashion projects, Just Waste Workshops with Gwen Harper, and mobile worm farm composting systems. Through workshops, mentorship, and hands-on activities, students will foster climate leadership and environmental stewardship, collaborating with local businesses and the City of Hobart to ensure long-term sustainability. This initiative aims to create a climate-ready Hobart and a more sustainable future.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2514	<b>Downshift Music Tasmania</b> <i>Beaker Street Festival</i>	Downshift Music Festival	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	A one-day event in Hobart featuring low-environmental-impact performances, forums, and workshops on sustainability, climate resilience, community transition, and collective action. Local musicians will perform using acoustic or low-electricity sounds across multiple venues, with concerts serving as focal points for educational and empowering discussions on the climate crisis.	09/08/2025	09/08/2025

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YCAF2515	<b>Nipaluna Nursery Incorporated</b>	Urban Pocket Forests	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	The Urban Pocket Forests project will engage youth leaders from Hobart Big Picture, Taroona, and Collegiate in a climate initiative to enhance biodiversity and green urban spaces. Students will gain practical skills in native plant propagation and site restoration through workshops at Nipaluna Nursery. They will work with volunteers, Landcare groups, and Council officers to plant native species in school grounds and community spaces, creating green corridors for urban wildlife. This initiative aims to empower youth with leadership and environmental management skills, fostering long-term community engagement and contributing to a greener, more resilient Hobart.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2517	<b>University of Tasmania</b>	Circular Creativity Student Workshops	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	The grant application supports a student-led workshop series called 'Circular Creativity,' focusing on upcycling old Togatus magazines and delivery pallets. Mentored by the Sustainability team, youth leaders will learn practical upcycling skills and how to facilitate workshops. The program, in partnership with the student union magazine team and garden-based student groups, will empower participants to creatively repurpose materials. The first workshop will involve weaving Togatus magazines into useful items like baskets, trays, seed packets, and small tables or stools.	07/07/2025	17/10/2025

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YCAF2518	<b>Sustainable Living Tasmania Incorporated</b>	Bike and Hike	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Bike and Hike through the Youth Climate Leaders Program will empower students from Hobart City High School, Collegiate, and Friends to lead climate action focused on sustainable transport. Supported by the Bicycle Network, students will design initiatives like safe ride to school promotions, bicycle skills workshops, hiking, and creating safe cycle routes. Through workshops, mentorship, and practical activities, students will foster climate leadership and environmental stewardship. Collaborating with local businesses and the City of Hobart, this initiative aims to create a climate-ready and sustainable future for Hobart.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2519	<b>The Tasmanian University Environment Society Tasmania University Union Inc</b>	The Environment Society 2025 Climate Program	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	The University of Tasmania Environment Society 2025 program will address the climate crisis and ecological collapse. Events will include monthly expert talks to raise awareness and inspire action, partnered with a 'nature connection' program for mindfulness and engagement. Collaborators include the Hobart Nature Connection Project and Aboriginal Community Leaders. The program will also expand the Commute4Climate campaign with improved online tracking and challenges, and host the 2025 Environmental Careers Exposition to reach new students and early career professionals.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2520	<b>Sustainable Living Tasmania Incorporated</b>	Switched ON	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Switched ON is a youth-led initiative at Elizabeth College in North Hobart, aimed at promoting electric transport and clean energy technology through hands-on experience and mentorship. The project includes reviewing energy bills, assessing solar generation, and installing an EV charger, with support from experienced youth leaders from Tarremah Steiner School.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025

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YCAF2521	<b>Youth-led Group, led by George Clancy Lester</b> <i>Beaker St Festival</i>	Habitat for Hobart - Native Pollinator Workshops	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	The City of Hobart is enhancing urban biodiversity by introducing insect hotels and indigenous native plantings to backyards, providing essential habitats for native bees. Funding will support educational workshops and online content to raise awareness and encourage conservation efforts among Hobart residents.	13/10/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2522	<b>Industrie Ballet &amp; Alignment</b> <i>Kickstart Arts Incorporated</i>	We Are the World	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	This project empowers Hobart's youth to address climate change through a vibrant dance video, blending artistic expression with environmental advocacy. Featuring local talent performing in school gardens, on bikes, and in significant natural locations, the initiative highlights sustainability and promotes conservation, supported by workshops and a grant for choreography, filming, and outreach.	19/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2523	<b>The Gondwana Project</b> <b>Incorporated</b>	Backyard Biobanking for Tasmanian Flora	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Backyard Biobanking for Tasmanian Flora aims to protect climate-threatened endemic flora by encouraging Hobart residents to grow these species in their backyards. The project involves collecting and researching seeds and foliage from Mt Read, then creating educational materials to promote the cultivation of these plants, ultimately increasing their presence in urban gardens.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2524	<b>Nipaluna Nursery</b> <b>Incorporated</b>	Youth Capturing Stories of Climate Mentors	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	Filmmaker Lara van Raay will work with young people to create short documentaries, audio, photography, and text that highlight impactful climate action stories. The project will feature sustainable fashion pioneers like Kate Fletcher and Helen Pryor, and the reforestation efforts of Nipaluna Nursery, providing hands-on storytelling experience and emphasising collaboration in tackling climate issues.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025

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YCAF2528	<b>UTAS Sustainability Team at University of Tasmania</b> <i>University of Tasmania</i>	Hobart Youth Science Communicators Network	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	A co-designed training series will equip young people in Hobart to become effective climate science communicators and youth climate champions. University students will be trained as workshop facilitators, focusing on local climate impacts and ocean science, and will then deliver hands-on workshops to various community groups, aiming to build climate awareness and practical action among 80 young participants.	30/06/2025	15/10/2025
YCAF2529	<b>Tasmanian University Student Association</b>	Moo-ve Over Milk at TUSA Food Hub	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	The project aims to install a plant-based milk tap in the TUSA Food Hub to reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainable consumption among students. It includes a launch event, encourages the use of reusable containers, and features cooking workshops with Soyoyoy to educate on reducing food waste and making eco-friendly dietary choices.	01/05/2025	31/10/2025
YCAF2530	<b>Hobart College</b>	E-bikes and EV Chargers @ HoCo	Youth Climate Action Fund	23/04/2025	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	This project aims to install secure e-bike and EV charging facilities at Hobart College and the Sustainability Learning Centre, utilising excess solar power to reduce climate emissions. The student leadership group will play a central role in determining the community's needs, design, accessibility, location, and costs.	12/05/2025	20/10/2025



## Engagement Summary Report – Round 1

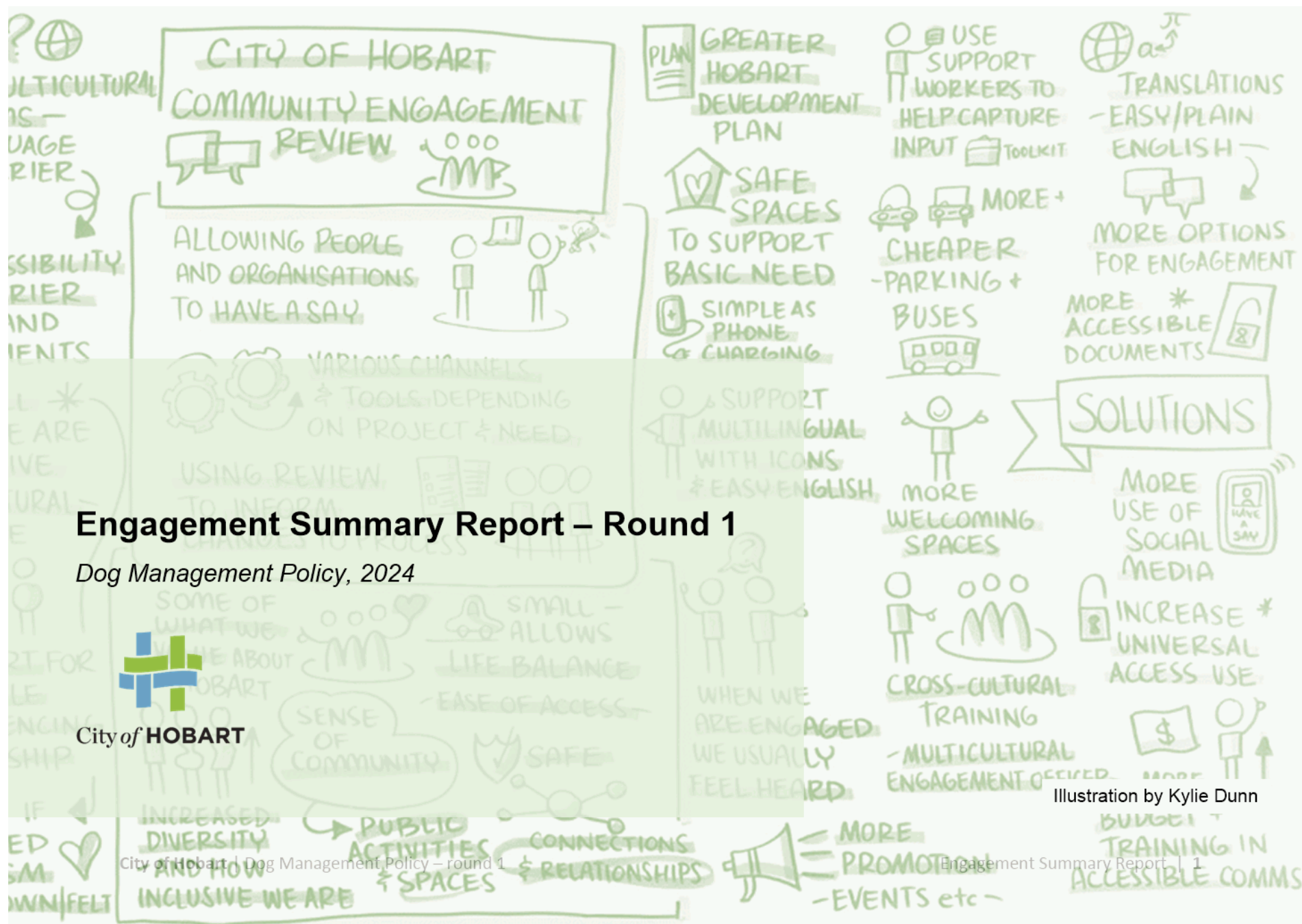
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**Document Purpose**

This document summarises engagement undertaken during the first phase of the Dog Management Policy community engagement project. This is a public facing document intended to report back to engagement participants and provide feedback on what was heard and how their input was used.

This report does not include specific mention of every concept we heard. However, care has been taken not to over-generalise. This report does not make assumptions about the reasons why respondents feel the way they do or provide recommendations for the project. This report has been provided to the project team along with raw data of all feedback and responses.

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## Overview

### 1.1 Project Scope

The Dog Management Policy is an important document. The Policy:

- Outlines what it means to be a responsible dog owner
- Shows where and when dogs can and cannot be exercised
- Determines how the City should implement the policy and ensure responsible dog ownership
- Ensure the City of Hobart complies with the [Dog Control Act 2000](#).

The City of Hobart must review the management strategy at least every five years, and this process must include community consultation. The City of Hobart has committed to ensuring all voices in the community are heard; both those of dog owners and non-dog owners.

It should be noted that feedback from this community engagement will be examined alongside feedback from the below engagement projects:

- South Hobart Oval and Park Master Plan
- Open Space

### 1.2 Engagement Scope

Community engagement for the Dog Management Policy will be done in 2 main rounds.

This Engagement Summary Report covers round 1 of engagement.

From 8-28 April 2024, the City sought general feedback on the existing Dog Management Policy 2019-2023. This includes Declared Areas (where dogs can and cannot be on-lead and off-lead).

All feedback from this round will inform proposed changes to the Dog Management Policy. The draft Policy will then go to the Hobart City Council for review. When Council is satisfied with the changes proposed in the Policy, the new draft Policy will be released to the community for further feedback (round 2). This is expected to be in the second half of 2024.

## How we communicated

For round 1 of community engagement for the Dog Management Policy, we did not do extensive promotion. Round 2 is intended to be a more intensive and in-depth engagement project, with many in-person opportunities for engagement.

Round 1 engagement for the Dog Management Policy prioritised key stakeholders.



### Email

Emails were sent to established lists including registered users of Your Say Hobart



### Social media

1 Facebook posts and 1 Instagram story promoted the online engagement opportunity



### Key Stakeholders

Key stakeholders were notified via email and encouraged to provide feedback via submission or online survey. This included sports clubs, dog walking groups, and key stakeholders of related previous engagement projects (South Hobart Oval and Park Master Plan and Open Space)

Who we heard from

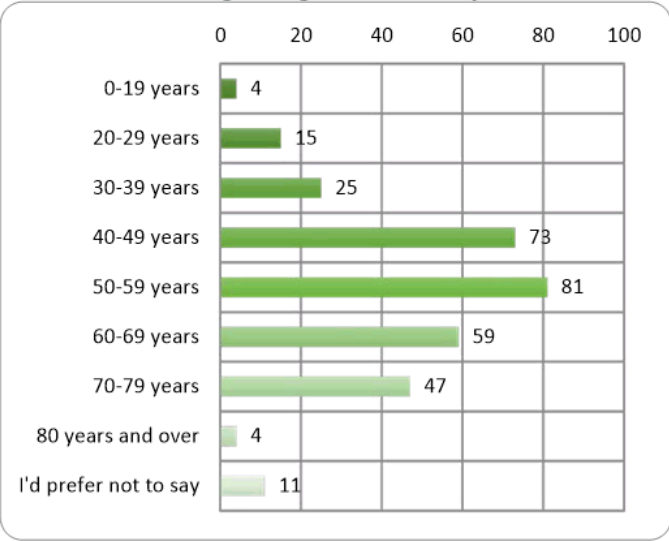
1,790  
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survey responses

42  
submissions received  
(not included in this report)

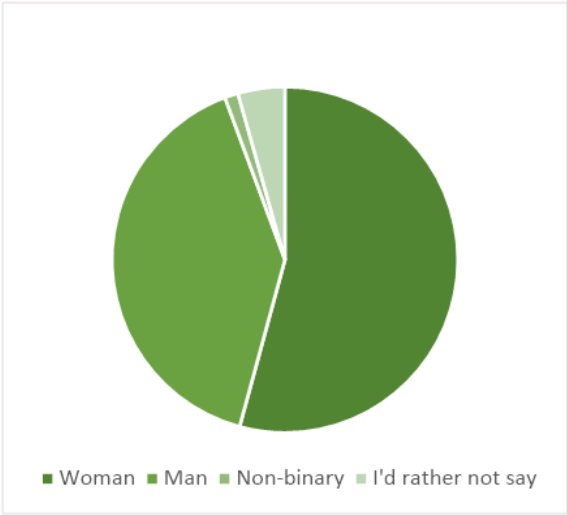
Age range of respondents

The survey captured responses from individuals across all age groups. The greatest number of responders (25%) fell within the age range of 50 to 59 years old.



Gender of respondents

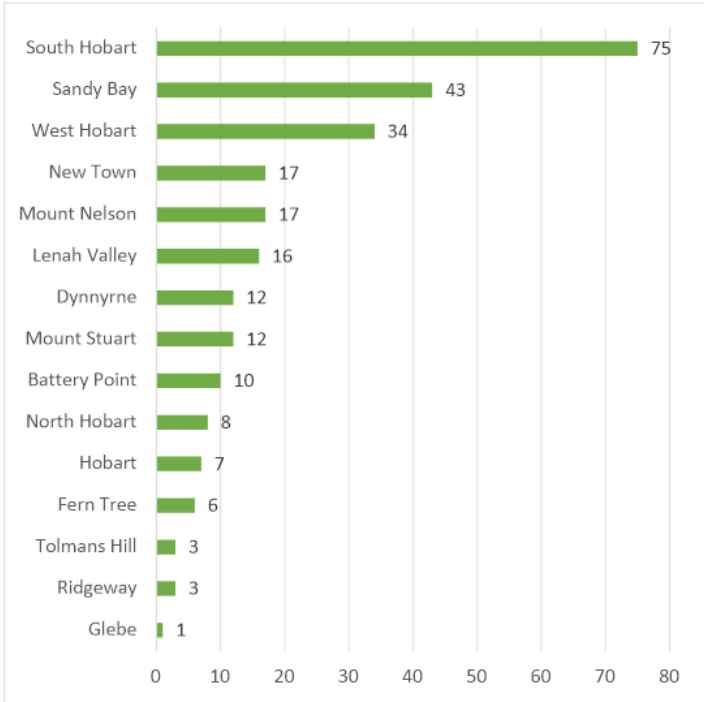
The survey captured responses from 54% women, 40% men, 1% of people who are non-binary.



	<p><b>75%</b> of respondents <b>own a dog</b></p>
	<p><b>95%</b> of respondents <b>spoke English as their main language at home</b></p>
	<p><b>84%</b> of respondents <b>live in the City of Hobart</b>. 15% (47 people) live in a surrounding local government area. 1% (3 people) live in another part of Tasmania. &gt;1% (1 person) lives interstate.</p>
	<p><b>60%</b> of respondents have lived in the City of Hobart for more than 10 years. 12% for 6-10 years. 10% for 1-5 years.</p>

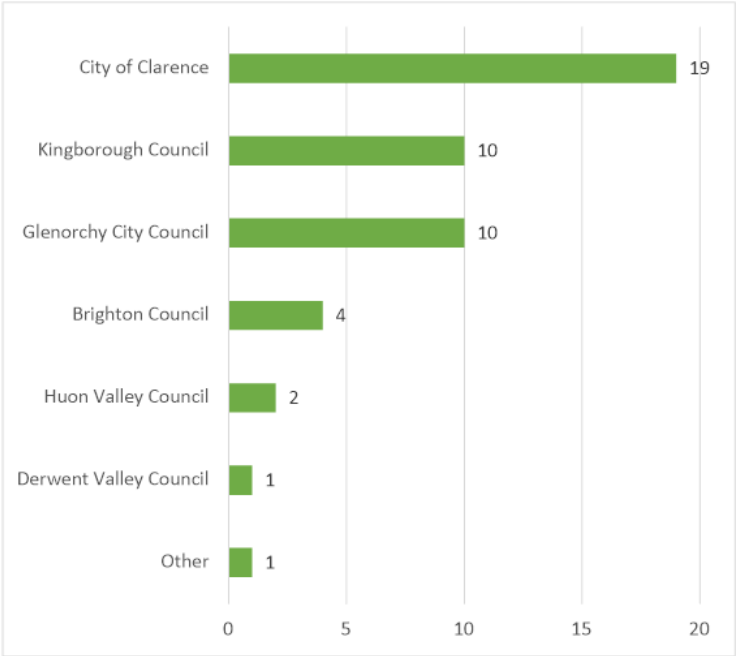
Which suburb do you live in?

The survey captured responses from residents across most suburbs within Hobart. The largest group of respondents were from South Hobart, which made up 24% of all the responding residents in Hobart.



Which local government area do you live in?

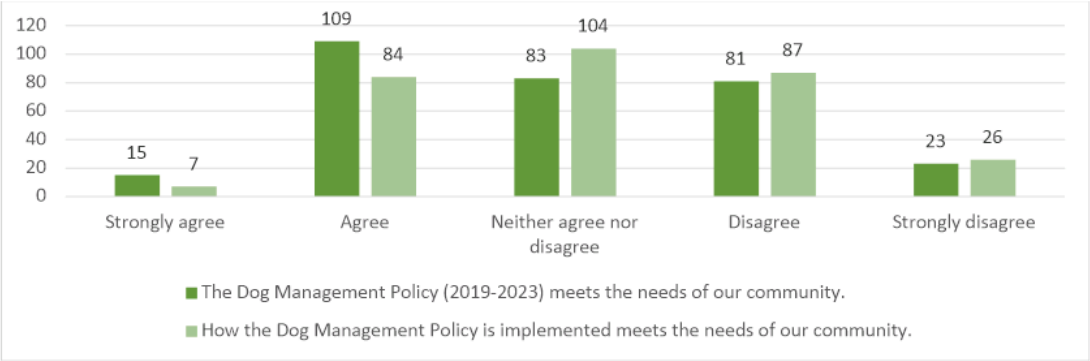
Of the respondents who don't live in the City of Hobart, we heard from people in seven other LGAs. The largest group of respondents were from the City of Clarence, which made up 6% of this group.



What we heard

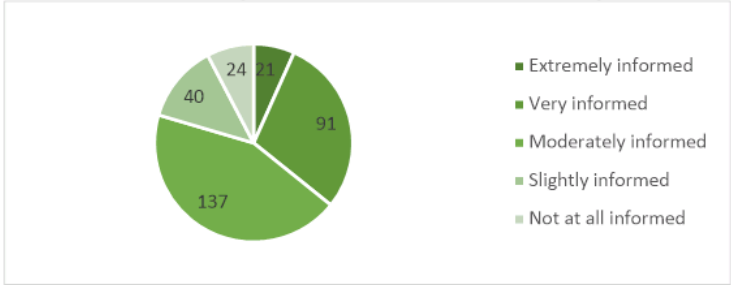
How much do you agree that the Policy and how it’s implemented meet the needs of our community?

As can be seen in the chart, responses were mixed. Most respondents either agreed, neither agreed nor disagreed, or disagreed.



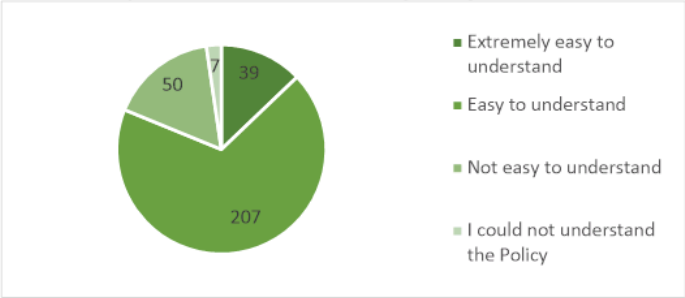
How informed do you feel about the Policy?

43% felt “moderately informed”, and 29% felt “very informed”.



How easy to understand do you find the Policy?

66% of respondents find the Policy easy to understand.



What the community wants us to know about the Policy and how it's implemented.

<b>Lack of Enforcement</b>	<b>32 comments</b> were made about the Policy not being adequately enforced.
<b>Non-Compliant Owners</b>	<b>17 comments</b> were made about owners who weren't compliant with the Policy.
<b>Policy Inaccessibility</b>	<b>10 comments</b> were made about the Policy not being very accessible.
<b>Happy with the Policy</b>	<b>9 comments</b> were made that expressed satisfaction with the Policy and how it is implemented.
<b>More Education Needed</b>	<b>8 comments</b> were made about the need for more community education about dogs.

## Other

Other comments include (but are not limited to):

- Excessive barking (7 comments)
- Lack of awareness of the Policy (7 comments)
- The need for fewer restrictions (5 comments)
- Having a visual representation of Declared Areas (5 comments)
- Inadequate signage (4 comments)
- The need to update regulations on greyhounds (3 comments)

"In my opinion, the biggest issue and cause of frustration between non dog and dog owners is the non compliance of the rules. I see it very often."

"There doesn't seem to be anyone policing people not picking up after their dogs...like rangers/council on general patrol or in the parks."

"I'm pretty happy with the dog policy. If you wanted improvement the City of Hobart could consider more education and enforcement."

"All dog owners should be aware of the Policy and their obligations under it but I am not sure how the average dog owner achieves that awareness – perhaps more information could be provided upon registering a dog."

**Feedback on Declared Areas**

Declares Areas are spaces where dog owners can and can't take their dogs (either off-lead, on-lead or restricted). The 10 most discussed issues in feedback on Declared Areas are listed below.

<b>Satisfaction Expressed</b>	<b>38 comments</b>	Happiness and gratitude expressed about the maintenance of grounds and facilities. Of these 38 comments, 11 of them referred to Nutgrove Beach.
<b>Sportsgrounds Should be Off Limits</b>	<b>25 comments</b>	Expressed the opinion that dogs should be banned from sportsgrounds in general.
<b>Ban dogs at the South Hobart Oval</b>	<b>23 comments</b>	Expressed the opinion that dogs should be banned from the South Hobart Oval in particular.
<b>Keep dogs at the South Hobart Oval</b>	<b>20 comments</b>	Expressed the opinion that dog access to South Hobart Oval should remain.
<b>Issues with Enforcement</b>	<b>20 comments</b>	Expressed the opinion that the City should do more to enforce the Policy.
<b>Dog Poo a Problem</b>	<b>18 comments</b>	Owners not cleaning up after their dogs is an issue.
<b>Non-Compliant Owners a Problem</b>	<b>18 comments</b>	Owners not adhering the Policy are an issue.
<b>Extend Exercise Hours</b>	<b>15 comments</b>	A desire for the exercise hours at a site to be extended.
<b>Community</b>	<b>14 comments</b>	People have built highly valued community through exercising dogs.
<b>Needs Fenced Off-Lead Areas</b>	<b>14 comments</b>	A desire for more fenced off-lead areas.



**Feedback on Declared Areas (continued)**

We received the below feedback on specific Declared Areas. Here we have included information on the top 5 mentioned sites.

<b>South Hobart Oval</b>	<b>53 comments</b>	Feedback on this site was split between people who want dogs to be able to use this space and people who want exclusive sports usage.
<b>Nutgrove Beach</b>	<b>27 comments</b>	Nutgrove Beach received generally positive feedback. People were thankful for the space and dog bags and have built strong community here. Suggested changes were to do with changing/extending hours, particularly during daylight savings. Other suggestions were to make it permanently off-lead.
<b>Wellesley St Oval</b>	<b>8 comments</b>	Feedback included fencing the oval to use instead of South Hobart Oval, as well as restricting dog access.
<b>John Turnbull Park</b>	<b>7 comments</b>	Several comments said they love this park for dog exercise. However, some said dogs shouldn't be allowed off-lead. Some were thankful for the puppy area and would like this to be extended for dogs with other needs. It was also suggested the site could have better maintenance and lighting, particularly during winter.
<b>Short Beach / Marievile Esplanade</b>	<b>7 comments</b>	Mixed feedback was received. Some said the site is not suitable for dog use. Others enjoyed exercising their dogs there. Suggestion was to have clearer signage.

"Signage at all Declared Areas needs to be prominent and clear. Problems occur when compliant owners encounter non-compliant owners whose dogs are not effectively under control."

"The off leash access at Nutgrove Beach (...) is very important to my health and wellbeing as a pensioner. It ensures I get the exercise I need and allows my two dogs to have the freedom to safely run about (...). It is the high point in most of our days."

"Our parks in Hobart are lovely and we really appreciate the opportunity to use them with our dogs."

**Accessibility**

We know that our dog exercise areas need to meet the needs of dog owners. This includes the exercise times being convenient, and the parks being easy and accessible to get to and use. **What are the accessibility issues with current Declared Areas you would like us to be aware of?**

Below are the top 7 most discussed topics. Please note: the speech bubbles below include quotes about physical accessibility.

<b>Shared community space</b>	<b>18 comments</b>	Desire for public spaces to remain available for the entire community use, and not for private interests.
<b>Limited dog exercise hours</b>	<b>17 comments</b>	Current dog exercise hours do not allow certain dog walkers to use the parks to their full capacity.
<b>Needs fenced off-lead area</b>	<b>3 comments</b>	This would benefit their access to the park.
<b>More fenced areas</b>	<b>3 comments</b>	This would benefit their access to the park (not specified whether on- or off-lead).
<b>Declared Areas unclear</b>	<b>3 comments</b>	Declared Areas are hard to understand, leading to confusion.
<b>Better upkeep of grounds needed</b>	<b>3 comments</b>	Muddy grounds or heavy gates make it hard to access parks.
<b>Greyhound off-lead area needed</b>	<b>3 comments</b>	City of Hobart should review policies on greyhounds and make a designated off-lead area for greyhounds.

"The path directly onto Blinking Billy is very worn away. [People with] mobility problems wouldn't be able to use it."

"The bottom gate on Washington St is a bit heavy for those in a wheelchair to open."

"Beaches in Hobart are generally not accessible or wheelchair accessible – and when they are, that part of the beach is 'no dogs allowed'. (...) So even if I can get on a beach I can't walk (in a wheelchair) my dogs on leash down the beach to even get to the dog area."

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Individual	<p>We live on Nutgrove Beach which is now a popular dog walking area. Although the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs there are a recalcitrant minority who abuse this privilege. We do not own a dog but find it necessary to have a supply of 'doggy bags' just to clean up the beach in front of our house. It appears that, being the the first area following entry onto the beach, dogs do their ablutions there and some owners are not cleaning up.</p> <p>I have witnessed some blatant disregard, but probably more common is having no idea where a dog is when engaged in conversation.</p> <p>I am not sure how you better police this but certainly I do not encourage our grandchildren to play there the way it is. As unreasonable as it probably is I would vote not to have dogs on this beach if given the opportunity the way things are at present. It only takes one or two dogs - owners - to leave their daily droppings for me to pick up to spoil it for everyone.</p>
Individual	<p>I would like to propose that a very simple, Off-leash area for Greyhounds be constructed within the CoH council area.</p> <p>Clarence Council has recently constructed one at South Street reserve. (details at the link below)</p> <p><a href="https://www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/south-street-reserve-trial-greyhound-off-leash-area?tool=survey_tool">https://www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/south-street-reserve-trial-greyhound-off-leash-area?tool=survey_tool</a></p> <p>This would be very simple to implement on some of the vast space available at Cornelian Bay (Ideal) or Joh Turnbull Park</p> <p>As seen by the Clarence design, they have only needed to fence in approximately 800Sq Metres of land with standard, sports-ground height fencing, and utilising shade-cloth (with some fun graphics).</p> <p>With Greyhound ownership (rescued from racing) being a fast growing sector of the community, and particularly with their suitability for inner city living, CoH should be at the forefront of providing such a facility for it's rate-payers.</p>
Individual	<p>Having encountered a precious owner, I feel matters are getting too politically correct. My partner's Jack Russell is a tad excitable &amp; barks. The other owner's response "I don't like your dog barking at mine". We go to dog parks for the socialisation of dogs, other owners tend to laugh because it is the breed of dog. Are we going to be banned from dog parks for minor demeanors, why bother having dog parks? My friend has had to leave dog park due to her dog pinching the tennis balls, no it isn't right, but for heaven's sake it is a dog &amp; sometimes it is difficult to train a dog out of obsessions. Another factor is she is only there for an hour, how much harm can be done? Now she has to go elsewhere</p>
Individual	<p>My submission is very brief. Given the amount of documented damage cats do to our ecosystem where is the cities cat management strategy?</p>
Individual	<p>All councils - suburbs should have enclosed/ fenced, off the lead, dog parks.</p>

	<p>Reminder-</p> <p>Not everyone loves your dog as much as you.          Some people have a fear of dogs. Because they experience an unprovoked dog attacks and experienced being bitten by a dog.</p> <p>Yes we had a much loved dog. As well as cats, we have cat enclosure yard.          We love the Tasmanian wildlife and native flora.          We believe in protecting our wildlife as much as possible.</p> <p>I believe that all new housing developments should include under road bridges and over road wildlife passes, as well as native vegetation for wildlife corridors.</p>
Individual	<p>Dogs off leads in parks - in particular Mt Wellington. I am writing as a regular user of the pipeline to agree with the current policies that the council have in relation to dogs that must be on leads if walking in certain parts of the mountain, or being not allowed at all in other areas.</p> <p>The council seems to have been more diligent in enforcing their regulations as I have seen fewer dog owners allowing their dogs off the leash on the pipeline. It is still an all too frequent experience that the dogs come running along off the leash.</p> <p>I have also seen fewer dogs on the part of the pipeline from Neika where they are supposed to be excluded but some owners still studiously avoid looking at the no dogs allowed signs and bring them onto this part of the track.</p> <p>I am writing with the wildlife in mind. In particular since the El Nino - the relative coolness and safety has meant there has been an abundance of potaroos and wallabies on the pipeline. The presence of unleashed dogs is an unnecessary exposure to anxiety and danger to these native animals. The potential for two unleashed dogs to encounter each other and engage in a fight is still always on the cards.</p> <p>I note that since covid the Ferntree part of the track has been used by more and more families with young children experiencing their first taste of walking free amongst the bush on safe paths. I would hate for these children to encounter an over friendly off the leash dog frightening them and destroying their sense of getting to appreciate nature.</p> <p>Finally I am writing on behalf of those walkers who happen to be traumatised or triggered by dogs in general. While I am all in favour of pets and people having that experience it must always be considered that this is not a universal experience and that there are those with disabilities and others who are just nervous around dogs no matter how much "Fido" is adored by their owners. A public amenity or space needs to be allowed for these people as well. Dog owners are catered for by having other spaces they can take their dogs off leash.</p>
Individual	<p>Please consider making dog parks more Greyhound friendly by either allowing accredited muzzle-free greyhounds off lead or considering adding Greyhound off-lead friendly hours.</p>

Individual	<p>Hello, thank you for providing this opportunity to the community! I have a few things people on my street and I would really like to put forward for consideration.</p> <p>1. Households requiring a kennel license, please review for a matter of privacy and security, submitting your address during the process to be published in the mercury newspaper can make those house holds more of a target from theft (of animals) and make those house holds more of a target for unwanted attention. (A friend of mine who is a public figure, wants to get a third dog but is not willing to leak her address) We agree with the license but disagree with the process and think it needs to be reviewed.</p> <p>2. Noise complaints about dogs. while no one on my street has been affected by this we all seem to know someone who is. Someone filing a noise complaint on a dog, must provide solid evidence that it is the specific dog making the noise. Unfounded complaints have greatly distress our loved ones in other parts of the Hobart area.</p> <p>3. There needs to be more action against dogs off lead on residential streets. Me and other people have experienced, attacks, injuries and other negative incidents with off lead dogs in the Hobart area, both on our person and on our own lead pets. We have politely approached some of these people and asked that they keep their dog on lead, however they still do not. I have a medical alert assistance dog and have had dogs rush and try to do physical harm to her while she is working, and this is not acceptable. Maybe there can be a way of reporting off lead dogs (in on lead areas).</p> <p>4. Dog parks, the addition of smaller enclosed additions (like the puppy areas) where dogs who have injuries, small puppies, older dogs etc and enjoy themselves with worry of risk in the larger area of the dog parks is a great idea and we would love to see more. Potentially areas where owners with puppies or reactive dogs and be alone in the area and lock themselves in to avoid anyone else coming in.</p> <p>5. Not long ago you allowed registration for assistance dogs to be free, it was on your website until late last year (even though apparently your policy had changed but your website information had not) the assistance dog community in Hobart found this a great disservice and offensive. We wish for this to be reviewed and hope that the Hobart council can follow in the footsteps of the other state capitals and review this fairly. And a friendly reminder that a guide dog is a type of assistance dog, discriminating against other types needed for other disabilities, is unflattering for Hobart in our community and career community.</p>
Individual	<p>What's the point of having instructions eg. Dogs on lead between hours of ...or dogs only allowed on certain parts of the beach, if it's not policed? I walk regularly on a Hobart City beach and every time see at least one dog owner disregarding what the sign says. Council workers have been working there at times too and not said a word. Certain areas of beaches where birds nest, fairy penguins live need to be protected. If ppl knew they could have an instant fine and they saw Council Workers making sure ppl did the right thing then you would be surprised how soon dog owners did the right thing.</p>

Individual	<p>I would like to provide feedback around the monitoring of your dog management policy and dog on-lead areas. I provided feedback via email in February 2024 to query how dog on-lead areas are managed given I have consistently seen dogs in my area (Lenah Valley Linear Park) off lead in clearly signposted on-lead areas. I am aware there are signs indicating that penalties apply but this is never policed. I was advised at the time by council that there are only two animal management officers across the entire council and so active enforcement of the policy is unable to be 'saturated'. The responding worker (Luis Larrarte) suggested I take photos of offending people and send to the council in case they are recognised. This seems an extremely underpowered response and I am also not comfortable taking photos in case I am questioned by the dog owner, who I could imagine wouldn't be very happy about it.</p> <p>I suggest that council need to consider how dog on-lead areas are EFFECTIVELY enforced. I have had multiple experiences with dogs that are not under effective control by owners. I have also experienced on multiple occasions asking owners to put their dogs on lead and they either refuse or do so for a short time and then they are seen later with them off lead again.</p>
Individual	<p>Since the start of COVID19 pandemic dog ownership in West Hobart has grown totally out of control. The result is a stressful, avoidable and unacceptable level of barking noise and pedestrians frequently risking being nipped on the ankle.</p> <p>The most owned dogs in West Hobart are small, noisy, aggressive, and inevitably poorly managed.</p> <p>My next-door neighbour keeps two and my rear neighbour one. Neither neighbour has any concern for the peaceful amenity of the area. When I garden close to the respective boundary fences they bark. Effectively under Council's Dog Management Policy I can do nothing.</p> <p>I have owned a medium size dog at my current address that I trained with the Hobart Canine Obedience Club. That dog was never aggressive and generally quiet. Consequent of the training I was able to walk it under effective control on lead.</p> <p>The enormouse growth in the number of small aggressive dogs is a COVID19 related phenomenon but owners generally have no idea about a small dog's natural proclivity or how to manage it.</p> <p>Many dog walkers use extendable leads. These need to be banned in Hobart as they prevent the walker effectively controlling the dog.</p> <p>Completion of approved dog obedience training within two years of initial registration must be a mandatory requirement of continued ownership. Failure to do so must result in dog forfeiture.</p> <p>Dog registration fees must be increased to at least cover Council dog management administrative costs including complaint investigation. In addition, increasing the fee may deter ownership that in my neighbourhood is at alarmingly high rates (as evidenced by barking and the number of walkers).</p>

	<p>Children must be prohibited from dog walking without an adult as they generally are insufficiently mature to effectively control the dog. Please note I have raised two now adult children.</p> <p>Resolution of dog noise complaints must result in forfeiture on receipt of third complaint; three strikes policy.</p> <p>As walkers of small, aggressive dogs pass properties housing the same an enormous barking contest ensues; each dog defending its patch with effective control of any of the dog's owners completely absent. Totally unacceptable in a residential neighbourhood.</p> <p>Dogs need to be banned from the front gardens of properties at which they are kept as that is where the barking matches generally occur.</p> <p>Ph 0419-120-114 25 Allison St West Hobart Tas 7000 Ph 0419-120-114</p>
Individual	<p>Hello, I have been bringing up a pup which has involved people and dog socialisation not just for the pup, but also for me. Just going to my local dog park has opened me to a whole community I didn't know existed, and enabled me to create new friendships where I will work with people beyond the dog park. Like my pup, and many others, I feel a lightness in my heart in going to the local dog park and wondering who will be there today.</p> <p>I meet different people each day as well as regulars. Talk can range from local issues, fire management, does anyone know a tradie?, how our pups/dogs are going and our challenges with them, how we are feeling, our day, or just being silent and smiling and waving from a distance. There are some people whose only contact with another person in the day is at the dog park, partly because more people work from home since COVID, or may be retired, or unemployed.</p> <p>It is a very supportive atmosphere, especially since there are a number of pups all the same age group, and we are helping them to learn good manners, and helping each other reinforce those. We find a lot of joy in seeing our pups/dogs have special friends - they know when they are in the park and are keen to play together. People who have gone through the process are helpful in talking about what worked for them.</p> <p>Young kids without dogs have come up to my pup and want to play with her, and I find I am teaching them ways to be in partnership with a non-human being. And now many children call her name, come over and pat - so I have had conversations with parents new to the area, talked about primary schools and they feel a sense of being welcomed.</p> <p>People clean up rubbish, and dog poo, new toys go into the dog box, people put new water in the dish. There is a sense of responsibility by users of the park.</p>

	<p>Some poo is missed and some dogs are too forceful, some dogs can get barky, but generally it is a welcoming and pleasant atmosphere to come to. Young kids and dogs play side by side with balls and running.</p> <p>It is all very informal and works because of a sense of camaraderie, common purpose, seeing people regularly, and the dogs themselves breaking down normal "keep to yourself" barriers as they move around everyone.</p> <p>When I look at the dog policy I see all the rules and the procedures when things go wrong, but I don't see the opportunities. For a council that has key strategies around community building I wonder how to acknowledge the role that dogs and dog parks/places have in building community, weaving threads of connectivity, and providing social opportunities for people who have less access to them. Then my next thought, is how might we build on this further without creating rigidity?</p> <p>For example, perhaps inviting people to be "friends of the park", flagging topics of conversation important to the local area, working with community network facebook pages, encouraging a community event with music, bush dance, games, dogs and food?</p> <p>One of the issue for us dog walkers is that we don't know when a sports event is on, and some people travel from 5 to 15 minutes to come to the park. Is there an info or booking page where this can be looked up?</p> <p>Wishing you the best in creating the policy!</p>
Individual	<p>I am a leisure and swimming user of Nutgrove Beach for 40 years. It is a very special beach so close to the city with much more space and beautiful city views that Long Beach does not have. Some years ago, a vulnerable friend and I had two aggressive dogs fighting one another and rush to where we were sitting. A submission I made at the time to the new Dog Management Policy, outlined this frightening example as well as other incidents of inappropriate and dangerous behaviour by dogs. As a result of many other distressing incidents occurring to other users, a ruling to disallow dogs on Nutgrove during the daylight saving months was instigated and then shortly afterwards overturned because of the Dog Lobby. Since then the signs for on and off leash times were made more visible though they are still somewhat difficult to decypher. Some improvement was noted in owners controlling their dogs. However, there has never been a continuous and reliable management of dogs by some owners. When I swim there every summer in the afternoon including this year, 99% of the time there are a number of dogs running around. I have been followed by a dog into the water. A particularly distressing situation was a greyhound running at immense speed likely to approach me. When I contacted City Council I was told this breed is not allowed off leash except with special provisions. In addition to the constant interruption by dogs, some owners also to the dismay of responsible owners who express concern for their own leashed dogs, faeces are not always collected responsibly. Also, the owner does not see them as their dog is often behind them or a long way away. I think one should be able to expect a clean beach not contaminated by E.coli. City Council dog personnel are ineffective because of the limited number of officers and the impossibility to patrol at all times. I request</p>



	<p>consideration for a renewal of no dogs on Nutgrove during Day Light Saving. A compromise of no dogs during DLS between say 11.00 am and 5.00pm. would be acceptable. The Shearwater and Hawley area in NW Tas. has successfully implemented rules for both dog owners and others wanting a peaceful time. Beaches in the UK and Europe are generally dog free or have special areas for dogs, to recognize the needs of disparate groups and to ensure a hygienic environment for adults and children. Thank you for considering my submission.</p>
Individual	<p>Change of dog off lead hours at Nutgrove beach. Currently day light saving triggers a change of off lead hours to start at 6pm instead of 3pm. Rather than at the start of day light saving, the suggestion is for this change to take place on December 1. The beach doesn't get much use by swimmers in October/November due to the weather, therefore it could continue to be used for off lead walking from 3pm with minimal impact.</p>
individual	<p>I would like dog owners who are at work every day to be more responsible about their dogs. It seems that most dog owners leave their dogs outside when they go to work. This is unfair on their neighbours who are at home, because their dogs spend a lot of the day barking, disturbing the peaceful environment. The dogs also chase and frighten the wallabies which come down from the reserve in search of food.</p> <p>I'm not sure what the answer is, but it's unfair that dog owners get all the benefits of owning dogs, but none of the down sides. Perhaps dogs should be kept indoors when their owners are not around to control their barking. If dogs were kept inside, then the wallabies would also be protected.</p> <p>I hope you might be able to address this problem and come up with some kind of resolution. As I've said, it seems very unfair that it is only the dog owners who aren't affected by their barking dogs.</p> <p>Many thanks, Jennie 😊</p>
Individual	<p>I moved to Sandy Bay a year ago and knew no-one in the neighbourhood. I got a puppy in June 2023 and started walking on the dog beach at Nutgrove. Within a few months I had met a number of other locals who also had puppies and dogs. Many have now become firm friends and we meet up every day for a walk in the off lead hours in the morning around 830-930am. Our puppies have really benefited from being off lead so they could play together and learn to socialise during their formative months. It also tires them out so much more than just on lead walking so they are more likely to be quiet at home during the rest of the day if they have been able to play with the other dogs in the morning. There is a real sense of community spirit on the beach every morning seeing familiar faces and saying "Good morning" wandering up and down the beach. I talk to people of all ages and races on the beach -dogs break down so many barriers. Last November I got covid and couldn't walk the dog and those friends took up the slack and brought me meals and walked my dog for me. I would never have met these friends if it hadn't been for Nutgrove dog beach. Please keep Nutgrove beach as an off lead dog friendly beach as it is a great community asset for Sandy Bay.</p>

Individual	A management policy is only really as good as the data it is based on. Noone expects a traffic policy that is not based on traffic assessment. The Council needs to clarify the data on which the dog management policy is based. Who owns dogs, where, what dogs and how many, what are the common issues, what are the most pressing issues., what is the dog areas strategy, what is the funding, how is it directed? Etc. The policy needs to be based on a clear assessment of the context and the challenges, otherwise it is merely top down bureaucracy.
Individual	Hi We bought a house in Sandy Bay so that our dog could enjoy the lead free walking times available on Derwent Beach and Nut grove beach and we would strongly urge the council to continue with the lead-free time slots. Thank you
Individual	I have lived in Sandy Bay for over a year now and use the the dog beach at Nutgrove on a daily basis. This is a fantastic community asset with many, many people using it on a daily basis to allow their dogs to play and run free. This is fantastic during a dog's formative years as they learn to socialise. It is also a great connector of locals; I have met more people at Nutgrove than any other place - it's the nature of dogs, the owners have a shared bond and connect easily. Please keep this beach as an off-lead exercise area.
Individual	I am very happy with the current arrangements for dogs at Nutgrove Beach and Blinking Billy Beach and don't want any changes. I walk my two Shih Tzu dogs at Nutgrove Beach every morning and it is great to have off lead time before 10.00 a.m. I also take the dogs to Blinking Billy beach and it's also great to have that off lead access at any time.
Individual	Nutgrove beach is a fantastic dog walking (off lead) area. Do not reduce the times available for dogs to be on and off lead. If anything please consider increasing the off lead times from 5pm-10am during daylight savings times. Please keep the off lead times at least from 3pm-10am during non daylight savings times or increase the hours available. Please continue to provide recyclable dog bags.
Individual	My wife and I have been walking our 2 dogs on Nutgrove Beach daily since we moved to Tassie 9 years ago. Most of our friends in Hobart are people we have run into on the beach with their dogs. It is a fantastic and essential place for wellbeing and feeling connected to the community.  We are very happy with the morning walking off lead time of up to 10am year round.
Individual	I live in Wellesley Street with my daughter and our old dog.  We use both the Wellesley park and the soccer ground/ park in Washington st regularly. My son uses it, my partner too , all with a dog.

	<p>I've made friends from using these dog friendly facilities and every one is respectful to other users and their needs.</p> <p>I support Tanzi and her walking group and the others that promote dog activities and the need to ensure there are places we can walk and exercise our dogs safely.</p>
Individual	<p>D'arcy street soccer field should only be for sports and dogs shouldn't be allowed to go on the field. It's a health and safety matter for all players on the weekends. Other councils have dog parks for dogs and sport fields for players. Dog poo is regularly left on the ground and then is needed to be picked up by someone else and the dog pee also ruins the grass which affects sport on the weekends. South Hobart competes in the highest division of soccer in the state and there home ground is used as a dog park during the week is a joke and quite embarrassing</p>
Org	<p>My name is Ken Morton.</p> <p>I am the National Premier League coach of South Hobart Football Club.</p> <p>In my 40 years of coaching football in Tasmania I have never seen South Hobart Oval in such terrible condition. This beautiful venue has hosted games with such superstars as George Best and recently Central Coast Mariners played there.</p> <p>I coach State League and my players are semi-professional. The volunteers at my club should not have to fill holes before every game to save players from serious injury or pick up dog poo. The dog urine has left hundreds of marks on the playing surface which are horrible to look at, kill the grass and certainly don't help the roll of the ball.</p> <p>We host games for almost every club in Tasmania. Clubs from other municipalities think our home ground is a joke and call it "the dog park." Dogs are not allowed on Valley Road Devonport, or any of the Launceston grounds, City, Riverside or United. Kingborough does not have to deal with dogs and nor does Clarence or Glenorchy. Just us. It is sad and embarrassing that we must put up with playing in dog poo and filling holes.</p> <p>South Hobart Oval used to be locked and used as the home of football now this iconic ground is a dog toilet. I don't see AFL or cricket having to deal with this at the TCA or North Hobart Oval. Just soccer. Surely it should be a fairer system and total disrespect for Tasmania's most played team sport.</p> <p>I ask that the Council find alternative venues for dogs to poo and walk other than the historical and significant South Hobart oval. The health and safety of referees, players and users is at stake.</p> <p>Sincerely Ken Morton.</p>
Individual	<p>to allow the uncontrolled exercise of dogs on public sports fields puts at risk the health of children who utilise those sportsfields. I am aware that Clarence,</p>

	<p>Glenorchy, Kingborough and Brighton Councils do not allow dogs on their sports grounds and Hobart City out of the interests of its residents and sports ground users HCC should adopt the same. there are too many occasions where parents are required to clean up after other dog owners and the exercise of dogs should instead be encouraged at purpose built 'off lead dog parks' vs. public sports fields.</p>
Org	<p>I am a member of the South Hobart Football Club and I don't believe that dogs should be allowed to be exercised on the South Hobart Oval. This field is the home ground of our football club, hosting youth and adult games. Every time a game is played here, our volunteers have to go around picking up dog feces and filling in holes dug by dogs. It is not only unsanitary, it is unsafe for those playing. I cannot imagine this being tolerated in other areas where state-level sport is played, such as North Hobart or Bellerive ovals.</p> <p>I have also been present at the ground when people have been trying to exercise and practice their social sport, and have had to leave on account of off-lead dogs disrupting them. Families with small children in particular are vulnerable to off-leash dogs in this area.</p> <p>There are a number of alternative venues where residents can exercise their dogs in the local area (MacFarlane Street, South Hobart or below Wellesley Park). I do not believe that the South Hobart Oval is a suitable venue for dog exercise, and would better suit the needs of the community by being restricted to dogs.</p>
Individual	<p>'I would like to suggest that our sportsgrounds be unavailable for dog use when sport is being played or when maintenance is being undertaken by our crews.</p> <p>We currently don't allow dogs when sport is being played but I think it is necessary to also prevent them when the ground is under maintenance. We have had a number of recorded incidents that I can recall including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A dog being hit by a Council car when off lead and not under effective control.</li> <li>- A dog being nearly run over by a cylinder mower when not under effective control.</li> <li>- A staff member being bitten by a dog when not being under effective control.</li> </ul> <p>A change to the policy to incorporate this is for the protection of dogs as well as my team who not only run the real risk of physical injury, but also the mental stress caused by having to worry about killing a dog.</p> <p>Much of the machinery my team uses is not compatible with sudden movements of dogs, such as cylinder mowers, tractors, spray units and wicket rollers which are all difficult to pull up quickly.</p>
Org	<p>I have attached some of the images of what the volunteers of the South Hobart Football Club have to deal with before playing at South Hobart Oval. There are also images of referees and visiting coaches with dog poo and holes in</p>

	<p>the ground. There is an image of a young players bottom covered in dog poo having slid in it. Please refer to Shannon Avery of the City of Hobart for the full file. FYI the Council asked us to photograph the dog poo we picked up for "the file". This is totally disgusting and unacceptable for the safety and health of players, referees, administrators and volunteers. The dog lobby can pretend they pick up poo but obviously not all do. Absolutely unacceptable for the members of the South Hobart Football Club and the community who use the ground without a dog. A health hazard waiting to explode. Victoria Morton President South Hobart FC</p>
	<p>I think it is horrible that when I play at South Hobart Oval and other sportsgrounds I have to look out that I don't fall in dog poo. Dogs should not be on the playing surface of sports grounds. Find other places for dogs to poo but not on sportsgrounds. When they wee they also kill the grass which is ridiculous for a ground that hosts state league top tier football.</p>
Individual	<p>Having dogs on sports grounds poses a health risk for people playing the sport. Too often do we find that owners have not cleaned up after their pets which results in unnecessary cleaning from sports clubs and also unnecessary health risks and concerns for our youth.</p>
Org	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am the coach of an U14 NPL football (soccer) team that regularly uses the Darcy Street football field. It is an iconic, atmospheric ground and the boys in my team love playing there, it gives them a real buzz. However, the playing surface is poor as a result of the field also being designated as a dog off-lead area. Not only is the grass scorched with dog urine burns it is downright dangerous. Last Saturday for example, we were the first game of the weekend and in addition to walking around picking up dog poo, before the game could commence we also had to have parents walk around the field looking for dog holes, which resulted in us having to fill half a dozen holes that could have easily resulted in a broken ankle - you just hope you haven't missed one. In addition to being a football player, coach and spectator I am also a dog owner, so I know there are numerous off-lead areas where one can walk their dogs, and there are also numerous (irregularly shaped) areas in South Hobart (e.g. near the rivulet and/or below Wellesley Oval for example) that could be fenced and converted to dog off-lead areas. There are, however, very few 'designated' football fields (and no opportunity to build new fields in Hobart), and certainly none to the standard of the AFL and cricket facilities in Hobart. The premier AFL and cricket facilities managed by Hobart City Council do not have to share their facilities with dogs (and I also note in neighbouring councils no sporting fields are designated as dog off-lead areas).</p> <p>Aside from the current situation being dangerous, it is incredibly unfair that football is not treated equal to ALF or cricket by the Hobart City Council despite having much higher number of registered participants. This situation has been allowed to fester too long and needs to be resolved.</p>
Individual	<p>I am a civil litigation lawyer and permitting dogs on a sports ground hosting top grade football is a civil action waiting to happen. HCC is on notice that dogs dig holes on the D'Arcy Street and it's only a matter of time before a player suffers a</p>

	severe foot injury. I urge HCC to disallow dogs on the ground. Regards Phil Harris
Individual	<p>"I recognise some sports operators feel that Hobart City Council differs from other councils in their approach to dog management at sports grounds. However, other councils are either newer or regionally located. This provides more space for separate dog parks by virtue of being less densely populated (regional) or due to modern urban planning practices (newer suburbs)</p> <p>Hobart is older and is more densely populated and constrained by bushland and water boundaries. Travel to alternative locations increases unnecessary traffic congestion. All of these factors combine to necessitate the use of multi-purpose facilities such as the South Hobart Community Oval in Washington St."</p>
Individual	More fully fenced dog parks, such as near nut grove at lower sandy bay. These are treasured areas to the community
Org	<p>The Hobart Dog Walking Association (HDWA) Inc values areas where we can exercise our dogs. This was conveyed in the City of Hobart's recent promotion of voting for popular parks campaign. We were happy to participate in the media campaign and spoke positively about the City of Hobart's parks, tracks and trails. We appreciate these places and walking opportunities.</p> <p>We are largely satisfied with City of Hobart Dog Policy and were pleased that when the policy was reviewed over five years ago we gained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on-lead dog walking on Radfords Track, Mt Wellington/kunanyi</li> <li>• some extra off-lead time at Nutgrove Beach, Sandy Bay</li> <li>• a small grass area outside Mathers Place, Hobart. While this is a small space, it is important for the Pets in the Park program where veterinary care is provided to the dogs of homeless people.</li> </ul> <p>If more public land becomes available we would welcome the opportunity for more dog off-leash and on-lead exercise areas.</p> <p>We would like to take this opportunity to ask about provision of off-lead space for greyhounds. This could be shared and time allocation has been suggested by one member. We would not like to lose any space for dogs that are not greyhounds.</p> <p>Improved community education and enforcement could possibly be considered in this Dog Policy Review.</p> <p>We would appreciate it if the Hobart City Council could ignore the concerted campaign by the South Hobart Football Club (SHFC) of maligning South Hobart dog owners, and dog owners from neighbouring suburbs, who exercise their dogs at South Hobart Recreation Ground (Oval), corner Washington and Wentworth Streets, and Wellesley Park.</p> <p>Many SHFC members do not reside in South Hobart, including the president Victoria Morton, of North Hobart. The many responsible South Hobart dog owners are sick of the false and exaggerated exaggerated claims by the SHFC.</p>

	<p>South Hobart people are very community-minded, care about their community and deserve more respect.</p> <p>Dog exercise opportunities are limited in South Hobart. The South Hobart dog owning community need the South Hobart Recreation Ground (Oval) and Wellesley Park. The Hobart Rivulet off-lead area and Cascade Gardens are appreciated.</p>
Org	<p>As a player and even as a coach it happened several times that I ended up coming off the football ground with dog poo on my shoes or even t-shirt and shorts by sliding along the grass. That is not only disgusting and unhygienic it is also disrespectful from the dog owners towards all the people and kids from the club who try to keep Darcy street ground and surrounding clean and comfortable to play on. Unfortunately we did have some injured players who stepped into holes dug by dogs but luckily it didn't turn out to be major injuries. The fact that a lot of other sports ground around Hobart don't allow dogs on their ground makes me wonder why it's still allowed at Darcy street. I believe that there are enough grounds and places around South Hobart where dog owners can take their dogs without disturbing all the people and leaving a mess behind at Darcy street.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Org	<p>NHJFC - HCC Dog policy submission</p> <p>North Hobart Junior Football Club support the continuation of the 2019-23 Dog Management policy. We support the continuation of dog prohibition when sports are played and John Turnbull park &amp; oval remaining an on-lead area.</p> <p>We'd recommend clarifying the dog prohibition (section 5.1) so that it applies to any playing area or sportsground where sport is being played or a training session is being conducted.</p> <p>We note that on occasions dog owners aren't aware or don't abide by the declared areas prohibition and/or on lead requirements. To support implementation of the policy it would help to ensure there is adequate signage to advise dog owners where declared areas are. For example, several of our junior teams train and/or play at John Turnbull Oval. John Turnbull Park and John Turnbull Oval are on lead areas and the adjacent John Turnbull Dog Park is an off lead area. Signage clarifying the oval is an on lead area and prohibited area while sport is being played or training being conducted would help dog owners and other users enjoy facilities.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>
Org	<p>The key for the SHPA (Inc.) is to maintain [D'Arcy Street Recreation Ground] for the use of all members of the community. Any plan that seeks to limit access would need to have a strong rationale, with equally strong evidence to support that. One concern is that the number of representations be used as any kind of factor in determining outcomes – it is relatively easy to produce a large number of responses targeting a course of action. That does not mean the action is right – and nor does it even indicate majority support.”</p>

	<p>With regard to access to the Ground, we welcome the priority given in the review to managing and resolving the conflict between different users, and in particular the football club and dog walkers.</p> <p>It is noted that the <i>South Hobart Football Club</i> is a major user of the site ... [between Feb – Sept the Ground is booked 400hrs (approx. 12 hours per week)]. On the other hand, it is well-known that the Ground is also used extensively by members of the community, including dog walkers seeking a suitable off lead area. With a significant proportion of the community owning a dog – some 50% according to surveys elsewhere – and we know that their use is <b>year-round.</b>"</p> <p>This applies also to <i>Wellesley Park</i>. The Ground is used by the <i>South Hobart Football Club</i> and a private business for some of the time, and dogs do not, of course, have access at these times and dates. For the rest of the time, though, the Ground is used extensively by people and their dogs – often sharing the space with other families enjoying the facility. Many people come from other areas of Hobart to take advantage of the opportunity to exercise their dogs in a safe, contained environment. (The Association recognises, incidentally, that this area is usually well covered in faeces – from native animals, such as wallabies and paddymelons – but members rarely encounter any dog droppings either here or at the <i>D'Arcy Street Recreation Ground</i>. The great majority of dog-owners are reliable in picking up after their dog.)</p> <p>Any change to access to sports grounds would presumably be applied to all such facilities, so there needs, in any case, to be full consideration and consultation before amending the policy in any significant way.</p>
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## **DRAFT Dog Management Policy**

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## 1. Introduction

Hobart, Tasmania's capital city, is one of the most attractive cities in Australia. Mt Wellington / kunanyi provides a striking backdrop to the west of the city, with the mighty Derwent River providing the eastern boundary. These stunning features have resulted in the city stretching right along the bank of the river and into the low foothills.

This closeness to the natural environment means that residents and visitors have access to the foreshore, bushland areas and developed urban spaces all within striking distance of the city centre.

The City of Hobart provides a major role in the planning, development and management of the urban and natural areas of the City. This includes the management of dogs. The municipal area includes over 23,000 households, 50 sports fields and facilities, 130 urban parks and reserves, 4,600 hectares of bushland reserves that boast 250 kilometres of tracks and trails, as well as 440 kilometres of footpaths. The majority of trails and footpaths are accessible by dogs on a lead, and provide a wonderful opportunity to explore Hobart with your canine companion.

The City's Animal Management Unit has responsibility for providing animal management and services within the municipal area, and dog control is a key role. The Unit also co-ordinates with external animal welfare providers to offer a pound facility.

## 2. Principles and Objectives

This management policy ensures that the City of Hobart complies with the *Dog Control Act 2000* which requires councils to create a code for dog management in their municipal area.

Under the act, the policy must include

- A code relating to the responsible ownership of dogs
- The provision of declared areas
- A fee structure, and
- Any other relevant matter

The City of Hobart must review the management strategy at least every five years, and this process must include community consultations. The City is committed to ensuring all voices in the community are heard; both those of dog owners and non-dog owners.

This policy was reviewed in 2024 and the City is grateful to the members of the community and organisations who took the time to provide feedback.

Dogs contribute enormously to the wellbeing of many Hobart residents, and the City is committed to ensuring that the appropriate infrastructure and guidelines are in place so that our canine companions can enjoy our beautiful city.

The City also acknowledges that dog ownership places significant responsibility on the City, and on owners themselves to ensure that dogs do not become a nuisance, pose a danger to the community or damage the environment.

The City is committed to ensuring the needs of all residents are met, and this management plan helps to ensure that dogs, their owners and other residents can live in a safe and peaceful community.

The City will continuously collect data to assess the rates of dog ownership in the council area and the effectiveness of this management policy.

### 3. Code of Dog Ownership

The Code for Responsible Dog Ownership has been developed to help dog owners or prospective dog owners to understand the importance of being a responsible owner and to encourage more responsible behaviour by dog owners.

Whilst this code is voluntary it outlines best practices to achieve a caring and responsible environment for dogs and their owners with the aim of minimising neighbourhood inconveniences, animal welfare concerns and the destruction of wildlife and its habitat.

Responsible dog ownership means accepting full responsibility for your dog's needs and the standards set in relation to dog management within our community.

#### 3.1 Council's Responsibilities

The City seeks to promote responsible dog ownership within Hobart, ensure adequate facilities for dog owners, and reduce the negative impacts caused by dogs.

As a City, we will:

- Promote and educate members of the community about responsible dog ownership
- Provide a broad range of experiences for people with dogs
- Respond to complaints about dogs in the community
- Maintain and develop areas where dogs can exercise and socialise
- Patrol the municipality

#### 3.2 Owner's Responsibilities

The privilege of owning and enjoying the companionship of a dog carries responsibilities of care for the animal, and respect for your neighbour and the local community.

The following guide is designed to help you decide whether dog ownership is right for you, what type of dog you wish to buy, and then how to ensure your dog is a healthy and happy member of your family and the Hobart community.

Before you buy a dog, there are a few things to think about:

- Is your home and yard big enough for a dog?
- Do you have a secure yard or do you need to improve or install fencing?
- Are you able to meet any costs for its care including food, toys and veterinary care?
- Is your chosen dog of the appropriate size and temperament to suit your individual circumstances? Think about the people who may come into contact with your dog such as children or vulnerable people
- Do you have the time to exercise and train a dog?

Once you've decided to bring a dog into your home, you have the responsibility of keeping them healthy and happy. This means:

- Getting your dog vaccinated and microchipped
- Consider de-sexing your dog. The City strongly encourages you to do this by offering a discounted registration fee for de-sexed dogs.
- Taking your dog to see a veterinarian regularly
- Training and exercising your dog

- Keeping your dog in a secure, clean location
- Giving your dog access to food, clean water, and comfortable shelter
- Spending time with your dog; they are social animals who need companionship and affection

It is also crucial that you take steps so that your dog doesn't cause a nuisance and is compliant with Council regulations and the *Dog Control Act 2000*:

- Ensure your dog is registered once it turns 6 months old and wears a sturdy collar with its registration tag attached at all times
- Keep your dog under effective control when out in public. Your dog must always be on a lead unless in a declared off-lead area.
- Clean up any dog faeces in a public place and on private property immediately
- Prevent the dog from going into a prohibited area (see section 9 for a list of prohibited areas)
- If you own more than two dogs, you need to apply for a kennel licence (see section 4.1)
- Prevent your dog from barking at, chasing or threatening people, other animals or vehicles.

### 3.3 Reporting and Managing Nuisance Behaviours

The City's Animal Management Unit rely on members of the community reporting incidents and nuisance behaviours so ensure that we can work with dog owners to ensure a safe and happy community.

If you have any concerns or something to report, please don't hesitate to contact us:

- email: [coh@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:coh@hobartcity.com.au)
- telephone: 03 6238 2711
- in writing: to the CEO, City of Hobart, GPO Box 503, Hobart 7001
- in person: Customer Service Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

#### 3.3.1 Roaming Dogs

Dog owners may be fined if their dogs roam the streets on their own.

If you find a dog roaming your street, please report it immediately to the City,

If it is safe for you to do so, we recommend you capture the dog and keep it securely on your premises until one of our rangers can collect it or it can be returned to its owner.

#### 3.3.2 Dog Attacks

If a dog attacks or chases any person or animal the owner of the dog is guilty of an offence.

If you have been involved in an incident with an aggressive dog please let us know by:

- Completing and submitting the Dog attack investigation request (available on the City of Hobart website).
- By email to [coh@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:coh@hobartcity.com.au)
- By telephone: 03 6238 2711

- In writing: to the CEO, City of Hobart, GPO Box 503, Hobart 7001
- In person: Customer Service Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

### 3.3.3 Barking

All dogs bark as it is their main form of communication, but if you believe it is happening more often and more loudly than is reasonable, our officers may be able to assist. In some cases the owner may not realise that the barking is causing a problem, particularly if it is happening when they are not home.

If you have a problem with a barking dog in your area you can complete and submit the Dog barking investigation request which can be found on the City of Hobart Website or alternatively contact us:

- By email to [coh@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:coh@hobartcity.com.au)
- By telephone: 03 6238 2711
- In writing: to the CEO, City of Hobart, GPO Box 503, Hobart 7001
- In person: Customer Service Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

Once we receive a request there are two stages involved in dealing with barking problems.

#### Stage 1

A letter is sent to the dog owner stating when the barking is occurring, providing them with advice and measures to reduce the dogs barking, the legal responsibilities of dog owners and the penalties involved for continued barking.

#### Stage 2

If there has been no improvement, the complainant can submit Dog Barking Formal Investigation Request (which can be found on the City of Hobart website). This attracts a fee determined by the Council annually in accordance with its fees and charges process, which is refunded if the matter is proven. Once this request is received, we will conduct an investigation and decide if formal action is required for nuisance barking.

Barking dog complaints are often protracted and difficult to resolve.

#### Advice for managing barking

Dogs bark to communicate with each other, and this may become a nuisance behaviour if it is frequent or sustained. More frequent barking is often caused by dog feeling lonely, bored or distressed. If your dog is barking, we recommend you take the following steps to try and manage it;

- Take your dog for more regular walks
- Enrol your dog in obedience training, or have a look at some videos online and give it a go at home. This provides mental stimulation that is very important for dogs
- Block the ability of your dog to see people moving past a boundary fence if that triggers the barking
- Ensure your dog is left with adequate food and water when alone, as well as a few toys to play with
- Consider enrolling your dog in day-boarding if they struggle with separation anxiety
- Purchase an anti-barking collar
- Seek professional advice from a veterinarian or a dog trainer

#### 4. Fees

All fees payable under the *Dog Control Act 2000*, including registering your dog and applying for a kennel licence, are set annually by the City of Hobart.

Once a dog is six months old it must be registered by a person over 18 years of age. If a dog belongs to a child, the registration must be in the name of a parent or guardian.

The registration period is between 1 July and 30 June each year. Renewal notices will be issued prior to the expiration of your dog's registration. Please ensure that you promptly pay the renewal fee and update any incorrect details to ensure that your dog remains registered and the records accurate. Failure to pay the registration fee means that your dog is not registered and you may be issued with a fine. The City will send you a registration reminder, however, it is your responsibility to renew your dog's registration.

For new dog registrations you can complete and submit the Dog registration application online. Once we receive your application one of our officers will contact you to arrange for the payment of the registration fee. Your dog's registration tag will then be posted to you.

Alternatively you can print the Dog registration application from the City of Hobart website and submit with payment in one of the following ways:

- by mail: GPO Box 503, Hobart, 7001
- in person: Customer Service Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

#### Fee Structure

The fee for registration is set annually by the Council in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

A standard annual fee is set for non-desexed dogs. Higher fees apply to dogs that are;

- Declared dangerous
- Guard dogs
- Restricted breeds

Lower fees apply to dogs that are;

- De-sexed\*
- Greyhounds registered with Greyhound Racing Tasmania
- Working dogs\*\*
- ~~Pure Bred dogs registered with the Dogs Tasmania~~

It is free to register Guide Dogs.

Pensioners receive a discount on dog registration.

\* Please note that owners must provide evidence to the City of sterilisation in the form of a vet certificate.

\*\*Owners of working dogs must provide evidence ~~that they are used for business purposes, such as farming. e dog meets the definition of a working dog in the Act.~~

If your dog moves out of the municipal area or in the unfortunate circumstances of your dog's death, you are required to notify the City in writing. This can be done using our

Change of Circumstances for dog registration form available on our website or by writing to Council:

- By email to: coh@hobartcity.com.au
- in writing: to the CEO, City of Hobart, GPO Box 503, Hobart 700

The following refund will be available:

- A full refund if notified between July and September
- A 50% refund if notified between October and December;
- No refund is notified between January and June.

If you have moved to the City from another municipal area and provide evidence of your dog's registration from your previous council for the current financial year, no registration is payable for the balance of that financial year. You will be required to purchase a City of Hobart dog registration tag.

#### **4.1 Kennel Licences**

If you want to keep more than two dogs over the age of six months on your property (or four dogs in the case of working dogs) you must submit an application for a kennel licence.

A new kennel licence costs \$240 and a renewal (which is renewed at the same time each year as your dog registration) costs \$80.

##### **How do I apply for a licence?**

###### **Step 1: Contact us**

If you are thinking of having more than two dogs on your property and haven't spoken to us we encourage you to do so. This will allow us to answer any questions you may have and go through the application process with you. You can contact our Animal Management team on 03 6238 2182 during business hours Monday - Friday.

###### **Step 2: Advertise your intention to apply for a licence**

You will need to advertise your notice of intent to apply for a licence in the Mercury newspaper (there is no specific day that it is required to be shown). To make sure the required information is included in the advert please refer to the Notice of intention to apply for a kennel licence template which can be found on the City of Hobart website. This can be printed off and completed. Please note the cost to place the advertisement payable to the Mercury is in addition to the licence application fee.

Any person who lives within 200 metres of the property may submit a written objection to the City of Hobart within 14 days of the Mercury advertisement.

###### **Step 3: Submit your application**

You can now complete and submit the kennel licence application. You will need to attach a copy of the Mercury advertisement. Once we receive your application one of our officers will contact you about payment of the licence fee.

Alternatively you can print the form available through the City of Hobart website and submit in one of the following ways:

- email: coh@hobartcity.com.au

- post: GPO Box 503, Hobart City Council
- in person: 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart (corner of Davey Street)

### What happens next?

After we receive your application and payment of the licence fee, we will arrange to visit your property to assess the suitability of the premises, including the yard size, fencing, shelter, bedding, and health of the dogs.

We cannot consider your application until 28 days after the 'Notice of Intention' has been published, in accordance with the Dog Control Act 2000. This means the application process will generally take approximately one month.

When assessing whether or not to grant a kennel licence, the following factors will be taken into account:

- The proximity of shelter to a fence or boundary.
- The size of the area where you propose to keep the dogs.
  - The area must be fully secure and large enough for all of the dogs to be able to roam freely.
  - The area must be safe for dogs, and this includes being cleared of any hazardous materials (such as barbed wire) and chemicals.
- That there is adequate ventilation and insulation in any indoor spaces where the dogs will be kept.
- That there is a strategy for managing faeces and other waste, including the provision of appropriate equipment as required.
- Whether having three or more dogs at that property is likely to cause a nuisance.
- The breed of the dogs you propose to acquire.
- That there are adequate provisions for the welfare, health and control of all the dogs kept at the property.

## 5. Out and About with Your Dog

Throughout the City, there are a range of spaces where you can exercise your dogs both on and off lead.

To support dog owners and increase the amenity for all users, the City has installed dog tidy dispensers in its parks, reserves and bushland.

### 5.1 Prohibited areas

There are some areas under s28 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* where dogs are prohibited from entering:

- Grounds of a school, kindergarten, crèche or other place for the reception of children without prior permission of the individual in charge
- Any shopping centre or shop
- A public swimming pool, or any playing area or sportsground where sport is being played
- Within 10 metres of a children's playground

The exemptions to this are:

- Guide Dogs and Assistance dogs may enter any premises



- Pet or pet-grooming stores
- Veterinary premises
- Other premises related to the care of dogs

## 5.2 Dog recreation and exercise areas

The City of Hobart provides many locations to exercise your dog both on- and off-lead.

Regular exercise may reduce nuisance behaviour such as uncontrolled barking and digging, as it helps relieve boredom and release pent-up energy.

There are **off-lead**, **on-lead** and **restricted areas** (either time restricted or, in the case of sports fields, activity restricted) dog exercise areas within Hobart.

There are also areas where dogs are not allowed and you may be fined if you walk your dog in those areas or allow a dog off the lead in an on-lead area.

## 5.3 Managing your dog's behaviour while out and about

It is crucial that when you are out in public that your dog is always kept under effective control. This means that the dog is not being aggressive, and is responding to your commands. Dogs must be in control of someone strong enough, so it is important you closely supervise children who are walking or playing with dogs. When your dog is happy and relaxed, they are less likely to cause a nuisance or pose a danger to other dogs and people.

The best way to ensure your dog is happy and calm in public is to ensure they start by having lots of safe, on-lead exposure. Keeping your dog on lead even in off-lead areas allows you to exercise more control until the dog can learn appropriate behaviours.

Remember that not everyone feels comfortable with dogs.

## 5.4 Walking your dog

There are certain things that you need to remember when walking your dog that are set out in the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

- When in a designated off-lead area, dogs must remain under effective control of the person in charge of the dog at all times.
- If your dog poos in a public place you are required to pick up after it. The City provides dog tidy bags in the majority of its parks to dispose of your dog's droppings, so please use them. You should also always carry your own plastic bags.
- Dogs must remain on lead at all times when on a road or road-related area such as footpaths and nature strips.
- Restricted breeds and dogs declared dangerous are still subject to conditions in an off-lead exercise area.
- You are not permitted to walk more than two dogs at a time on a footpath.
- Greyhounds must be muzzled at all times when in a public place.

## 6 Captured Animals

If officers become aware of a stray dog whilst on patrol or being alerted by a complaint to City, they will attend the scene and capture the dog.

Once a dog has been captured, it will be checked for a microchip. If the dog has a microchip, then the owners will be contacted and alerted that their dog has been captured. The officers at their discretion may return the dog to the premises, or take the dog to the Dogs Home of Tasmania (DHOT) for collection.

Once the dog has been taken to the DHOT, owners have **five days** to go and collect the dog. If the dog has not been collected within five days, it will become the property of the City and the DHOT will then have the right to re-home the dog. If you wish to go and collect them after more than five days, you will have to go through the formal adoption process with the DHOT.

When collecting your dog from the DHOT, you will be required to pay an impounding fee, and a maintenance fee each day the dog spent in care, which covers the daily care of the dog.

The dog will not be released until the City's registration fee has been paid.

## 7 Dangerous dogs

The City makes public safety very seriously, and any incidents involving a dog will be quickly and thoroughly investigated. If a dog has been found to cause serious injury, or demonstrates that it is likely to do so, the General Manager can declare the dog to be a dangerous dog.

Restricted breeds and guard dogs are by default treated as dangerous dogs.

If you have any questions about Dangerous Dogs, please contact the City's Animal Management Unit before taking any further action.

### 7.1 Declaring Dogs Dangerous

The General Manager of City of Hobart has the power to declare a dog dangerous.

If you disagree with this declaration, you can lodge an appeal of this decision in the Magistrates Court within 14 days of being informed of the General Manager's declaration.

### 7.2 Requirements for owning a Dangerous Dog

If you own a dangerous dog, you must ensure your premises and dog meets the requirements of the *Dog Control Act 2000*. You cannot keep more than two (2) dangerous dogs on your property at any one time.

Dangerous dogs must:

- Be de-sexed and micro-chipped; and
- Wear an approved collar advising that it is a dangerous dog at all times; and
- Be muzzled when in a public area, and never be let off lead even in an off-lead area; and
- Be kept in an approved enclosure when on private property.

The enclosure must:

- Be childproof, with a self-closing and latching gate; and
- Have a minimum height and width of 1.8m; and
- each dog must have an area of 10 square metres; and
- Have solid or sturdy mesh walls, roof and gate; and
- Have a sealed concrete floor with adequate drainage; and
- Have a sleeping area for the dog out of the elements; and
- Be on a part of the property that does not have to be walked through to access any other part of the property.

Warning signs must also be placed on the perimeter of the property.

If you are unable to comply with these requirements, you must surrender the dangerous dog(s) to the City.

### **7.3 Restricted Breeds**

Restricted breeds in Tasmania are:

- Dogo Argentino;
- Fila Brasileiro;
- Japanese Tosa;
- American pit bull terrier or pit bull terrier;
- Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario;
- Any other breed, kind or description of dog whose importation into Australia is prohibited by or under the Customs Act 1901 of the Commonwealth.

### **7.4 Transferring the ownership of a dangerous dog**

If you own a dangerous dog, you cannot give or sell your dog to a new owner unless you have sought prior permission from City by writing to the General Manager. The General Manager can refuse to give permission, and you can appeal this decision in the Magistrates Court.

## **8. Management Action Plan**

The City of Hobart is committed to enforcing and developing animal management in Hobart to ensure a safe and happy community for all residents and their pets.

This management action plan outlines what the City will do to ensure this goal is met.

### **8.1 Ensuring registration**

The City will continue to ensure all dogs living in the municipal area are registered through issuing reminder notices prior to the annual registration period.

The City will also conduct patrols of the municipal area to identify dogs that are not registered, and serve notice on their owners to register their dogs.

### **8.2 Public Education and promotion**

Officers work closely with the community to promote responsible dog ownership by providing guidance and support to dog owners. Officers enjoy the opportunity to educate dog owners on how to best care for their dogs, and ensure they do not cause a nuisance. By fostering a positive relationship with dog owners, officers help to create a safer environment for

residents and their dogs while encouraging responsible behaviours that benefit the community.

### 8.3 Consultation and Community Partnerships

The City is committed to community engagement, and this is reflected in the broad public consultation conducted to review this Dog Management Policy.

Between consultation periods, the City endeavours to be open to feedback from all members of the community. The Animal Management Unit are accessible and encourage individuals to make reports, complaints and provide information about dogs throughout the municipal area.

### 8.4 Environmental Protection

The interaction of wildlife with domestic dogs is poorly documented, despite anecdotal evidence of native animals attacked by dogs, particularly in peri-urban natural areas. Research highlights the vulnerability of small native mammal fauna such as bandicoots (including the federally listed Eastern Barred Bandicoot *Perameles gunnii*), at high risk of predation from the combined impact of cats and dogs.

The City of Hobart has completed an assessment of the biodiversity values within its bushland reserves to identify sites where these vulnerable species occur and are at risk to this predation disturbance. This assessment has identified the importance of Knocklofty Reserve, Queens Domain and Waterworks Reserve and Ridgeway Park as containing very high biodiversity value where conservation actions will be prioritised to protect, preserve and improve the City's biodiversity.

The City continues to review signage and seeks to promote awareness of these issues to dog owners and enforce dog walking provisions. Together with monitoring the health of fauna populations in these areas, the City will work with dog owners to determine if existing dog exercise areas can co-exist with maintaining biodiversity values and, if not, examine alternate locations for dog exercise.

It is crucial that as a dog owner, you do not let your dog chase and hunt other animals. It may encourage predatory behaviour and causes significant environmental damage.

The Act was amended in 2019 to introduce new offences and penalties where a dog injures or kills wildlife that is declared as 'sensitive wildlife' in an area that is declared as a 'sensitive area' and for allowing a dog to be in a prohibited area that contains sensitive habitat for native wildlife.

### 8.5 Patrols and Enforcement

Patrols are undertaken by the City's Animal Management Officers throughout the municipal area to ensure compliance.

Particular areas of focus are:

- dogs in designated prohibited areas
- dogs off-lead in on-lead only areas
- dogs at large
- unregistered dogs

## 9. Declared Areas

### DOG CONTROL ACT 2000

#### 28. Prohibited public areas

##### (1) A person must not take a dog into –

- (a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, creche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place; or
- (b) any shopping centre or any shop; or
- (c) the grounds of a public swimming pool; or
- (d) any playing area of a sportsground on which sport is being played; or
- (e) any area within 10 metres of a children's playground.

### PROHIBITED AREAS

- All areas that provide sensitive habitat for wildlife other than on-lead on managed tracks and trails or off-lead areas where designated, and
  - o Beaumaris Zoo
  - o Blinking Billy Beach, extending from frontage adjacent to 676A Sandy Bay Road to frontage adjacent to 712 Sandy Bay Road
  - o Cornelian Bay – from the restaurant to the boat sheds including the playground except on formed track
  - o Cartwright Point Reserve, Sandy Bay – area above Sandy Bay Road
  - o Derwentwater Reserve (aka Lords Beach)
  - o New Town Bay Reserve – wetlands
  - o Red Chapel Beach, Sandy Bay
  - o Skyline Reserve – area off 27 Brinsmead Road, Mt Nelson
  - o Ten metres (10 m) from any creek or rivulet edge except on formal tracks and trails.

### RESTRICTED AT ALL TIMES

- All bushland reserves other than on-lead on managed tracks and trails or off-lead areas where designated.
- Battery area at Alexander Battery
- Cenotaph and Surrounds within 50m of the monument  
Derwentwater Reserve (aka Lords Beach)
- Elizabeth Mall, Elizabeth Street (between Collins and Liverpool Streets)
- Farm Gate Market during market hours
- Intercity cycleway - Regatta Grounds to municipal boundary
- John Doggett Park, West Hobart
- Long Beach, Sandy Bay
- Marieville Esplanade – grassed area between the entrance to the boat sheds and the Royal Hobart Yacht Club
- Mawson Place – whilst events are being held
- McRobies Road Gully – ten metre (10 m) exclusion zone around the perimeter of the waste management site
- North Hobart Skate Park
- Regatta Grounds when being used for a community activity
- Reids Track (Wellington Park)
- Salamanca Market and Salamanca Square during market hours of 5.30am and 3.00pm
- Soldiers Memorial Community Hub
- Sportsgrounds and surrounds when sport is being played or activities being undertaken
- Sportsgrounds and surrounds when being used by a school

- Sportsgrounds and surrounds when maintenance is being undertaken
- Sports facilities:
  - North Hobart,
  - New Town,
  - TCA,
  - Queenborough oval and surrounds,
  - New Town Netball Centre,
  - Donne Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre and surrounds, and
  - Domain Athletics Centre
- Waterworks Reserve – due to TasWater operations and sensitive wildlife habitat
- Wellington Court including the Bank Arcade
- Any area of Wellington Park with the exception of approved walking tracks, roads and vehicular tracks in the Recreation Zone (defined as the lower eastern foothills of kunanyi/Mount Wellington, below Pinnacle Road from The Springs to the Old Hobartians Track), but not including: except for the following tracks or zones which are prohibited:
  - ~~The Silver Falls Track (from the Pipeline Track to Middle Track);~~
  - ~~North South Track (Shoobridge bend to Old Hobartians Track);~~
  - ~~Lost World Track;~~
  - ~~The Springs Zone (unless making a connection to approved tracks and trails);~~
  - and
  - ~~The Pinnacle Zone (unless the dog is confined within a vehicle). Above Pinnacle Road above The Springs (including the Upper Springs Car Park)~~
  - Crosscut Track
  - Drops Track
  - Exhibition Gardens loop, lower Springs
  - Freewheel'n Track
  - Lost World Track;
  - North South Track between The Springs and Old Hobartians Track
  - Old Farm Track
  - Pinnacle Road above New Town rivulet (just below Big Bend)
  - Pipeline Track beyond the Neika/Morphetts Road access road
  - Pitfall Track
  - Reids Track (Radfords and Silver Falls Track)
  - The Pinnacle Zone (unless the dog is confined within a vehicle).
  - The Silver Falls Track (f between Silver Falls and the Pipeline Track)
  - The Springs Zone (unless making a connection to approved tracks and trails);

#### OFF-LEAD EXERCISE AREAS

- Alexandra Battery, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay – Alexandra Battery except the Battery, the lookout and the car park
- Blinking Billy Point Reserve, Sandy Bay
- Cartwright Point Reserve, Sandy Bay – area below Sandy Bay Road
- Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay – open space adjoining Churchill Avenue
- Cornelian Bay – the foreshore car park to Cornelian Bay Point
- John Turnbull Dog Park, Lenah Valley
- Kalang Avenue Reserve, Lenah Valley
- MacFarlane Street, South Hobart – public open space over footbridge alongside the Hobart Rivulet (linear park track on-lead). Entry off Tara or MacFarlane Streets
- Queens Domain – The Wireless Station (area bounded by the Summit Loop Road) and mowed area to the east of the summit loop road, and the area between the Doone Kenndy Hobart Aquatic Centre and the Domain Tennis Centre.

- Rangeview Crescent Reserve, Lenah Valley
- Regatta Grounds except when being used for a community activity
- Ridgeway – old recreation oval (track to oval on-lead)
- Ross Patent Slip, Battery Point – grassed area off Napoleon Street
- Short Beach and Errol Flynn Reserve, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay
- ~~Skyline Reserve – area off 27 Brinsmead Road, Mt Nelson~~
- Sports ~~grounds-fields~~ when sport is not being played or activities undertaken
- Surrounds of sports ~~ground-fields~~ except where prohibited or when sport is being played
- Wellesley Park, South Hobart – area below the sports ~~grounds field~~

#### ON-LEAD EXERCISE AREAS

- All road pathways and road related areas within the municipal area
- Dogs can only be exercised on-lead on managed tracks and trails, and grassed areas in all Council parks, reserves and bushland areas where indicated.
- Ancanthe Gardens, Lenah Valley
- Bridge of Remembrance
- Franklin Square
- Mathers Place
- New Town Bay Reserve
- Nutgrove Beach between western entrance (adjacent to Lipscombe Avenue) and access on eastern Side of Nutgrove Park
- John Turnbull Park and John Turnbull Oval
- Salamanca Lawns
- ~~Radfords Track (Wellington Park)~~
- St Davids Park
- ~~Wellington Park – unless otherwise sign posted or notified, exercise of dogs on-lead is permitted on approved walking tracks, roads and vehicular tracks in the Recreation Zone (defined as the lower eastern foothills of kunanyi/Mount Wellington, below Pinnacle Road from the Springs to the Old Hobartians Track), but not including:~~
  - ~~The Silver Falls Track (from the Pipeline Track to Middle Track);~~
  - ~~North-South Track (Shoobridge bend to Old Hobartians Track);~~
  - ~~Lost World Track;~~
  - ~~The Springs Zone (if making a connection to other approved tracks and trails);~~

~~and~~
- The Pinnacle Zone (if the dog is confined within a vehicle) those tracks or roads declared as prohibited
- The Pipeline Track (between Fern Tree and the municipal boundary) Note: the Pipeline Track extends into the Kingborough municipality

#### RESTRICTED AREAS

##### Parks

- Princes Park
- Cascade Gardens
- Fitzroy Gardens
- ~~Sundry Park~~
- Benjafeld Terrace

Dogs are permitted off-lead from 7.00pm to 9.00am ~~during daylight savings time~~ October - April and between 3.00pm and 9.00am ~~at all other times~~ May - September

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 9.00am and 7.00pm during ~~daylight savings time~~  
~~October-April~~ and between 9.00am and 3.00pm ~~at all other times.~~ ~~May – September.~~

- ~~Soundy Park~~

~~Dogs are permitted off-lead from between 3.00pm and 9.00am.~~

~~Dogs are permitted on-lead between 9.00am and 3.00pm.~~

**Girrabong ~~Play Area~~ Reserve**

Dogs are permitted off-lead between 9.00am to 7:00pm.

Dogs are prohibited between 7:00pm to 9:00am.

**Beaches**

Dogs are permitted off-lead between 7.00pm and 10.00am ~~during daylight savings time~~  
~~October – April~~ and between 3.00pm and 10.00am ~~at all other times.~~ ~~May – September~~

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 10.00am and 7.00pm ~~during daylight savings time~~  
~~October – April~~ and between 10.00am and 3.00pm ~~at all other times.~~ ~~May- September~~

- Nutgrove Beach ~~(except for the area western entrance (adjacent to Lipscombe Avenue) and access on eastern Side of Nutgrove Park which is on-lead only at all times)~~

**Bushland**

Knocklofty Reserve – Tracks and trails in the area between Forest Road car park, Poets Road, Fielding Drive reservoir and the walking track to the west.

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 8.00pm and 6.00am ~~during daylight savings time~~ ~~October-April~~ and between 5.00pm and 7.00am ~~at all other times.~~ ~~May-September~~

Dogs are permitted off-lead between 6.00am and 8.00pm ~~during daylight savings time~~ ~~October-April~~ and between 7.00am and 5.00pm ~~at all other times.~~ ~~May-September~~

All other areas of Knocklofty Reserve are on-lead at all times.

**TRAINING AREAS**

- Soldiers Memorial Oval ~~(formally, the Domain Cross Roads Oval)~~ is declared as an off-lead dog training area during dog training hours



**REASONS FOR DECLARING AN AREA RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED****PROHIBITED AREAS**

- All areas that provide sensitive habitat for wildlife other than on-lead on managed tracks and trails or off-lead areas where designated, and
  - o Beaumaris Zoo
  - o Blinking Billy Beach, extending from frontage adjacent to 676A Sandy Bay Road to frontage adjacent to 712 Sandy Bay Road
  - o Cornelian Bay – from the restaurant to the boat sheds including the playground except on formed track
  - o Cartwright Point Reserve, Sandy Bay – area above Sandy Bay Road
  - o Derwentwater Reserve (aka Lords Beach)
  - o New Town Bay Reserve – wetlands
  - o Red Chapel Beach and Red Chapel Reserve, Sandy Bay
  - o Skyline Reserve – area off 27 Brinsmead Road, Mt Nelson
  - o Ten metres (10 m) from any creek or rivulet edge except on formal tracks and trails.

Areas provide sensitive habitat for wildlife

**RESTRICTED AT ALL TIMES**

- All bushland reserves other than on-lead on managed tracks and trails or off-lead areas where designated  
Restricting dogs from bushland areas, other than on-lead access on managed tracks or designated off-lead areas, is necessary to protect native ecosystems, preserve biodiversity, and reduce impacts to wildlife. These areas are often home to vulnerable flora and fauna that are highly sensitive to disturbance.
- Battery area at Alexander Battery  
To maintain the cultural heritage and structural integrity of the significant location
- Cenotaph within 50m of the monument  
Presence of dogs in the vicinity of the Cenotaph is inconsistent with the cultural, historical and symbolic significant of the memorial site and allowing dogs in the area could detract from the respect expected at the site with issues such as barking, urination and defecation perceived as disrespectful to the public memorial.
- Elizabeth Mall, Elizabeth Street (between Collins and Liverpool Streets)  
The mall is a high pedestrian environment with a range of persons and a number of food businesses and the presence of dogs has potential to cause safety and hygiene concerns.
- Farm Gate Market during market hours  
The Market and surrounds is a high pedestrian environment with a range of persons and food business and the presence of dogs has potential to cause safety and hygiene concerns
- Intercity cycleway - Regatta Grounds to municipal boundary  
Safety-driven measure to protect pedestrians and cyclists from potential collisions and injury arising from conflict between dogs and other users

- John Doggett Park, West Hobart  
Absence of fencing, combined with presence of skate bowl and play equipment creates a high-risk environment for conflict between dogs and families and young children.
- Long Beach, Sandy Bay  
Long Beach is heavily used by a range of persons and the presence of dogs has the potential to cause safety concerns and hygiene concerns. Dog owners have access to Nutgrove Beach which is in close proximity.
- Marieville Esplanade – grassed area between the entrance to the boat sheds and the Royal Hobart Yacht Club  
High activity zone used by a range of persons and presence of dog has potential to cause conflict with other users. Dog owners have access to alternative areas in close proximity.
- Mawson Place – whilst events are being held  
To ensure a safe, accessible and comfortable environment for attendees free from conflict from dogs
- McRobies Road Gully – ten metre (10 m) exclusion zone around the perimeter of the waste management site  
To protect dogs from harm from waste materials and heavy machinery used on site and to ensure dogs do not interfere or conflict with on-site procedures
- North Hobart Skate Park  
Safety-driven measure to protect users of the park from potential collisions and injury arising from conflict between dogs and other users
- Regatta Grounds when being used for a community activity  
To ensure a safe, accessible and comfortable environment for attendees free from conflict from dog
- Salamanca Market and Salamanca Square during market hours of 5.30am and 3.00pm  
The Market and surrounds is a high pedestrian environment with a range of persons and food business and the presence of dogs has potential to cause safety and hygiene concerns
- Soldiers Memorial Community Hub  
To ensure the health, safety and enjoyment of the community space for all users free from the conflict from dogs
- Sportsgrounds and surrounds when sport is being played or activities being undertaken  
To ensure the safety of players and spectators and prevent disruptions to the activity and conflict from dogs
- Sportsgrounds and surrounds when being used by a school  
To ensure safety, health and comfort of students free from conflict from dogs and to protect young children who may have allergies, fears or special needs.

- Sportsgrounds and surrounds when maintenance is being undertaken  
To ensure worker and dog's safety and prevent interference with equipment or works in progress
- Sports facilities:
  - Domain Athletics Centre  
To maintain a safe, hygienic and high quality environment for athletes, spectators and officials free from conflict from dogs
  - Donne Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre and surrounds  
To ensure a safe, hygienic and high quality environment for users of the Centre free from conflict from dogs
  - New Town Oval  
This ground has a turf wicket tables with significant maintenance requirements which necessitates protection from potential damage from dog. This surface damage would result in costly repairs and would render the field unfit for use for its primary function. The facility also has a velodrome cycle track and prohibition of dogs is a safety-driven measure to protect cyclists from potential collisions and injury arising from conflict between dogs and other users.
  - New Town Netball Centre  
To maintain a safe and hygienic environment for players, spectators and officials free from conflict from dogs
  - North Hobart Oval  
This ground has a high-quality sand-based surface with significant maintenance requirements which necessitates protection from potential damage from dogs. This surface damage would result in costly repairs and would render the field unfit for use for its primary function.
  - Queenborough oval and surrounds  
This grounds has a turf wicket tables with significant maintenance requirements which necessitates protection from potential damage from dogs. This surface damage would result in costly repairs and would render the field unfit for use for its primary function
  - TCA  
These grounds has a turf wicket tables with significant maintenance requirements which necessitates protection from potential damage from dogs. This surface damage would result in costly repairs and would render the field unfit for use for its primary function
- Waterworks Reserve  
Due to TasWater operations and sensitive wildlife habitat
- Wellington Court including the Bank Arcade  
The area is a high pedestrian environment with a range of persons and food businesses the presence of dogs has potential to cause safety and hygiene concerns
- Any area of Wellington Park with the exception of approved walking tracks, roads and vehicular tracks in the Recreation Zone (defined as the lower eastern foothills of kunanyi/Mount Wellington, below Pinnacle Road from The Springs to the Old Hobartians Track), except for the following tracks or zones which are prohibited:

- Above Pinnacle Road above The Springs (including the Upper Springs Car Park)
- Crosscut Track
- Drops Track
- Exhibition Gardens loop, lower Springs
- Freewheel'n Track
- Lost World Track;
- North South Track between The Springs and Old Hobartians Track
- Old Farm Track
- Pinnacle Road above New Town rivulet (just below Big Bend)
- Pipeline Track beyond the Neika/Morphetts Road access road
- Pitfall Track
- Reids Track (Radfords and Silver Falls Track)
- The Pinnacle Zone (unless the dog is confined within a vehicle).
- The Silver Falls Track (if between Silver Falls and the Pipeline Track)
- The Springs Zone (unless making a connection to approved tracks and trails).

Consistent with the requirements of the Wellington Park Management Trust

## RESTRICTED AREAS

### Parks

- Princes Park
- Cascade Gardens
- Fitzroy Gardens
- Benjafield Terrace

Dogs are permitted off-lead from 7.00pm to 9.00am October - April and between 3.00pm and 9.00am May - September

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 9.00am and 7.00pm during October-April and between 9.00am and 3.00pm May – September.

- Soundy Park

Dogs are permitted off-lead from between 3.00pm and 9.00am.

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Public spaces are shared by all members of the community. These restrictions aim to balance the needs of dog owners, nearby residents, and other park users. Time-based off-lead restrictions at Soundy Park (and other parks) help minimise conflicts during peak periods, particularly when the playground and open space are used by families, young children, and other vulnerable community members.

### Girrabong Reserve

Dogs are permitted off-lead between 9.00am to 7:00pm.

Dogs are prohibited between 7:00pm to 9:00am.

Public space enjoyed by all members of the community and the restrictions seeks to achieve a balance and compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours and other users of the park noting the close proximity to residences and limiting the impact of

dogs on nearby occupiers.

**Beaches**

Dogs are permitted off-lead between 7.00pm and 10.00am October – April and between 3.00pm and 10.00am May – September

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 10.00am and 7.00pm October – April and between 10.00am and 3.00pm May- September

- Nutgrove Beach(except for the area western entrance (adjacent to Lipscombe Avenue) and access on eastern Side of Nutgrove Park which is on-lead only at all times)

Public space enjoyed by all members of the community and these restrictions seek to achieve a balance and compatible relationship between dogs and dog owners and other users of the beach

**Bushland**

Knocklofty Reserve – Tracks and trails in the area between Forest Road car park, Poets Road, Fielding Drive reservoir and the walking track to the west.

Dogs are permitted on-lead between 8.00pm and 6.00am October-April and between 5.00pm and 7.00am May-September

Dogs are permitted off-lead between 6.00am and 8.00pm October-April and between 7.00am and 5.00pm May-September

All other areas of Knocklofty Reserve are on-lead at all times.

Requiring dogs to be on-lead during early morning and evening hours is necessary to reduce wildlife disturbance during key activity periods such as dawn and dusk, when native animals are most active. These measures support the protection of local wildlife while continuing to allow recreational use by dog owners.