



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 18 AUGUST 2025



City of **HOBART**

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 18 August 2025 at 4:00pm in the C3 Church, South Hobart.

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
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor W F Harvey
Councillor J L Kelly
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger

APOLOGIES:

Councillor L M Elliot

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Councillor W N S Coats

In accordance with clause 4.3 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed the Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds, as an appointed member to fill the committee vacancy.

In accordance with clause 5.3 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed Alderman M Zucco, Councillor Harvey and Councillor Dutta as members of the Committee.

Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 6.19pm and returned at 6.50pm during item 8.3.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting at 6.19pm and returned at 6.33pm.

Alderman Zucco retired from the meeting at 7.08pm, during item 8.4 and was not present for items 8.5 to 11.

Councillor Lohberger retired from the meeting at 7.18pm, during item 8.4 and was not present for items 8.5 to 11.

Councillor Harvey retired from the meeting at 8.06pm and was not present for items 10 and 11.

The Deputy Lord Mayor retired from the meeting at 8.06pm and was not present for items 10 and 11.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

BLOOMFIELD.

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 11 August 2025](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Harvey
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

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

LOHBERGER

That in accordance with the Regulation 10(5) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, item 8.3 be taken after item 6.2.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Harvey
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That item 8.3 be taken after item 6.2.

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

6.1 City Heritage Committee
File Ref: F25/55611

SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained within the officer's report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Harvey
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Heritage Committee of 1 July 2025, marked as attachment A to item 6.1 of the open workshop committee agenda of 18 August 2025.

Delegation: Committee

6.2 City Economy Committee
File Ref: F25/55707

BLOOMFIELD

That the recommendation contained within the officer's report, marked as item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Harvey
Kelly
Bloomfield
Posselt
Lohberger

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the City Economy Committee of 22 July 2025, marked as attachment A to item 6.2 of the open agenda of Hobart Workshop Committee of 18 August 2025.

Delegation: Committee

Item 8.3 was then taken.

7. OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 Policy Manual Review - Round 2 - August 2025 File Ref: F25/55965

SHERLOCK

That the recommendations contained within the officer's report, marked as item 7.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

POSSELT

That Attachment B, Appendix 25, Christmas Pageant – Off Street Parking Charges, of item 7.1 of the Open Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be deferred for further review.

AMENDMENT LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Kitsos
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Dutta
Lohberger
Posselt

NOES

Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Kelly
Bloomfield
Harvey

AMENDMENT

ZUCCO

That a report be prepared on transportation and parking options for patrons of the Christmas Pageant.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Kitsos
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Lohberger
Harvey

NOES

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Zucco
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Lohberger
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council policies attached to this report, marked as Appendices 1 to 26 of Attachment B of the Open Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be adopted.
2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any minor amendments necessary to finalise the policies attached to this report and arrange for them to be made available from the City's website.
3. A report be prepared on transportation and parking options for patrons of the Christmas Pageant.

Delegation: Committee

8. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

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

8.1 Business Events Tasmania - 2025-26 City Partnership Proposal File Ref: F25/55634

The Manager Economic Development and Director Community and Economic Development were joined by Marnie Craig and Krystal James of Business Events Tasmania (BET) to present a funding proposal for 2025-26.

The Committee discussed:

- The availability of small business venues in Hobart and what BET are doing to advocate in this space.
- The availability of PW1 as a venue for event holders.
- The possibility of there being a convention centre in Hobart in the future.
- Cost of membership and partnerships of BET and the transparency and availability of this information for the public (publishing on the website) and the Council.
- The benefits of conferences to the greater Hobart area and the fact that people bring family and friends when they visit and spend money on tourist activities.
- Direct flights to Hobart and how this expands the amount of businesses that will consider Hobart as an option.
- The calculations made by BET on the economic impact of business events held in Tasmania.
- The opportunity for Tourism Tasmanian to contribute to event space.

Attachments

A Business Events Tasmania - Presentation

Item 7.1 was then taken.

8.2 Taste of Summer - 2025-26 Sponsorship Proposal

File Ref: F25/48130

The Manager Creative City and Director Community and Economic Development were joined by Katharine Dean, General Manager of the Taste of Summer who presented a proposal for 2025-26 Sponsorship of the Taste of Summer.

Key points discussed by Elected Members included:

- The kitchens which are supplied as part of the in kind support and if there is the potential for them to be sold to the Taste of Summer.
- The potential profit for Taste of Summer derived from the City of Hobart Community Day.
- If the Taste of Summer is moving toward a self-funding model and if they have a corporate partnerships strategy. The Committee noted that the Adelaide Food and Wine Festival has been particularly successful with its strategy.
- The possibility of a greater than one year sponsorship deal, it was noted that as the Grants Policy has been updated that going forward this will be an option.
- The commission and fees charged to stallholders.
- The possibility of restructuring the agreement so there could be a greater in-kind support, however it was noted that almost all Council costs are covered by the in-kind portion of the sponsorship.
- The type of visitor to the community day and the spend on this day.
- The proposal is to be brought to the August Council meeting for a decision.

Attachment:

A Taste of Summer - Presentation

8.3 South Hobart Area Briefing - 2025-26 Sponsorship Proposal **File Ref: F25/49683**

The Chief Executive Officer was joined by the Director Community and Economic Development, the Director Strategic and Regulatory Services, and Director Infrastructure and Assets to present a briefing of recent Council activities in South Hobart.

The presentation included updates on:

- The good neighbour agreement.
- A new gross pollutant trap.
- Completed and ongoing capital works projects in South Hobart.
- The SoHo arts building and South Hobart Community Centre including an upgrade of the booking system.
- The 50 environmental health requests received by the Council in regards to issues in the South Hobart area.
- The successful grants paid for the Resilience Fair, The Big Day of Circular ideas and My Street activation.

Community members were then given the opportunity to ask questions of the Elected Members and Council staff, the following community members raised the below topics:

- Dr Jennifer Connor – Dog walking strategy.
- Jenny Styger – Changes proposed to Wellesley Park.
- Peter Young – Proposed Pump Track.
- Susan Puckett – Signage for Neighbourhood Watch.
- Skye Targett – Community Soccer Goals on South Hobart Oval.
- Jasmine Crea – Particulate pollution from woodsmoke.

Elected Members discussed:

- How many of the aforementioned 50 environmental health complaints were air pollution and the process that officers take to ensure they are resolved.
- That the residents of Waterworks Road had made a request to Council for assistance putting up extra signs for drivers to watch out for wildlife and the importance of consistency in this type of signage.
- A potential weed removal strategy, particularly with regards to well established weeds in the South Hobart rivulet.

- Procedure for the public to participate in off-site meeting and how this can be communicated to the public.
- The design and works to be carried out on the corners of D'arcy Street, Washington Street and Cascade Road and the community consultation that took place.
- Upgrading the temporary platypus signage in the rivulet park.
- The speed limit in the South Hobart shopping zone, Council has endorsed a slower speed limit and a proposal has been sent to the State Government.

Attachments

A South Hobart Area Briefing ⇒ 

8.4 Draft Open Space Strategy **File Ref: F25/53712**

The Manager Open Space and Director Infrastructure and Assets presented the draft Open Strategy for review. They noted that this strategy is an outcome of the City of Hobart Strategic Plan and that the current version of the strategy has been refined by feedback through workshoping and consultation.

The Committee discussed:

- The mapping showing the density and hierarchy of open spaces and how this informed thinking about where new parks might be developed, including that this highlighted the limited amount of parks in the Sandy Bay area.
- That the mapping showed playground “deserts” and addressing these gaps means families will not have to drive to access a playground.
- Highlighting in the strategy that open spaces are often also used as creative spaces, such as for performances.
- Where counters are used to track park use and that parks can be underutilised.
- Feedback to be sought from a wide range of community members, including the migrant community through the consultation process.
- The potential for there to be some lighting in parks in the evenings in winter in parks to allow greater activation of the space.
- Considered development of green spaces, noting that some spaces are not best suited to development.
- The order of the principal and that ‘Health and Wellbeing’ should be higher in the list of principles than number 4.
- The possibility of also using parks for community resilience projects such as water tanks, fruit trees and community batteries.
- That there would be a second round of engagement prior to the strategy coming to Council for approval, and that Elected Members were welcome to send additional feedback to staff. Elected Members are to be made aware of the date of the release of the strategy for community consultation so that they can make their constituents aware.

Attachments

A Draft Open Space Strategy - Presentation ⇌ 

8.5 DKHAC Update

File Ref: F25/59292

The Business Manager Aquatic Centre and Director Community and Economic Development provided an update on the infrastructure and improvements being made at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC).

Updates included:

- Making operational improvements to facilitate more learn to swim classes, improving the income to wages ratio.
- Changes to the staff positions in the gym to improve the effectiveness of the positions.
- Capital projects including upgrading the switchboard, chemical delivery bay, lighting, moveable bulkhead, car park licence plate recognition, spa and sauna and roof rectification.

The Committee discussed:

- That the bulkhead was paid for in last year's budget, however has not arrived yet as it was constructed in Spain.
- Effective lane allocation to ensure the most efficient use of space.
- Return on investment for activities run at DKHAC and that learn to swim and school learn to swim had a high ROI and this is why operational improvements are so important.
- The design of the sauna/spa improvements including tile colour, a window in the sauna door, closeness to the kids play area and sound potential barriers.
- The car parks and enforcing the parking restrictions.
- The installation of lighting for staff to feel safe when walking to their cars at night and that this should be allocated from the Domain Parking budget.
- The future of the current solar panels and purchasing future solar panels.

Attachment:

A Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre Update ⇨ 

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."

REYNOLDS

That the following responses marked as items 9.1 to 9.5 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kitsos
Posselt
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Dutta
Kelly
Bloomfield
Harvey

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the following responses to questions without notice marked at item 9.1 to 9.5 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 18 August 2025, be received and noted.

9.1 Recycle Walls

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 16 June
2025

9.2 Car Park Incidents

Memorandum of the Director Community and Economic Development of 21 July 2025

9.3 Second Generation Rodenticides

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 21 July 2025

9.4 Recording of Hobart Workshop Committees

Memorandum of the Director Corporate Services of 21 July 2025

9.5 Security at Council and Committee Meetings

Memorandum of the Chief Executive Officer of 21 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

No questions were asked.

11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

BLOOMFIELD.

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 the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
- Indications of conflicts of interest
- 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	Questions Without Notice
Item No. 5	Response to a closed Question Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED
BY MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Kitsos		
Posselt		
Lord Mayor Reynolds		
Dutta		
Kelly		
Bloomfield		

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6.19pm for a dinner break.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.32pm.

Item 8.3 was then taken.

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 8.06pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

CHAIRPERSON