



CITY OF HOBART

# MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 4.00PM



City of **HOBART**

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**The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 22 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 W F Harvey  
Councillor M S C Dutta  
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 4.6 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed the Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds as a member of the committee to fill a committee member vacancy.

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

**QUORUM:**

There were 9 Elected Members present during the Open Portion, therefore the quorum for the meeting was set at 5.

Alderman Bloomfield retired from the meeting at 5.51pm during item 6.3, and was not present for items 6.4 to item 8 inclusive.

Councillor Dutta left the meeting at 6.20pm and returned at 6.23pm during item 6.5.

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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### BLOOMFIELD

That the minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 15 September 2025](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

### MOTION CARRIED

### VOTING RECORD

#### AYES

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

#### NOES

### 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. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING**

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### **6.1 LGAT Motion - LGBTIQA+ Inclusion** **File Ref: F25/68306**

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The Manager Community Programs and the Chair of the City of Hobart's LGBTIQA+ reference group provided Elected Members with the background and reasoning for the proposed motion to be put to the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting to be held on 20 November 2025 by the City of Hobart.

The following was discussed:

- There are 29 Councils in Tasmania, does it make sense that each Council in Tasmania has a Reference Group; or could there be a single Reference Group reporting through LGAT. Are there other opportunities to work with the LGBTIQA+ community?
- Possible consequences to the LGBTIQA+ community, should the motion (moved in good faith) fail.
- Can one jurisdiction force action on other jurisdictions?
- Suggested that the word 'consider' in second dot point of the motion be changed to 'commit to'.
- The LGAT rules around motions to be researched further and will be included in the report.

### **6.2 Volunteer Awards Policy** **File Ref: F25/52186**

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The Manager Community Programs and the Director Community and Economic Development presented the Draft Volunteer Awards Policy and sought feedback from Elected Members.

The following was discussed:

- The Volunteer of the Year awards are ceasing in order to remove competitive lens it puts over volunteering. All volunteers are highly valued. Feedback received from volunteers and volunteer co-ordinators was that volunteering should not be competitive.
- The annual volunteer awards reception will continue. It usually takes place after the Annual General Meeting (which will be on 9 December 2025). The purpose of the annual volunteer awards reception is to thank all volunteers and to celebrate volunteers milestone achievements (e.g. people volunteering for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years).
- Elected members discussed the Golden Secateurs award, noted that it is awarded by the Bushcare program, raising questions if it should continue. Elected members were keen to understand the criteria for selecting the person who wins the award.

### **6.3 MacPoint Stadium Project of State Significance Integrated Assessment Report Outcomes Discussion**

**File Ref: F25/67131; 24/13**

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The Manager Strategic Land Use Planning and the Manager City Compliance spoke to a presentation on the outcomes of the Tasmanian Planning Commission's Integrated Assessment Report (IAR) on the Mac Point Stadium Project of State Significance (POSS).

The following was discussed:

- The panel assessed the project, and after considering all of the factors, determined that it shouldn't proceed.
- Carparking – The new stadium design is likely to accommodate 300 parking spaces. It was noted that most Cities (with stadiums) do not have car parks close to a stadium, as that is likely to cause gridlocks when 'everyone' leaves together. What is the likely effect on Parking throughout the City including Council owned car parks?
- Moving people - Most Cities with Stadiums move people to transport links such as trains or buses. Crowd management plans would need to be clear on how people move to and from the stadium. The report is showing a crowd size of 38,000 to 40,000 people (with the possibility of increasing that number for concert goers by removing seats). It was noted that crowds will be dispersed to the wharf (ferries) and to buses. The Government has budgeted \$49m for buses, but it is unclear what the \$49m covers (a new fleet of buses, infrastructure etc)?
- Where to from here? The Minister can recommend an order for the project to proceed (not in accordance with the Commission's report). Both houses of Parliament would need to agree for the project to be approved. If both houses approve the development, the Stadium will go ahead. Elected Members noted that both the Liberal and Labor parties support the Stadium.
- If the Stadium goes ahead, what action should the City of Hobart take? What are the financial impacts? Is there a legal basis to which the State Government can apply for a rates exemption?
- The need for the City to prepare for post approval / implementation stage.

#### **Attachments**

A Presentation - MacPoint Stadium assessment outcome

#### **6.4 Hobart Design Guidelines - Engagement Report and Final Document** **File Ref: F25/67287**

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The Program Leader Urban Design and the Urban Design Officer spoke to a presentation the Hobart Design Guidelines for the purpose of updating Elected Members on the final Hobart Design Guidelines.

The following was discussed:

- The documents provided with the strategy were useful for understanding the Design Guidelines.
- How we successfully implement the guidelines.
- How do encourage usage and strengthen its status? How do we educate people, through other interesting channels rather than just 'talks'. Consider taking on walks around the City to build awareness.
- Consider ways in which to incentivise people to use the guidelines – find out what other cities are doing. Consider partnering with the Australian Institute of Architects in delivering design excellence awards or a design competition.

##### **Attachments**

A Presentation - Hobart Design Guidelines

#### **6.5 Matilda - Transfer of Ownership** **File Ref: F25/52955**

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The Manager Legal and Corporate Governance sought feedback from elected members on a proposal from the Wooden Boat School and the Tasmanian Maritime Museum to restore and take ownership of the Matilda.

The following was discussed:

- Concern was expressed about the possibility of the wooden boat being sold off and / or transferred interstate, any transfer arrangements would need to prevent that from happening.
- Questioned if \$25,000 was the true cost of work that needed to be undertaken to the vessel and noted that the officers will ensure that the cost of work is properly considered in the report.
- The maritime museum has a good reputation and Elected Members were in principle supportive of the transfer.
- Questioned why Council owns a wooden boat as it doesn't align with core business and questioned if there was a need to undertake an audit of any other 'non conventional' assets that Council owns.



## **7. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

### **7.1 Councillor Dutta - Diwali Grant**

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Question: It has been brought to my attention that the Diwali organisation haven't received any funding for which they applied?

Response: The Director Community and Economic Development advised that, Diwali had previously missed a grant due to not having provided adequate acquittal information.

This year's event grants are still being finalised, and no applicants have been decided. Staff understand that Diwali have two current applications that are pending decision. Diwali will be advised of outcomes in due course.

### **7.2 Councillor Kelly - Construction Site Artworks**

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Question: Building construction sites hoardings, we have artworks that go around them. There are two major construction sites: KFC in Harrington Street opposite St Marys and Sandy Bay Road opposite St Davids Park which I notice have protective building fences and logos of the building construction company? Where do we stand to get artwork on these ugly sites?

Response: The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services took the question on notice.

### **7.3 Lord Mayor - Council Decision - Hoarding**

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Question: Is it possible to get recirculated a council decision made about 3 to 3.5 years ago on hoarding? As I thought that we made a decision for a higher standard – that didn't allow for see through fences anymore?

Response: The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services advised that her understanding is that Council does not have the regulatory power – we can have a policy for works on our own land.

#### **7.4 Lord Mayor - Hoardings on Shared Land**

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Question: Where the hoarding is on a shared boundary with a shared public footpath, my understanding is that every city in the country has hoarding standards. Can officers re-circulate the Council decision on the hoarding standard?

Response: The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services took the question on notice.

#### **7.5 Councillor Posselt - Sister City Arrangements**

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Question: Launceston Council has been in the media for a trip to their sister city this week. Can Council be informed of the ongoing costs of maintaining our two sister city relationships and if those two sister city relationships can be reviewed?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

## 8. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

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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
- Proposal for the Council to acquire land or for the disposal of land
- Closed Questions 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

MOTION CARRIED  
BY MAJORITY

### VOTING RECORD

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

**Delegation: Committee**

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

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**CHAIRPERSON**