



CITY OF HOBART

# MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 4.00PM



City of **HOBART**

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**The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 15 September 2025 at 4.00pm in the Lady Osborne Room.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councillor B Lohberger (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 G H Kitsos

**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 B Lohberger (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  
Councillor L M Elliot  
Alderman L A Bloomfield  
Councillor R J Posselt

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor G H Kitsos

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Nil.

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

Councillor Dutta retired from the meeting at 4:49pm, during item 7.1.

Councillor Sherlock retired from the meeting at 5:05pm, during item 7.1.

Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 5:32pm and returned at 5:37, during item 7.2.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 5:41pm and returned at 5:43pm, during item 7.1.

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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SHERLOCK

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 18 August 2025](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

The minutes were signed.

## 3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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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

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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**

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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.

## 6. OFFICER REPORTS

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### 6.1 Progress Update - Hobart Transport Strategy File Ref: F25/64829

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That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 15 September 2025, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee note the progress toward implementing the Hobart Transport Strategy 2024 detailed in Attachment A and Council note the actions A.10, A.53 and A.64 as new key priority actions for 2025-26.

#### Attachments

A Transport Strategy Update

Delegation: Committee

## 7. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

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*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.*

### 7.1 Creative City Strategy File Ref: F25/65394; 25/26

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The Manager Creative City and Director Community and Economic Development were joined by Tony Bonney, Simon Spain and Sharifah Emalia Al-Gadrie of Inkhorn Studios who presented the current Creative City Strategy & proposed a new Creative Strategy. Specific input was sought from the Elected Members on:

1. What do Elected Members want to see change or develop through a revised Creative City strategy?
2. What are the opportunities going forward for the City?
3. What are the challenges that the City faces.

The Committee Discussed:

- The establishment of children's creative spaces and the importance of creative spaces for children/young people that are safe, appropriate and enjoyable for them including the inclusion in the strategy of the Youth Arts and Recreation Centre which has a long history in the City as a creative space for young people.
- Activating spaces which foster a connection with the public and exploring how these spaces can draw people into the City from other areas to experience art which brings opportunities for the City and for artists.
- The 2023 report and the start point the City is at in terms of commencing this work and the importance of good planning of a (proposed) arts precinct.
- That Hobart is Australia's new UNESCO City of Literature, and the strategy should acknowledge and build on this, looking at literature in its broader sense as a part of the strategy.
- Funding opportunities and the limitations of funding, finding better ways to use the funding that is available and keeping the ratepayers in mind when preparing the strategy.
- The opportunity to include the UTAS arts school in Hunter Street, which in the past has been involved in events and as a place where artists can make connections but has become less involved and not a part of as many events.
- The importance of co-working and co-mingling spaces in the strategy so that artists can make connections and are drawn to working in Hobart as well as consultation with the arts community.

- Grant structure, including the possibility of fewer high value grants rather than more smaller grants and grants which deliver enduring benefit or in the case of performance a large audience.
- The idea of a precinct and the differing views around if this should be a precinct or fostering organic growth of arts communities.
- The opportunities presented by the City's venues and providing in kind-support, for example fee free venue hire and staff presence for arts events, this includes City Hall.
- A request was made for a report of the activities currently undertaken by the City to support a creative city.

### **Attachments**

A Creative City Briefing

## **7.2 Memorials Policy**

**File Ref: F25/67261; 16/119**

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The Manager Creative City and Director Community and Economic Development presented the changes made to the Memorials Policy and associated documents since it was last workshopped on 11 August 2025.

The changes were as follows:

1. The addition of Section 4.15 to the policy.
2. An update to the terms of reference to change the advisory group structure.

The Committee Discussed:

- Why the Eligibility Criteria is a separate document than the Policy document.
- The possibility of disparate treatment in the application of the policy between the perspectives of different groups who may be involved in or consulted about a request to add or remove a memorial and ensuring the policy treats all parties equally.
- The application of Section 4.15 of the policy, which has been added at the request of elected members to allow the approval (by Council) of memorials in special cases where there is significant interest and outstanding value to the City in the construction of a memorial which is outside the scope of the eligibility criteria.



## **8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

### **8.1 Alderman Bloomfield - Charitable Rates Exemptions**

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Question: What is the current value of rates for the properties which receive Charitable Rates Exemptions in the City, and how does this compare with the situation ten years ago?

Response: The question was taken on notice.

### **8.2 Councillor Posselt - Charitable Rates Exemption**

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Question: In regards Charitable Rates Exemptions in the City is the eligibility for receiving an exemption determined by the State Government?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer responded that the policy was determined by legislation.

### **8.3 Lord Mayor Reynolds - Visitor Accommodation Reports**

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Question: In relation to the recently released regular cyclic report on short stay visitor accommodation and the Shelter Tas report 'Monitoring the Impact of Short-Term Rentals on Tasmanian Housing Markets' can the Council be provided with an officer perspective of the current impact of short-stay visitor accommodation in the City?

Response: The question was taken on notice.

## 9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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POSSELT

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:

- Proposals for the Council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land
- Personnel Matters

The following items are listed for discussion: -

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	Items for Workshopping
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

### VOTING RECORD

AYES	NOES
Lohberger	
Lord Mayor Reynolds	
Zucco	
Harvey	
Kelly	
Elliot	
Bloomfield	
Posselt	

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 5.46PM.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

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**CHAIRPERSON**