



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 11 AUGUST 2025 AT 4:01PM



City of **HOBART**

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 11 August 2025 at 4.01pm in the Lady Osborne Room.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor G H Kitsos (Chairperson)
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Councillor J L Kelly
Councillor L M Elliot
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger

NOMINEE MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor W F Harvey
Councillor W N S Coats

PRESENT:

Councillor G H Kitsos (Chairperson)
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor W F Harvey
Councillor J L Kelly
Councillor L M Elliot
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor R J Posselt

APOLOGIES:

Councillor B Lohberger
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nil.

In accordance with clause 4.3 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed the Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds, and Councillor Harvey as members of the Committee.

In accordance with clause 5.3 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed Alderman Zucco as an appointed member of the Committee.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 4.01pm, returning at 4.03pm and was not present for item 1.

Councillor Elliot retired from the meeting at 5.32pm, during item 8.2.

Alderman Zucco retired from the meeting at 6.42pm, during item 10.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson opened the meeting and provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

HARVEY.

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 21 July 2025](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

The minutes were signed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Recommendation

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer.

No supplementary items were received.

4. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 10(8) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Elected Members are requested to indicate where they may have, or are likely to have, an interest in the agenda.

No interest was indicated.

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

A Committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 17(2) of the above regulations.

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

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

No items were transferred.

MOTION

REYNOLDS

That in accordance with the Regulation 10(5) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, item 8.1 be taken after item 6.2.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That item 8.1 be taken after item 6.2.

Delegation: Committee

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

6.1 Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Committee File Ref: F25/44747

POSSELT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note of minutes of the Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Committee of 27 May 2025, marked as Attachment A to item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Agenda of 11 August 2025.

Delegation: Committee

6.2 Place and Wellbeing Committee
File Ref: F25/55782

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the Place and Wellbeing Committee of 17 June 2025, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Agenda of 11 August 2025.

Delegation: Committee

Item 8.1 was then taken.

7. OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 Procurement Strategy Performance Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2025 File Ref: F25/49447

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The report 'Procurement Strategy Performance Report for the Period Ending 30 June 2025' be received, noted and made available from the City's website.
2. It be noted that the City of Hobart Procurement Strategy 2023-27 will be subject to a mid-term review during 2025-26.

Delegation: Committee

7.2 Revised City of Hobart Risk Management Framework
File Ref: F25/49459

REYNOLDS

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Council approve the revised City of Hobart Risk Management Framework referenced at Attachment A to item 7.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025.

Delegation: Committee

7.3 City Venues Policy
File Ref: F25/52466; 16/119

ELLIOT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.3 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Kelly
Elliot
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council adopt the City Venues Policy, marked as Attachment A to item 7.3 of the Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any minor amendments necessary to finalise the City of Hobart City Venues Policy and arrange for it to be made available from the City's website.

Delegation: Committee

7.4 Memorials Policy
File Ref: F25/52851; 16/119

ELLIOT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.6 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ELLIOT

That the matter be deferred for further consideration.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos

Posselt

Kelly

Elliot

Bloomfield

Lord Mayor Reynolds

Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the matter be deferred to a workshop for further consideration.

Delegation: Committee

8. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

The City of Hobart utilises the workshop forum as allowed under Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulation 2025 as a mechanism to receive information in relation to specific matters. In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee, any matter that is listed on the agenda for workshoping may not be subject to a Committee decision, other than a resolutions that the item be noted.

8.1 Trees for the Future Trust (Our City Canopy)

File Ref: F25/37378

The Chief Executive Officer presented the report '*Trees for the Future Trust (Our City Canopy)*' seeking feedback from the Council on the proposal that Council officers investigate and report back on the feasibility and implications for broadening the Trees for the Future Trust to a Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (or similar).

The Chief Executive Officer was joined by philanthropist, Mr Douglas Armati, who has significantly contributed to the '*Trees for the Future Trust (Our City Canopy)*' Project.

The Chief Executive Officer and Mr Armati reviewed and discussed the following key parts of the proposal:

- Updating the trust structure to enliven it and encourage increased donations which will in turn provide benefits to the Urban Tree Strategy.
- Broadening the scope of the trust beyond its current limited purpose of street trees, which would expand both the funding recipients and potential donors and in turn widen the involvement of the community.
- That changing the structure of the trust may result in 'Deductible Gift Recipient Status' which would make donations tax deductible and the trust more attractive for donors.
- The 'Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation' in Melbourne and how this could be a model for a successful charitable trust with a large amount of capital and prominent board members.
- Mr Armati advised that he was comfortable with the broadening of the scope of the trust, as long as the money he donates is used for increasing the City's tree canopy. He would like the financial structures to remain the same, such as the income generated from the trust being spent rather than the capital, as this will preserve the life of the trust. He would also like the investments made by the trust to not exceed 1% of the balance.
- That a trust of this type can include 'buckets' for the allocation of donations, allowing donors to make a choice about which projects their funds are used for.
- That the other beneficiary of the trust, currently Greening Australia, be reconsidered in favour of a local organisation.
- The structure of the Committee responsible for administering the trust, including broadening its membership beyond the proposed Council Officers to include prominent community members, with the aim of enhancing the trust's status.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that Elected Members could vote on the Committee structure administering the trust. It was noted that similar trusts have internal governance with no elected member involvement to the Committee.

8.2 2024 Christmas and New Year's Eve Debrief and 2025 Planning

File Ref: F25/22899

The Manager Creative City Director Community and Economic Development presented the '*2024 Christmas and New Year's Eve Debrief and 2025 Planning*'. The Manager Communications, Engagement and Marketing provided additional information regarding the communications.

The Manager Creative City Director Community shared that:

- The Christmas branding is reaching the end of its life. Community consultation has been undertaken to determine what the community wants in relation to the look and feel of branded items, (including planter boxes and event advertising).
- The feedback received from the community was strongly in favour of a traditional Christmas approach delivered in a contemporary way with a unique 'Hobart' feel.
- New branding and marketing for the City's events will be rolled out this year.
- The physical decorations are not scheduled for replacement for this Christmas, but the purchase of new decorations will be undertaken in the coming years.
- The movement of the Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant date due to a conflict with the Wiggles.

The Committee discussed:

- Commissioning new decorations and whether they could be locally made, durable and high impact.
- The life of the current main Christmas Tree and when/how it should be replaced.
- If the City could re-consider moving from providing some grant funding for a range of community events; to using those funds to back one big 'Hobart City Carols' event and the possibility of using the Regatta grounds to hold the event.
- The various recipients of Christmas Carol grants and if this is an effective use of funds for the success of the events.
- Working in a cohesive way with businesses in the City to enhance their decorating efforts rather than competing with them.
- Using live Christmas trees and the possibility of each suburb of Hobart having its own living tree to decorate.
- Closure of the waterfront through the period.

8.3 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy

File Ref: F25/58058

The Senior Transport Planner, Manager City Transport and Director Strategic and Regulatory Services informed the Committee about the objectives, structure and content of the draft EV Charging Policy.

The Senior Transport Planner outlined that:

- The Council is developing an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Policy in the context of its Climate Action Plan and Transport Strategy.
- Transport accounts for half of Hobart's community emissions, and four ways to reduce transport emissions have been identified, the first of these is Fuel Efficiency. A policy to support an effective and reliable electric vehicle network is a key part of this.
- A discovery phase was undertaken to understand the role Councils should have. It was found that most Councils that had an early stake as an owner of EV charging infrastructure have transitioned to an enabler/regulator role.
- Charge point operators are a growing industry of private businesses
- How to support EV owners who cannot charge at home but also identifies things to avoid such as blanket on street chargers and giving away free electricity.
- The policy defines the role of Council as the responsible authority rather than an owner/operator and aims to encourage developers and private landowners to install EV chargers.
- It works within the statutory requirements of current legislation (power cannot be run across property boundaries etc.), what the role of Charge Point Operators should be and where chargers should be located. It requires coordination internally within Council and with Tas Networks.
- The most common feedback Council receives from the public in this space is that Council could lead or support a pilot streetside charging program.
- There is a current procurement process underway for a private customer to take over the Council charger in Dunn place.
- The intent is that the EV Charging Policy will be going to the August 2025 Council meeting to seek Council approval.


The Committee Discussed:

- Charging Infrastructure Goals: The target number of EV chargers, examples of cities with desirable infrastructure levels, and whether a modern industry standard exists. The Senior Transport Planner confirmed that an industry standard is in place and that she could provide that information to the Council.
- Council's Role: Consideration was given to whether Council should act as a facilitator of EV technology or take ownership of the infrastructure.
- Dunn Place Tender: Interest in the tender for operating Council-

owned EV charging infrastructure was noted, including the potential for commercial operators to pay fees for use of land and parking spaces.

- TasNetworks Mapping Data: TasNetworks has provided mapping data to assist in planning future EV charging locations.
- End Users: Clarification is needed on whether the infrastructure will primarily serve local residents, who may typically charge at home or tourists.
- Regulating Misuse: The need to establish mechanisms to prevent and manage misuse of EV charging spaces was discussed.
- Multi-Storey Car Parks: The eventual inclusion of Council-owned multi-storey car parks in the EV charging policy was raised.
- Defining Council's Role: Emphasis was placed on clearly defining Council's role, the responsibilities of service providers, and the financial commitments involved.
- Council's fleet and how to make innovative decisions around its future. The Chief Executive Officer indicated that he would make some information around this available to the Council.

Attachments

A EV Policy (Draft) Presentation ⇨ 

8.4 Elected Member Dispute Resolution Policy **File Ref: F25/58991**

The Chief Executive Officer presented the draft Elected Member Dispute Policy for workshopping. The policy was presented as in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* it is necessary for the Council to review its Elected Member Issues Resolution Policy and have a new policy in place by September.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined summarised the key features of the policy which included:

- The Model Dispute resolution policy provided by the Local Government Act of Tasmania (LGAT) which complies with the Act was used to inform the Council's policy.
- The goal is for internal Council dispute resolution processes to minimise the amount of disputes escalating to code of conduct complaints.
- A dispute resolution advisor who is external to Council will be sought from LGAT's list of advisors in the event that a formal dispute arises to conduct mediation and determining the appropriate course of action.
- A maximum time frame of three months for resolution is specified.

The Committee discussed:

- The double up of resources used where an Elected Member chooses to continue with the separate code of conduct process despite the '*Dispute Resolution Policy*' being enacted.
- That once a dispute becomes formalised, under the policy an external dispute resolution advisor must be engaged.
- That Elected Members should need to have a good reason to refuse or bypass meditation in the event that a dispute arises.
- That mediation is required prior to a Code of Conduct process commencing.

9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 34(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

The Chief Executive Officer reports:-

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

The Committee is reminded that in accordance with Regulation 34(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, the Chairperson is not to allow discussion or debate on either the question or the response."

BLOOMFIELD

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as items 9.1 and 9.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Kitsos
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Zucco

NOES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the responses to questions without notice marked at item 9.1 and 9.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 11 August 2025, be received and noted.

9.1 Councillor Posselt - Wellington Court Lifts

Memorandum of the Director Community and Economic
Development of 6 August 2025

9.2 Councillor Lohberger – Roy Cazaly Stand Capacity

Memorandum of the Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 28
July 2025

Delegation: Committee

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulations 33 and 34 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

10.1 Alderman Bloomfield - Grants Data Use

Question: Is the data provided to the Council in answering the Question without Notice on grants funding to Council be confidential or may elected members use and share this data publicly.

Response: The Chief Executive Officer answered that the information is not confidential and may be shared.

10.2 Councillor Harvey – Compostable Dog Waste Bags

Question: Are we encouraging people to put compostable dog waste bags into FOGO bins or into rubbish bins?

Response: The Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network advised that at this stage the Council recommends they go into the FOGO bins.

11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

REYNOLDS

.That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 17(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

Minutes of a Closed meeting

- Closed Questions without notice
- Response to a Closed Question Without Notice

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Response to a Closed Question Without Notice
Item No. 5	Closed Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Posselt	
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Zucco	
Kelly	
Bloomfield	
Kitsos	
Harvey	

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 6.47pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
18TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.

CHAIRPERSON