



CITY OF HOBART

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

### OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

**MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2025**

**AT 4.00PM**

**VENUE: LADY OSBORNE ROOM**

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City of **HOBART**

# City Transport Committee

## Minutes

Tuesday 28 October at 5.30pm  
Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall

<b>THE MISSION</b>
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**Working together to make Hobart a better place for the community.**

<b>THE VALUES</b>
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**The Council is:**

<b>People</b>	We care about people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
<b>Teamwork</b>	We collaborate both within the organisation and with external stakeholders drawing on skills and expertise for the benefit of our community.
<b>Focus and Direction</b>	We have clear goals and plans to achieve sustainable social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Hobart community.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	We embrace new approaches and continuously improve to achieve better outcomes for our community.
<b>Accountability</b>	We are transparent, work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.



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City Transport Committee, 28 October 2025 at 5.30pm, Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.

## 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Ryan Posselt (Chairperson)  
Christian Bell  
Anna Blake  
Joshua Clarke  
Alison Hetherington  
Dominic Lang  
Mathew Sharp  
Fiona Abercrombie-Howroyd  
Damien Codognotto

### PRESENT:

Councillor Ryan Posselt (Chairperson)  
Alison Hetherington  
Dominic Lang  
Mathew Sharp

### CITY OF HOBART STAFF

Karen Abey, Deputy Director Strategic and Regulatory Services Network  
Ben Artup, Director Community and Economic Development Network  
Daniel Verdouw, Manager City Transport  
Shivani Jordan, Senior Roads and Traffic Engineer  
Stuart Baird, Senior Traffic Engineer  
Allison Blazosky, Senior Transport Planner  
Ellen Galbraith, Governance Officer

### APOLOGIES:

Fiona Abercrombie-Howroyd  
Damien Codognotto  
Anna Blake  
Joshua Clarke  
Christian Bell

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 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 Tuesday, 5 August 2025 were submitted and confirmed as an accurate record.

## 4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

There were none.

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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Refer to **ATTACHMENT A** – City Transport Committee Status Report – Items Outstanding.

Updates to the outstanding actions are noted in [Blue Text](#).

## 6. INFORMATION SHARING

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

The Committee discussed:

- The conflict within the pedestrian space and roadway in Sandy Bay in the after-school traffic as there is a high volume of students, many of them disembarking busses in high traffic areas. Conflicts between pedestrians and people riding e-bikes through the mall were also brought forward as a concern.
- Parking and the “pull factor” of cheap and free available parking in the city. This parking encouraging people (particularly commuters) to drive when they would otherwise take alternate methods of transportation.
- The condition of the painted road markings on the Sandy Bay bike lanes. The paint has now faded to the point that it is not clearly visible which leads to vehicles parking over the bicycle lanes. The City is assessing what the repairs should look like, and whether a straightforward fix where the lines are repainted or a larger project where the bicycle lane has more significant improvements made.
- Traffic lights which do not change to green for cyclists overnight, who have to leave the roadway and press the pedestrian button to change the lights. Council staff provided information that there is some progress on this issue and there will be a technological solution implemented.
- The new bicycle lanes in Collins Street and that the design provides an “artificial chicane” which slows and helps a good natural flow of traffic. The Committee noted the high level of pedestrians in this street.
- The trouble buses have turning into Campbell Street from Macquarie Street and that the buses cannot get through in one light cycle to Davey Street. Opportunities for traffic engineering and bus lanes to improve the flow of traffic.
- The potential for making buses into priority traffic including the possibility of buses through the mall or a lane in Macquarie and Davey street being dedicated to bus traffic.

## 7. BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

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### 7.1. Future State of Parking

Ben Artup, Director Community and Economic Development Network provided a presentation to the Committee on the Future State of Parking Report which is at the research and engagement stage. The report will explore and guide how on and off-street parking will evolve in Hobart between 2027 and 2037.

The Committee Disussed:

- Financial incentives to flatten the difference between private and Council prices and the different markets for parking in the City. The prices for some private parking operators in the all-day market are similar to or less than the Council pricing.
- How to effectively price off street parking dynamically and how often the process would change, depending on the time of day and year and the day to day demand.
- The data showing the occupancy of the City's car parks and the pricing of off-street parking in Hobart compared with other capital cities.
- The current issues with non-swimmers using the car parking at DKHAC and solutions that could be implemented to improve the situation there. The suggestions included the potential use of wayfinding signs to show available spaces and prevent traffic entering a full car park and new number plate recognition at the entry and exit so that tickets are not required. Approximately 20% of car park users are not users of the complex and how to discourage this and whether any car parking should be free at DKHAC or if all users should have to pay.
- The idea to improve enforcement by directly posting infringements and infringements with direct electronic notifications to the driver. (rather than using manpower to post a physical ticket the on the vehicle). The possibility of pushback to this style of enforcement. Taking photographs and providing evidence to the driver of the offence lead to infringements being paid quicker with less referrals to outside agencies.
- The use of the parking revenue for active transport and to revive old assets, including the off street car parks which are now mostly greater than fifty years old.
- The permit spaces in the Argyle Street Car Park and whether this is a good use of space from revenue and resources perspectives.
- How to encourage a mode shift for commuters to use other forms of transport when the suburbs adjacent to the City are saturated with free on street parking.

## 7.2. Augusta Road Planning Project Overview

Stuart Baird, Senior Traffic Engineer informed the Committee about the Augusta Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Planning Project, including its purpose, scope, key deliverables and milestones.

The Committee Discussed:

- The structural change underway in the way we fund for transport as fuel tax is reducing and likely to continue to reduce due to electric vehicles and that the State Government likely has other fiscal concerns in the short to medium term.
- Bike counting to ensure the project has good data and new technology purchased to do this and how they count cyclists, pedestrians and other road/path users. How this data will be used to strengthen this and other projects.
- How many is a 'lot' of cyclists using existing infrastructure and improving and expanding the networks will naturally increase the amount of cyclists.
- That Augusta Road is currently used as free commuter parking and Calvary Hospital as a driver of demand for parking along Augusta Road, that this project will include working with Calvary on movement management planning.
- The wide road corridor gives opportunity for good cycling infrastructure; however, the road is a main public transport corridor, and it is important to not impact the junctions for ease of buses turning etc.
- The current surface on Augusta Road (cement) is not good for cyclists and the committee suggested that the bicycle lane be resurfaced with asphalt as a part of this project.
- How the project will be funded and getting the best value cost per kilometre. That councils often receive their road funding from the Federal Government and the importance of presenting strong grant submissions.
- A suggestion to generate revenue from commercial properties, as the amount they contribute (through rates) toward the asset (parking space outside their businesses) may not be commensurate.
- That this is a good project and good opportunity to link the Lenah Valley Village and North Hobart with cycling infrastructure.
- That the milk factory and trucks do not currently use Augusta Road so they will not impact the cycling infrastructure (although they would still fit if they did use it and the upgrades were made).

### 7.3. Huon Road Safety Concerns

#### The Committee Discussed:

Shivani Jordan, Senior Roads and Traffic Engineer presented an update to the Committee on the section of road between 439-459 Huon Road, South Hobart which the City receives many complaints about. This section of road is narrow and windy and when cars park legally on the side of the road the downhill traffic must travel legally across the centre lines which causes a risk of a head on collision.

#### The Committee discussed:

- Which part of Huon Road this was, once photos were shown, the Committee members made it known they were aware of the section of road due to its reputation.
- That Huon Road is a key transport corridor and tourist route, and while locals may know what to do/to slow down in this section tourists would not.
- That very few houses do not have any off-street parking but that there is a considerable amount of multiple dwellings which means that there are residents who do not have consistent access to a car park.
- The possibility of a reduction of the speed limit, while noting that there are likely already compliance issues in the 60km/hr zone up the road from this area.
- That parking being removed is not supported by residents.
- That eleven crashes have been reported to the police in the last ten years but the perceived risk for drivers is real and could be addressed.
- That there may be a compromise removing parking spaces and having a no stopping zone in the most dangerous parts of the road.
- The potential for road widening, as there is a wide gutter, while noting that extending the width on the non-parking side would be difficult due to excavation being required.
- That while the parked cars slow the traffic, there are other ways to engineer slower traffic flow.

**7.4. 12 Month Review – Hobart Transport Strategy 2024**

This item was deferred due to lack of time.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

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There was no other business.

**9. NEXT MEETING(S)**

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The meeting dates for 2026 are:

- 24 March 2026
- 9 June 2026
- 4 August 2026
- 6 October 2026

## ATTACHMENT A

City Transport Committee Status Report – Items Outstanding  
May 2025

Date & Item No	Agenda Item	Action Officer	Comments
July 2023 Action 7.4.1	<p><b>Travel Demand Management Programs &amp; Opportunities for Consideration</b> A summary of ideas will be provided to a future meeting (more detailed than the meeting notes)</p> <p>Feedback was sought on projects that could be pursued as part of the transport strategy.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with large employers on what would make employees change transport modes</li> <li>• Build environment to support different micro mobility options</li> <li>• Engagement with schools</li> <li>• Engagement with metro</li> <li>• E-bike Library</li> <li>• Facilitating conversations with State Government for salary sacrifice for purchase of e-bikes</li> <li>• Promotion of different types of mobility options – new resident information packs</li> <li>• Digital wayfinding in buildings</li> </ul> <p><b>Update 13/05/2025</b> Members noted that the e-bike library (that was committee endorsed) is now up and running with high success. It was noted that there were 18 months of bookings in 3 hours. The Chair acknowledged this fantastic achievement.</p>	Neil Noye	
Feb 2024 Action 7.4.2	<p><b>Kerbside Charging Pilot</b> Opportunities for Council to undertake a kerbside charging pilot will be considered as an action in the Transport Strategy.</p>	Daniel Verdouw	
May 2024 Action 6.1.1	<p><b>Intersection – Red light not changed to green late at night</b> The lights at the intersection of Macquarie / Campbell Street did not change from Red to Green.</p>	Shivani Jordan	



Date & Item No	Agenda Item	Action Officer	Comments
	<p>Shivani to report this issue.</p> <p>To contact DSG to request the additional button be installed.</p> <p><b>Update 13/05/2025</b> It was noted that another red light on the corner of Molle Street and Collins Street doesn't automatically change after 7 o'clock. Members were advised that bike detection is not a priority at the moment, car detection is. Members were encouraged to continue to report, so that this could be reported to DSG.</p> <p><b>Update 5/8/25</b> Committee member Dominic Lang provided a video which has been forwarded to the Manager City Transport.</p>		
May 2024 Action 7.3.1	<p><b>Draft Hobart Transport Strategy</b> Ruby and Shivani to arrange for the feedback from the Committee to be incorporated into a submission from the City Mobility Portfolio Committee.</p>	Shivani Jordan Ruby Petit	Complete
July 2024 Action 7.2.1	<p><b>North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan</b> Members were encouraged to provide feedback by filling out a survey (on Councils Your Say website) or prepare a written submission and to encourage their networks to do the same.</p>	Committee Members	Complete
July 2024 Action 7.2.2	<p><b>Tour of North Hobart</b> Cr Posselt to arrange a date and time for Committees to undertake a tour of the North Hobart Precinct.</p>	Cr Posselt	
July 2024 Action 7.3.1	<p><b>Additional Feedback on Elizabeth Street Vision</b> Members were advised that if they wanted to provide any additional feedback on Elizabeth Street vision, they can send it to Jaime Parsons <a href="mailto:parsonsj@hobartcity.com.au">parsonsj@hobartcity.com.au</a> by close of business Tuesday 30 July 2024.</p>	Committee Members	Complete
March 2025 Action 8.1.1	<p><b>Bundaberg Regional Council EVCI Policy</b> – Ben to supply a copy of the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Policy to members of the Committee.</p>	Ben Artup	

Date & Item No	Agenda Item	Action Officer	Comments
May 2025 Action 6.1.1	<b>Involvement in Public Transport (Metro) Submission</b> Fiona Abercrombie-Howroyd, Christian Bell and Mathew Sharp are to be included in the City of Hobart's response to State Growth's engagement on Public Transport – Daniel Verdouw & Allison Blazosky to action.	Allison Blazosky	Complete
May 2025 Action 6.1.2	<b>Committee Members &amp; Networks make a Metro Submission</b> Members of the Committee and their networks were encouraged to make a submission on State Growths Engagement on Public Transport (which closes on 20/06/2025). <a href="https://engage.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/bus-network/bus-network-feedback">https://engage.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/bus-network/bus-network-feedback</a>	Committee Members	
May 2025 Action 7.1.1	<b>Feedback on Urban Design Guidelines</b> Members were asked to provide feedback on the guidelines to <a href="mailto:UrbanDesign@hobartcity.com.au">UrbanDesign@hobartcity.com.au</a> (via e-mail) by close of business 4 June 2025.	Committee Members	
May 2025 Action 7.2.1	<b>Committee asked to provide feedback on two questions posed in relation to Urban Tree Strategy</b> - Members were asked to provide the following feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is your favourite tree and why?</li> <li>- What can the City do to increase our urban tree canopy to 40%?</li> </ul> Members were also asked to provide any general feedback or thoughts on the Tree Strategy e-mail <a href="mailto:ruby.wolfe@hobartcity.com.au">ruby.wolfe@hobartcity.com.au</a>	Committee Members	
August 2025 Action 6.1.1	<b>1975 Hobart Parking Guide</b> – Mathew Sharp provided a copy of the images of 1975 City of Hobart Parking Guide and Governance Team will upload images onto the Hub.	Governance Officer	
August 2025 Action 7.4.1	<b>Distribution of Officer Submission to the Committee</b> –Governance Team will upload a copy of the final submission onto the Hub.	Governance Officer	

SUMMARY								
Application ID	Full Name	Project Title	Grant Program	Decision Date	Total Allocated	Brief Project Description	Project Start Date	Project End Date
QRC2520	Barbershop Harmony Australia (BHA) Tasmanian Region	Harmony Spectacular	QRG Community	29/09/2025	\$960.00	A full-day a cappella workshop and concert led by Melbourne's Mixed Signals, 2025 BHA Gold Medallists. The event engages community choirs and BHA members, culminating in a public concert and social function to foster musical skill development and community connection.	18/10/2025	18/10/2025
QRC2512	Ensemble Mania	SOLI: A Father's Day concert by Ensemble Mania	QRG Community	21/08/2025	\$1,000.00	Ensemble Mania presents SOLI, a Father's Day concert honouring Ian Flynn through new works by Tasmanian composers. Featuring local and interstate performers, the event celebrates contemporary classical duos and personal storytelling through music.	06/09/2025	14/09/2025
QRC2510	Battery Point Community Association	Battery Point Community Christmas Party	QRG Community	21/08/2025	\$700.00	An inclusive Christmas celebration for Battery Point residents and businesses, fostering community connection and festive spirit. Held at the Community Hall and Henslowe Park, the event offers food, entertainment, and social engagement for all ages.	07/12/2025	07/12/2025
QRC2509	Latin American Cultural Association of Tasmania	Latin American Film Festival	QRG Community	20/08/2025	\$1,000.00	A free, volunteer-run film festival showcasing 13 Latin American films over 7 days. Supported by international embassies, LAFF promotes cultural exchange and community engagement through cinema.	23/09/2025	30/09/2025
QRC2507	Hobart Malayali Association	Entertainment Night 2025	QRG Community	08/08/2025	\$1,000.00	A multicultural celebration featuring international performances, local food, and family-friendly activities. Held at the C3 Convention Centre, the event promotes cultural diversity and community cohesion for over 600 attendees.	22/08/2025	22/08/2025
QRC2504	Hobart Social Skates - Jane Streeter	Rollidance 2025	QRG Community	29/09/2025	\$1,000.00	A vibrant weekend of roller skating activities including adult skate night, dance workshops, and social hangouts. The event promotes active lifestyles and community connection through inclusive, fun experiences.	21/11/2025	22/11/2025
QRC2502	Hobart Bangladesh Community Inc	HBC Social Badminton Tournament 2025	QRG Community	29/08/2025	\$1,000.00	A social badminton event connecting new and existing migrants with Hobart locals. The tournament fosters friendships, cultural exchange, and networking opportunities, while supporting STBA's community engagement goals.	03/10/2025	04/10/2025
QIVER2513	Sexual Assault Support Service	Staff Cultural Awareness Training: mina nina	QRG Events Support	13/10/2025	In-kind	A cultural safety training program for 30 staff, blending ancient wisdom with modern insights. Delivered by mina nina, the training empowers participants to navigate change and foster inclusive practices through storytelling.	29/10/2025	29/10/2025
QIVER2505	Drug Education Network	Light up Landmarks for International Overdose Day	QRG Events Support	20/08/2025	In-kind	A statewide initiative lighting up Tasmanian landmarks to raise awareness of overdose prevention. The campaign sends a powerful message of hope and solidarity, encouraging community action to save lives.	25/08/2025	31/08/2025
QIVER2504	Bangladesh Students Association University of Tasmania (BSA UTAS)	BSA-UTAS Football Premier League	QRG Events Support	20/08/2025	In-kind	A two-day social football event uniting Bangladeshi UTAS students and local community members. Featuring food stalls and six matches, the event promotes multiculturalism, student engagement, and community integration.	30/08/2025	31/08/2025
QIVER2501	Volunteering Tasmania	Tasmanian Volunteering Awards 2025	QRG Events Support	08/08/2025	In-kind	Volunteering Tasmania's 10th Annual Awards Ceremony celebrates excellence in volunteering across the state. Held at Hobart Town Hall, the event honours finalists and contributors, with catering by Rosny College students.	19/09/2025	19/09/2025

August 2025 Grant Round								
Application ID	Full Name	Project Title	Grant Program	Decision Date	Total Allocated	Brief Project Description	Project Start Date	Project End Date
MCO2605	Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery	TMAG 2026 Public Program	Creative Hobart Major Cultural Organisations	21/10/2025	\$35,000.00	This initiative will support extended 'after hours' openings and collaborative events in Hobart's emerging cultural precinct around TMAG. Prioritising families, young people, and the general public, the program includes late-night activations and partnerships. It strengthens cultural infrastructure and public engagement through dynamic, inclusive programming.	01/01/2026	31/12/2026
MCO2604	Theatre Royal, Hobart	Theatre Royal Public Programming	Creative Hobart Major Cultural Organisations	21/10/2025	\$30,000.00	Theatre Royal receives funding to support two cornerstone initiatives: Staycation and RAWspace. Staycation offers creative school	05/01/2026	31/10/2026

						<p>holiday programming for families, delivered in partnership with local cultural organisations and artists. RAWspace supports Tasmanian artists through residencies, mentorships, and development pathways, with 18 projects funded to date. Together, these programs foster creative learning, sector growth, and community engagement, contributing to a vibrant cultural ecosystem in Hobart.</p>		
MCO2602	Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Pty Ltd	2026 TSO Hobart Season	Creative Hobart Major Cultural Organisations	21/10/2025	\$35,000.00	<p>The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra's 2026 Hobart-based season will offer inclusive and accessible programming for residents across Greater Hobart. From Mini TSO concerts for toddlers to lunchtime</p>	01/01/2026	31/12/2026

						performances for older audiences and Relaxed Concerts for neurodiverse families, the season is designed to foster broad community engagement. The 6PM series will further support working families, while all programs align with the City of Hobart's goals of creativity, connection, and cultural incubation.		
EV250830	Tasmanian Game Makers Incorporated	Level Up Tasmania Industry Day and Talks 2026	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$20,000.00	Level Up Tasmania is a free three-day video game showcase at Princes Wharf 1, celebrating Tasmanian game developers through public exhibitions and industry programming. With 30+ game booths and a dedicated Industry Day, the event fosters public engagement and professional development. Funding will support talks and	17/04/2026	19/04/2026

						presentations, including speaker fees and technical facilitation, enhancing the educational and creative impact of the festival.		
EV250829	ATTUNE TOURING PTY LTD	Bass In The Domain 2026	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$20,000.00	Bass in the Domain is a high-energy music festival celebrating contemporary Australian indie music. Featuring headline and emerging acts, interactive experiences, and local food and drink, the event unites communities and visitors for a full day of cultural engagement. It strengthens Australia's indie music scene and contributes to Hobart's cultural, social, and economic vibrancy.	14/03/2026	15/03/2026
EV250824	Folk 'Til Ya Punk Records/The Dead Maggies	HOBFOFO20 26	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$9,175.00	HOBFOFOPO is a three-day annual gig-crawl across Hobart's CBD, celebrating folk, punk, and folk-punk music.	13/11/2026	15/11/2026

						Now in its tenth year, the event draws Australia's finest artists alongside international headliners, creating a dynamic and grassroots musical pilgrimage. It energises Hobart's live music scene and fosters cultural exchange through intimate, high-impact performances.		
EV250821	Deepavali Tasmania Inc	Diwali 2025 at PW1 Hobart	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$20,000.00	Diwali 2026 will build on the success of previous multicultural celebrations at Princes Wharf, promoting creativity, leadership, and cultural integration. The event empowers migrant communities and enhances harmony across Tasmania through inclusive programming that encourages interaction and self-expression. With growing participation	14/11/2026	14/11/2026



						expected, Diwali continues to strengthen Tasmania's reputation as a vibrant and welcoming society.		
EV250816	Inspiring Australia Tasmania Reference Group	Festival of Bright Ideas (FOBI) 2026	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$20,000.00	FOBI is a unique, inclusive festival celebrating Tasmania's science sector through hands-on activities, workshops, displays, and performances. With dedicated Schools and Public Days, FOBI offers an aspirational and family-friendly STEM experience for Hobart residents and visitors. Supported by over 30 local organisations, the event draws up to 5,000 attendees annually and fills a vital gap in Tasmania's event calendar by promoting innovation, education, and community engagement.	21/08/2026	22/08/2026

EV250812	SANDY BAY SAILING CLUB INCORPORATED	Australian 29er National Champs 2026	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$2,000.00	The 29er Nationals is a youth-focused sailing championship held on the Derwent River, featuring approximately 30 high-performance skiffs from across Australia and overseas. As a key qualification event for the Australian Sailing Youth Squad, it serves as a competitive platform and talent incubator. Run entirely by Sandy Bay Sailing Club volunteers, the event offers a thrilling spectacle and supports youth development in sailing.	03/01/2026	09/01/2026
EV250808	Klub Kollywood INC	Hobart Holi Colour Festival 2026	Event Grants	16/10/2025	\$8,575.00	The Hobart Holi Colour Festival 2026 is a joyful, family-friendly celebration inspired by India's traditional festival of colours. Hosted by Klub Kollywood INC, the event features live music, DJs, cultural performances, food	28/02/2026	01/03/2026

						stalls, and safe colour-throwing activities. With carnival rides and accessible facilities, it promotes inclusiveness, diversity, and community spirit, enriching Hobart's cultural life.		
EP2517	Tennis Australia	Hobart International	Event Partnerships	02/10/2025	\$53,500.00	Hobart International is a globally broadcast WTA 250 tennis tournament featuring elite female athletes and generating significant economic and cultural impact. In 2026, the eight-day event will host 70+ players and attract over 18,000 attendees. With strong sustainability and equity outcomes, it celebrates local suppliers and offers inclusive experiences—from free entry days to premium hospitality—positioning Hobart as	10/01/2026	17/01/2026

						a world-class sporting destination.		
EP2513	Beaker Street Ltd	Beaker Street Festival	Event Partnerships	02/10/2025	\$93,750.00	Beaker Street Festival is a nationally acclaimed celebration of science and art, held annually in Hobart. In 2026, the 10th anniversary edition will span nearly two weeks across multiple Hobart locations. Featuring world-class speakers, Antarctic experiences, art-science installations, and Tasmanian food and drink, the festival positions Hobart as Australia's City of Science, attracting record audiences and global attention.	12/08/2026	23/08/2026

EP2510	Australian Antarctic Festival	Australian Antarctic Festival 2026	Event Partnerships	02/10/2025	\$60,000.00	The Australian Antarctic Festival is a free, biennial event that celebrates Hobart's role as an Antarctic Gateway City through a dynamic waterfront program of ship tours, science expos, school activities, exhibitions, and cultural experiences. The 2026 edition will introduce exciting new features including a Palawa-curated nuyina/southern lights installation, the Antarctic Gateway Cities Summit, and the Aurora Flavours food and drink trail. Expected to draw around 40,000 attendees, the Festival enhances community pride, boosts tourism, and highlights Hobart's unique Antarctic connections on both national and international stages.	20/08/2026	23/08/2026
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EP2503	Trail Ventures Pty Ltd	Kunanyi Mountain Run	Event Partnerships	02/10/2025	\$45,000.00	Kunanyi Mountain Run is a trail running and mountain culture festival that celebrates connection to place, people, and story. Now in its fifth year, the event immerses participants in the diverse landscapes of Kunanyi and promotes health, wellbeing, and cultural exchange. It provides a platform for Palawa people to share culture on their terms, making it a uniquely Tasmanian experience rooted in respect and community.	27/03/2026	29/03/2026
EP2501	Nadine Rowell	Festival of Voices	Event Partnerships	02/10/2025	\$72,000.00	Festival of Voices is Australia's premier celebration of singing and Tasmania's signature winter cultural event. Held in June/July, it features over 60 ticketed concerts and more than 230 free events, including pop-up performances,	03/07/2026	12/07/2026

						workshops, and community singing. Spanning all vocal genres, the festival culminates in The Big Sing—a large-scale waterfront concert inviting thousands to sing together in a powerful expression of creativity and community.		
	Tennis Australia	Billie Jean King Cup	Event Partnerships	02/10/2025	\$13,059.32	The Billie Jean King Cup is part of the world's premier international women's tennis competition featuring 135 nations. This event is expected to achieve strong economic and media/promotional yield for the City.	14/11/2025	16/11/2025
	Cruising Yacht Club of Australia	2025 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race	Event Partnerships	2/10/2025	\$27,000 (\$10,000 cash and \$17,000 in-kind)	2025 is the 80th anniversary of this iconic event, as a result the race organisers are expecting a fleet of approximately 120 yachts, attracting competitors, support	26/12/2025	

						crews and spectators from all around the world. A previous Events Tasmania report recorded the economic impact of the event at over \$3 million to the Hobart region, with close to 9,000 visitor nights directly attributed to the event.		
CHS250808	Ms Jane Rawson	What Writers Read 2026	Creative Hobart Small	13/10/2025	\$4,750.00	What Writers Read is a monthly literary event hosted at Five Leaves Left in Nipaluna/Hobart, where Tasmanian authors are interviewed about books they believe everyone should read. Following a successful pilot season in 2025, the 2026 program will feature ten sessions with City Of Hobart support. The initiative fills a unique niche in Hobart's literary landscape, offering authors a platform to discuss ideas beyond	24/02/2026	24/11/2026



						their own work and fostering thoughtful public dialogue.		
CHM250825	Music Tasmania	Thursday Night Live	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$14,946.00	Music Tasmania, in partnership with Salamanca Arts Centre, will present a monthly Thursday night series in The Founders Room inspired by MTV Unplugged and Later... with Jools Holland. Featuring Tasmanian artists in stripped-back performances and candid industry conversations, the series supports career development and audience growth. Presented with a pay-what-you-can model and filmed for archival use, the program strengthens Hobart's music ecosystem and fosters cultural vibrancy.	01/02/2026	01/08/2026

CHM250817	Island Magazine Inc	Free events at Island Readers & Writers Festival	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$5,381.00	The Free Events Program at the Island Readers & Writers Festival in Nipaluna/Hobart offers accessible entry points into the literary world. Designed for curious newcomers and budget-conscious participants, the program showcases local writing talent and provides publishing insights from Tasmanian and mainland authors. Evening events at the Epilogue Lounge foster community connection and celebration, enriching Hobart's cultural life through inclusive, engaging literary experiences.	29/05/2026	01/06/2026
CHM250811	Ms Mahalia White-McColl	Art for Takayna Emerging Artist Mentorship Program	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$10,542.00	The Art for Takayna 2026 Mentorship Program supports emerging Tasmanian artists through professional development,	01/03/2026	31/08/2026

						curatorial guidance, and community engagement. Led by curators Mahalia White-McColl and Bianca Yrure, the initiative offers mentoring, small group support, and artist-led workshops during the annual exhibition. It strengthens Tasmania's creative ecosystem, fosters inclusion, and deepens public engagement with environmental and cultural themes, while also mentoring future curators.		
CHM250810	DRILL Performance Company Inc.	DRILL's youth dance production "Monsters"	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$15,000.00	'Monsters' is a youth-led performance by DRILL's Senior Company that blends folklore and fantasy to explore themes of climate grief, isolation, and hope. Created collaboratively with young participants and guided by national	06/01/2026	31/10/2026

						dance artist Tyrel Dulvarie and Artistic Director Tara Robertson, the project builds resilience, artistic skills, and critical thinking. Workshops with Youth Arc expand access to high-quality arts experiences, amplifying youth voices and supporting wellbeing across Hobart.		
CHM250807	KICKSTART ARTS INCORPORATED	Creative Mental Health	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$15,000.00	Kickstart's Creative Mental Health (CMH) Program delivers a dual-stream initiative: a Youth Arts Program and an Artist Development pathway. Partnering with Youth Justice, non-mainstream schools, and mental health services, the program offers free workshops for over 800 adolescents, using art to build emotional regulation, empathy, and self-	01/01/2026	31/12/2026

						understanding. Teaching artists receive mentorship and training, strengthening Hobart's creative capacity and promoting wellbeing through inclusive, arts-based engagement.		
CHM250804	Mr Timothy Georgeson	ASTROGAZE "Tunapri Wurangkili Liwari"	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$15,000.00	ASTROGAZE, "Tunapri Wurangkili Liwari" (Night Sky Knowledges), is a collaborative cultural project exploring ancestral Palawa star mapping through sound recordings, workshops, and public presentations. Led by visual artist Tim Georgeson and Palawa Scholar Theresa Sainty, the initiative honours Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property protocols and creates lasting educational resources. It offers a	15/01/2026	31/03/2027

						powerful lens into Sky Country, where stars are memory, guidance, and connection, and where land and sky form one continuous story.		
CHM250801	Mudlark Theatre Inc.	Mudlark Theatre presents THINGS I KNOW TO BE TRUE	Creative Hobart Medium	13/10/2025	\$11,131.00	Things I Know to Be True is a heartfelt and nationally significant theatrical production that explores suburban Australian family life with tenderness and humour. Presented by Theatre Royal, this major collaboration between Tasmanian Theatre Company and Mudlark features leading southern Tasmanian artists and supports emerging talent. As TTC concludes operations, the event honours its legacy while affirming Mudlark's role in sustaining professional theatre in southern Tasmania. It	16/02/2026	28/03/2026

						strengthens Hobart's cultural ecology and ensures high-quality, accessible theatre remains visible and valued.		
CG250857	Kuno Ltd	The Mountain Project	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$4,000.00	This is a multi-faceted initiative that aims to build connection with Kunanyi through storytelling and digital engagement. The project has strong potential to reach a wide audience, with several launch events planned and support from a range of contributors. The online format increases accessibility and longevity, and the inclusion of Indigenous voices adds depth and relevance.	01/01/2026	31/12/2027
CG250850	The Hive Community Inc.	Hive Community Catch-Ups	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$5,000.00	The Hive Collective will host monthly community catch-ups across Hobart to foster inclusion, wellbeing, and	11/01/2026	13/12/2026

						connection. Events include picnics, brunches, dog walks, cultural tours, and creative gatherings, with flexibility to adapt to community needs. Larger Hive-led events may replace monthly sessions, ensuring responsiveness and accessibility. Funding will support catering, speakers, and activities to keep events free or affordable for all.		
CG250847	The Environment Society	Commute for Climate 2026	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$2,000.00	Commute4Climate 2026 expands a successful campaign encouraging sustainable transport through a points-based system. Participants log non-car commutes via app or website and earn rewards, supported by local business sponsorships. Social activities like skateboarding lessons and bike repair	01/10/2026	31/10/2026



						workshops enhance engagement. The initiative promotes health, community connection, and environmental responsibility, contributing to a cleaner, greener Hobart.		
CG250841	Punjabi Society Tasmania	Vaisakhi Mela	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$2,500.00	The Vaisakhi Mela is a vibrant annual celebration of Punjabi culture, drawing around 600 attendees in 2025. Featuring energetic Bhangra and Giddha performances, traditional music, food stalls, children's activities, and sports competitions, the event offers a joyful and inclusive experience for families and individuals of all backgrounds. It strengthens multicultural understanding and unity, making it a key highlight on	11/04/2026	11/04/2026

						Tasmania's cultural calendar.		
CG250838	Sisongke Community Choir	Choral Singing Workshop	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$1,936.00	This inclusive choral singing workshop will bring together new and existing choir members for a day of musical learning, renewal, and connection. Led by an experienced choral director, the workshop introduces fresh approaches and materials while fostering diversity and community spirit. Participants will engage in collaborative singing and skill development, strengthening the choir's vibrancy and welcoming new voices into Hobart's musical landscape.	23/05/2026	23/05/2026
CG250832	COTA Tasmania	Lifelong Respect Walk Hobart	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$2,062.00	The Lifelong Respect Walk Hobart is an annual awareness event held on World	15/06/2026	15/06/2026

						Elder Abuse Awareness Day. In 2025, the walk drew over 140 participants, highlighting growing community engagement. The initiative promotes respect, visibility, and action for older adults, fostering public dialogue and support for elder wellbeing.		
CG250830	Bhakti Yoga Hobart Inc.	Krishna Janmashtami 2026	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$1,800.00	Janmashtami is a vibrant, family-friendly celebration of Lord Krishna's birth, featuring music, dance, drama, and traditional vegetarian food. Free and alcohol-free, the event promotes peace, harmony, and service, offering an inclusive space for people of all backgrounds to experience Indian culture. It strengthens community bonds and showcases Hobart's multicultural diversity.	04/09/2026	04/09/2026

CG250828	Able Australia	Able Hobart: Health & Inclusion	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$1,100.00	Able Australia's inclusive program empowers adults with complex disabilities through community-based activities including fitness classes, cooking workshops, and life skills sessions. Co-designed with participants and delivered by experienced staff, the initiative fosters health, independence, and social connection. It strengthens relationships between individuals, support networks, and the broader Hobart community while celebrating shared experiences.	02/02/2026	01/06/2026
CG250826	Hobart Toy Library Inc	Hobart Toy Library Toy Fund	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$5,000.00	The Hobart Toy Library is a volunteer-run initiative launching in Summer 2025/26 to serve families with young children across Greater Hobart.	01/01/2026	31/12/2026

						Operating from the South Hobart Community Centre, the library will offer play-based learning resources and support families facing financial or access barriers through reduced membership fees and inclusive programming.		
CG250823	Tamil Arts and Cultural Society of Tasmania inc.	Thai Pongal Celebration	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$1,500.00	This community celebration of Pongal honours Tamil cultural heritage and the harvest season through shared traditions, food, and storytelling. Observed over four days, Pongal pays tribute to Mother Nature, the Sun, and farm animals, with the symbolic sharing of sweet rice. The event fosters cultural understanding and joy, connecting Hobart's Tamil community with broader audiences in	25/01/2026	25/01/2026

						a spirit of prosperity and togetherness.		
CG250822	Inscape Tas	Arts in Bloom: art music and the garden at Repat	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$5,000.00	Arts in Bloom is a creative engagement program celebrating the Repatriation Centre (RC) community through artist-led activities and live performances. Over nine days, artists will collaborate with patients, families, and staff to produce meaningful artistic outcomes, supported by mentoring from Inscape. The program includes three celebratory performances in the Peacock Garden and fosters beauty, creativity, and care within the RC environment while supporting artistic development and	09/02/2026	16/03/2027

						community connection.		
CG250819	Hobart Out Tennis Inc	LGBTQIA+ & ally community-building through sport	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$2,000.00	Hobart Out Tennis provides inclusive weekly tennis sessions for LGBTQIA+ community members and allies at Domain Tennis Centre. With social play, beginner coaching, and monthly dinners, the program fosters connection and wellbeing. Following significant growth—especially among transgender members—funding is sought to cover rising venue costs and equipment, ensuring continued access to this vital community space.	01/01/2026	31/12/2026

CG250813	ParaQuad Association of Tasmania Inc	Coffee & Connection	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$1,402.00	ParaQuad Tasmania hosts a monthly social gathering at Hamlet Café, offering free coffee in an accessible setting for people with spinal cord injury and physical disability. The event fosters peer connection, reduces isolation, and builds community wellbeing by creating a welcoming space for participants and their support networks to share lived experiences and strengthen social ties.	23/02/2026	23/11/2026
CG250808	Source Eco Hub	Creek Connection: Education & Environmental Action	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$1,700.00	Creek Connections is an environmental engagement project that combines hands-on workshops, native revegetation, and community action days to build awareness and empower participants to protect local ecosystems. By exploring the links	10/01/2026	04/07/2026



						between freshwater and marine environments, the initiative fosters stewardship, ecological literacy, and meaningful community involvement in conservation efforts.		
CG250807	Her Strength. Her Story.	Victim Survivor Support Coffee Group	Community Grants	16/10/2025	\$5,000.00	Her Strength. Her Story. (HSHS) is a weekly Coffee Support Group offering a safe, informal space for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence in Hobart. Led by a survivor and volunteers, the group welcomes women, children, and pets, and features guest speakers on legal, housing, and health topics. It fosters trust, resilience, and recovery through peer support, confidential sharing, and practical guidance—bridging the gap between crisis	01/01/2026	31/12/2026

						response and long-term healing.		
CCC2512	Southern Tasmania Harmony Club Inc (formerly The Hobart Men's Barbershop Harmony Club Inc)	Deep South Tidings - Hobart's Christmas Chorus	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$7,616.00	Fresh from winning a Silver Medal at the Barbershop Harmony Australia National Contest, the Chorus will deliver high-quality pop-up performances across Hobart's CBD and Calvary Hospital. With over 20 male vocalists and quartets, the group will rehearse and present Christmas classics to uplift pre-holiday crowds and hospital communities.	06/12/2025	13/12/2025
CCC2511	Soul Presbyterian Church	Carols in the Park	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$5,700.00	Soundy Park's annual community carols event in North Hobart offers a welcoming and inclusive celebration featuring live carol performances, free food and drinks—	06/12/2025	06/12/2025

						including barista-made coffee—and engaging activities for children and youth such as craft stations, face painting, and Zorb balls. With multilingual advertising and carolling, the event embraces Hobart's cultural diversity and fosters a spirit of unity and festive joy for all attendees.		
CCC2509	C3 Beyond Church	C3 Beyond Christmas carols	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$9,650.00	Three Christmas carol events will be staged in December, including two family-focused performances on Sunday 14 December with a festive interlude of food trucks, children's activities, and entertainment, and a Wednesday evening concert tailored for adult audiences. Each session runs for approximately 75 minutes, offering	10/12/2025	15/12/2025

						diverse engagement across age groups.		
CCC2504	Lenah Valley Community Association	Carols at John Turnbull	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$15,000.00	John Turnbull Park in Lenah Valley will host a dynamic community Christmas event featuring afternoon entertainment and evening carols performed by local schools and artists. With food vans on site and a welcoming atmosphere, the event aims to engage residents of all ages in a celebration of music and community.	06/12/2025	06/12/2025
CCC2503	St David's Cathedral Hobart	Carols at the Cathedral 2025	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$10,416.00	Two free concerts of Christmas music will be held in a heritage venue, inviting the Hobart community to celebrate the season through carols performed by soloists, choirs, and audience participation. Each hour-long concert promises a joyful and	20/12/2025	20/12/2025

						musically rich experience, fostering unity and festive spirit in an accessible and elegant setting.		
CCC2502	Sing Australia	Christmas Carol Singing	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$830.00	A group of 25–30 experienced singers will perform Christmas carols in various venues across the Hobart LGA, including Hobart City Mall and on the steps of St David's Cathedral, bringing festive cheer to shoppers and passersby. Supported by a conductor and accompanist, the ensemble will deliver engaging one-hour sets, enhancing the city's seasonal atmosphere with live music.	18/12/2025	18/12/2025
CCC2501	Mount Stuart Residents' Inc	Christmas Carols in Mount Stuart	Community Christmas Carols	23/09/2025	\$5,000.00	Mount Stuart Hall will host a vibrant community Christmas celebration on Sunday 14 December, featuring carol singing,	14/12/2025	14/12/2025

						a complimentary BBQ or BYO picnic, and family-friendly activities on the surrounding lawns. Designed to foster community connection and engagement, the event welcomes Mount Stuart residents and broader community members for an evening of festive joy and togetherness.		
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Summary of Recommendations – Significant Amendments – Attachment A

Policy Title: Community Engagement – Appendix 1.1

Category: Community Services and Events

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: Rewritten for clarity and added depth with added references to the Communications Guide which is currently under development.

Recommendation: That the amendments to Council Policy, *Community Engagement* be approved.

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Policy Title: Competitive Neutrality – Appendix 1.2

Category: Corporate Governance

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: Updates to the policy to reflect the updated Department of Treasury and Finance Competitive Neutrality Policy as a result of revitalised National Competition Policy signed by Australian, state and territory treasurers in 2024 and minor changes to titles.

Recommendation: That the amendments to Council Policy, *Competitive Neutrality* be approved.

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Policy Title: Council Borrowing Policy – Appendix 1.3

Category: Corporate Governance

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: In response to the Notice of Motion put forward by Alderman Bloomfield, the Council Borrowing Policy has been reviewed and updated. Borrowings are a legitimate and responsible financial management tool when used to fund major infrastructure projects.

The proposed updates include clarifying that a fully costed and evaluated business case, with all alternatives considered and evaluated is required prior to entering into borrowings. In addition, the business case must demonstrate that the borrowings can be accommodated in the City's Long-Term Financial Management Plan.

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	It is also proposed that the Borrowing Policy also capture lease arrangements the City proposes to enter, as some leasing arrangements can be a form of borrowing.
Recommendation:	That the amendments to Council Policy, <i>Council Borrowing</i> be approved.
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Policy Title:	Election Caretaker Period – Appendix 1.4
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Updates to the current legislation and an additional section added regarding Elected Member Requests.
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy <i>Elected Member Fitness to Undertake Duties</i> be approved.
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Policy Title:	Landlord Consent for Advertising/Event Promotion Signage within Parks, Bushland and Sporting Facilities – Appendix 1.5
Category:	Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Title amended. References to parks, gardens and open space removed and policy streamlined so that it just retains information and policy positions relating to advertising . The requirements for signage in parks are covered by section 28 of the public spaces by-law which requires a permit to put up a sign. All signage can be regulated by permit conditions, and a separate Council policy is not required.
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy <i>Advertising/Event Promotion Signage within Parks, Bushland and Sporting Facilities</i> , be approved.
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Summary of Recommendations – Significant Amendments – Attachment A

Policy Title:	Private Works Charges – Appendix 1.6
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Updates to the policy to reflect the recommendation of Audit Tasmania following the review of private works undertaken by Councils in 2024 and minor changes to titles.
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy <i>Private Works Charges</i> be approved.

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City of Hobart

Appendix 1.1

# Policy

**Title:** Community Engagement

**Category:** Community Services and Events

**Date Last Adopted:** 29 September 2023

## 1. Objectives

The City of Hobart recognises that our community has a right to be meaningfully engaged in decisions which affect them. This Community Engagement Policy (the Policy) sets out how we achieve that goal. It should be read alongside our Community Engagement Framework 2023 (see Related documents below), and the Communications and Engagement Guide.

To support continuous improvements, the City will review the Community Engagement Framework 2023, in 2027.

This Policy:

- states our **commitment** to community engagement and its role in good decision-making.
- Defines the **principles** guiding our approach to community engagement
- Embeds **best practice community engagement** into our organisational processes.
- and Outlines the **scope** of our engagement practice.

## 2. Background

This Policy was developed following a review in 2023 of our community engagement practice. It was re-evaluated in September 2025, reflecting feedback from staff and community.

In 2018, the City collaborated with the community to develop "Hobart: A community vision for our island capital. The document guides the City of Hobart's work, so that Council decisions help create the Hobart that our communities, want, for current and future generations.

This Policy supports delivery of the vision and responds to Pillar 8 in the document which states:

"We are a city of ethics and which emphasises ethics, integrity. We govern with transparency, accountability, encouraging and welcoming active civic and active civic involvement. We collaborate for the collective good, working together to create a successful Hobart."

### 3. Policy

#### General

#### Our Commitment

We believe that when our community is potentially affected by or could have an impact on interested in any decision we make, whether in the council chambers or operationally, they have a right to be involved in the decision-making processes. We are committed to seeking out and facilitating that involvement, recognising the diversity, skills, experience, and knowledge within our community. Community engagement is our organisational commitment to seeking out, resourcing, designing, facilitation and evaluation that involvement. Effective and meaningful engagement builds positive relationships and leads to better decision-making. In making informed decisions, we take account of the views, needs, and aspirations of our community, balancing them with expert advice, budgetary needs, and legislative requirements. This Policy reflects the aspirations identified in Pillar 8 of the Community Vision and strategies from the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29.

Our community is made up of multiple, diverse communities, and we commit to an engagement process that reflects this. Their varied skills, experience and knowledge (s) play a key role in shaping the future of Hobart. Impactful, authentic and meaningful engagement builds positive relationships with the diverse communities within Hobart, and leads to more inclusive decision-making.

In making informed decisions, we take account of the views, needs and aspirations of our community. We balance that with expert advice, budgetary needs and legislative requirements.

This Policy reflects the aspirations identified in Pillar 8 of the Community Vision and strategies from the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019–29.

#### **Guiding Principles**

To guide the application of this Policy, we commit to the following Guiding Principles (adapted from the IAP2 Core Values). We use these Guiding Principles to support the development and implementation of best practice engagement processes.

#### **Influence on decision-making**

We recognise that any community has a right to be meaningfully engaged in decisions which could affect them. Meaningful engagement means that decision makers and engagement practitioners commit to the process of facilitating and implementing an authentic, person-centred process.

#### **Sustainable decisions**

• We ensure that community engagement meaningfully influences the decisions we make.

Sustainable decisions: We seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision, including our diverse communities. We do that because recognising and communicating the diverse needs, interests and values of our community builds sustainable decisions. As part of this, we will design engagement activities that overcome barriers and enable Hobart's diverse communities to participate. We commit to the challenge this could place on 'business as usual'.

#### **Transparency**

Our Engagement is will be timely, well-planned, and meaningful. We will clearly communicate so that our community understands what we are asking and how they can engage. As much as possible, we seek input from participants in the purpose and process, involve participants in designing how they participate. We will also ensure participants can access the information they need to participate meaningfully. And we will be clear on the level of influence they can have. If influence is not practical, we will keep our community informed.

**Accountability**

-We will report back to the community on what we heard during community engagement and how their feedback influenced our decisions.

**A Culture of Engagement**

-Community engagement is a shared responsibility across the City. That responsibility extends beyond the Community Engagement team. Every project and initiative that has an opportunity for engagement needs to have engagement built in by those managing the project or initiative.

We embrace community engagement as a key process in our governance of Hobart. We ensure staff have the skills and knowledge to implement community engagement. The Community Engagement Framework clearly sets out the roles and responsibilities for staff at all levels of the organisation.

**Policy Scope and Implementation**

This Policy applies to all City of Hobart service areas, teams, and employees, as well as contractors and consultants engaged for projects and initiatives impacting the Hobart community.

~~The~~This Policy does not replace legal and statutory obligations.

-Implementation is further guided by:

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~The Community Engagement Framework
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~The Community Engagement Toolkit, and a
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~Advice from the City's Community Engagement Team.
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~Country, Culture, People Framework
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~A Communications and Engagement Guide

**Risk**

Alignment with this Policy reduces [the City's](#) reputational risk by building trust and forming relationships with our community. It responds to the community's expectations as set out in the Community Vision.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

This Policy is informed by [legislation, specifically](#) the [Local Government Act 1993 \(TAS\)](#). [The relevant sections \(](#)Division 2, Section 20. Functions and Powers) [are copied below:-](#)

- (1) [In addition to any functions of a council in this or any other Act, a council has the following functions:](#)
  - (b) To represent and promote the interests of the community.
- (2) In performing its functions, a council is to consult, involve and be accountable to the community.

##### Related Documents

- Community Engagement Framework
- Community Engagement Toolkit
- Hobart: A Community Vision for our Island Capital
- [Capital City Strategic Plan 2023](#)
- [Communications & Engagement Guide](#)

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Head of <u>Intergovernmental Relations and Partnerships</u> of Executive Services
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City of Hobart

Appendix 1.2

# Policy

**Title:** Competitive Neutrality**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** [28 March 2022](#)

## 1. Objectives

To detail the process under which the Council will conduct an annual review of its significant business activities ("SBA") to monitor and ensure that the City's assessed significant business activities are operating in accordance with the requirements of the Tasmanian Government's Competitive Neutrality Policy, subject to any Community Service Obligation arrangements approved by Council in accordance with this policy compliance with the Competitive Neutrality Principles.

## 2. Background

In 1995 the Tasmanian Government, along with the Australian Government and all other state and territory governments, signed three inter-governmental agreements relating to the implementation of the National Competition Policy ("NCP"). The principal objective of National Competition Policy is to promote competition within the economy where it is considered to be in the public benefit.

One of these agreements signed under National Competition Policy was the Competition Principles Agreement ("CPA"). Under clause 3(1) of the Competition Principles Agreement, each government is required to apply competitive neutrality principles to its significant business activities where the benefits to the community would outweigh the costs, states that SBAs should not enjoy competitive advantages over their private sector competitors simply by virtue of public ownership.

In 2024, Australian, state and territory treasurers signed two agreements to revitalise National Competition Policy. The agreements introduced updated National Competition Principles.

The provisions of the Competition Principles Agreement CPA are applied to local government bodies by the Tasmanian Government. The CPA provides two separate models of competitive neutrality. These are the corporatisation model (clause 3(4)) and the full cost attribution model (clause 3(5)). According to the CPA, these models

are to be applied to the extent that it is in the public benefit and on an ongoing basis, all councils must:

- (a) identify all business activities within their operations;
- (b) identify which of these business activities are SBAs;
- (c) apply full cost attribution to those SBAs, to the extent that it is in the public benefit;
- (d) identify those SBAs which are suitable for corporatisation;
- (e) determine whether the programs and services within the SBAs are community service obligations ("CSO");
- (f) undertake public benefit assessments of the CSO's, including full cost attribution in the pricing of the programs or services;
- (g) corporatise those business activities where a public benefit assessment indicates that the benefits outweigh the costs of doing so. Competitive neutrality principles only apply to significant business activities, rather than regulatory or governance activities undertaken by a local government authority. A business activity is one that involves the production of goods and/or services in a market that is, or has the potential to be, competitive.

Under the NCP, competitive neutrality principles only apply to SBAs. However, there is no prescribed definition of a "SBA" and each Local Government body must make its own assessment to determine whether an activity is a business and if that business is a "significant business".

### 3. Policy

#### General

The Council will conduct a review of all of its activities on an annual basis to:

- (a) identify all of the Council's SBAs in accordance with the publication titled "Identification and Management of Significant Business Activities by Local Government in Tasmania to Comply with Competitive Neutrality Principles" issued by the Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance in December 2013;
- (b) identify all of the programs or services within the SBAs;
- (c) assess each of those programs or services for suitability for corporatisation;
- (d) for those programs or services where corporatisation is not appropriate, to develop or update the Full Cost Attribution ("FCA") model for pricing analysis of those programs or services;
- (e) determine whether any of the programs or services, within an SBA, reviewed in the FCA pricing analysis constitute a CSO in accordance with the publication titled "Community Service Obligation Policy and Guidelines for Local Government in Tasmania" issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet in November 2000;
- (f) for those programs or services that are a CSO, decide whether to continue to provide the CSO, and if so, to record the funding of the CSO clearly in the Council's budget and in its annual report;
- (g) for the remaining programs or services (if any) that are not suitable for corporatisation and/or are not a CSO, identify those programs or services that would be in the public benefit to offer at a price less than the fully attributed cost ("Public Benefit Program or Service");
- (h) conduct a public benefit assessment for the Public Benefit Program or Service; and
- (i) apply cost reflective pricing to those programs or services which are not a CSO and/or a Public Benefit Program or Service when setting the fees and charges. The City is committed to ensuring that all identified significant business activities comply with the Competition Principles Agreement, subject to any assessed community service obligation approved by Council, in accordance with this policy.

The City is required to:

- Identify significant business activities in accordance with the Competition Principles Agreement.
- Identify and cost any community service obligations, in respect to a significant business activity.
- Provide a statement of the operating, capital and competitive neutrality costs for each significant business activity and a statement of revenue associated with the activity.
- Report on the following matters in the annual report:
  - A list of the City's significant business activities as determined by the City and any determined as such by the Regulator following a competitive neutrality complaint;
  - The outcome of any public benefit assessments undertaken in relation to the extent to which the competitive neutrality principles should be applied to a significant business activity;
  - Any complaints received and the outcome of the investigation of those complaints; and
  - Any actions taken by the City following a competitive neutrality investigation by the Regulator.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

- Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
- Competitive Neutrality Competition Principles Agreement 11 April 1995 (As amended to 13 April 2007)
- Economic Regulator Act 2009 (Tas)
- National Competition Policy: Applying the Principles to Local Government in Tasmania, issued by the Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance in December 2013
- Fees and Charges Policy (check name and update to reflect this policy once adopted)
- Identification and Management of Significant Business Activities by Local Government in Tasmania to Comply with Competitive Neutrality Principles, issued by the Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance in December 2013
- Community Service Obligation Policy and Guidelines for Local Government in Tasmania, issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet in November 2000

**5. Definitions**

Term	Meaning
<b>Competitive Neutrality Costs (CNC)</b>	Costs which would have applied to the activity, had it not been conducted <u>within the umbrella of government by the City</u>
<b>Corporatisation</b>	Conversion of an SBA into an independent, operating business
<b>Full Cost Attribution (FCA)</b>	The value of all resources consumed by an entity in the provision of that SBA plus Competitive Neutrality Costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating costs</li> <li>• Capital costs</li> <li>• Competitive Neutrality Costs</li> </ul>
<b>Program or Services</b>	A program or service offered by the Council to the community that forms part of the operation of an SBA.
<b><u>Community Service Obligation</u></b>	<u>A Community Service Obligation is created when a Council requires a significant business activity to undertake a non-commercial function in order to achieve a Council policy objective.</u>
<b>Significant Business Activity (SBA)</b>	Indicators of Significant Business Activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• operation in a competitive market</li> <li>• market share of the activity</li> <li>• size of the activity within the organisation. <u>A City business activity determined to be significant in accordance with the impact of the activity on the relevant market.</u></li> </ul>

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director <a href="#">City Enablers Corporate Services Network</a>
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	28 March 2022
<b>History</b>	
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<b>Next Review Date:</b>	<a href="#">April 2024 2027</a>
<b>File Reference:</b>	F22/34010

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# Policy

Appendix 1.3

**Title:** Council Borrowings Policy

**Category:** Corporate Governance

**Date Last Adopted:** 24 August 2020

## 1. Purpose

This policy outlines Council's Loan Borrowing Strategy and provides guidance for the prudent borrowing of funds.

## 2. Objectives

### 1.

This policy sets out the circumstances in which Council will undertake borrowings and manage its loan portfolio. The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction on the authority of Council or Council officers to make borrowing decisions.

- To detail Council's planned financial management strategy for existing and future debt;
- Provide guidance as to the information that must be taken into consideration when Council is considering the use of debt;
- Minimise the cost of borrowing;
- Have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of Council's decisions;
- Exercise reasonable care and diligence that a prudent person would exercise when borrowing funds.

## 3.2. Limitations Background

Borrowing is a legitimate and responsible financial management tool when used to fund major infrastructure projects, as it spreads the payments for such assets across the

generations who will benefit.

Borrowings will be considered as part of Council's long-term financial planning strategy.

The Local Government Act 1993 establishes the following parameters for Council borrowings:

- Section 78 requires the Treasurer's approval to enter into borrowings; and
- Section 80(1) requires that the annual payments to service the total borrowings does not exceed 30 per cent of revenue for the preceding financial year, except with the approval of the Minister.

~~• Division 2 of part 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 applies.~~

~~• Per Section 78, State Treasurer approval is required to enter into borrowings.~~

~~• Per Section 80, annual servicing costs are not to exceed 30% of revenue (excluding specific purpose grants).~~

### 3. Borrowing Guidelines Policy

#### 4. General

~~Borrowings are not a form of revenue and do not replace the need for Council to generate sufficient operating revenue to service its operating requirements;~~

~~Borrowings should only be considered for the acquisition, upgrade or construction of assets that are not able to be funded from revenue, and which have been identified as a priority within Council's Plans. Borrowings to fund operational expenditure would only be considered in exceptional circumstances that are beyond the control of the Council, for example to respond to a natural disaster, and would require a Council resolution.~~



- Financing of major infrastructure assets requires a strategic approach to evaluate the risk exposure to Council;

Council, where it is appropriate. The following principles are to be applied when considering borrowings:

- Where appropriate, borrowings for infrastructure projects require a fully costed and evaluated business case, with all alternatives considered and the outcomes identified. The business case must demonstrate that the borrowing is capable of being accommodated within the Council's Long Term Finance Plan (LTFP);
- may enter into a borrowing facility for a long term asset construction or purchase projects;
- There will be no long term debt to finance operating activities, non-capital projects or recurring expenditure of Council;
- The term of the loan borrowing should will not exceed the expected economic life of the asset being funded, subject to the maximum periods below; and
- The maximum period for borrowing will be set at 15 years. Variations to this will require a resolution of Council.

#### Leases

Leasing is a form of financing and therefore any consideration of entering into a lease for assets should follow the Council Borrowing Policy.

Council will undertake a lease versus buy analysis for assets:

- Which diminish in value quickly (IT and gym equipment);
- Where assets will be disposed of in a short timeframe; and/or
- Where the lease option transfers responsibilities to the asset owner for maintenance and disposal.

#### **5. Determination of the Appropriate Lending Institution**

• Once borrowing has been approved by Council as part of the Annual Budget Estimates, a quotation process will be conducted whereby appropriate lending institutions (Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions) will be invited to submit written quotations on Council's borrowing requirements.

- Written quotations must include;
  - Interest rate – fixed or variable;
  - Term of the loan;
  - Repayment intervals;
  - Repayment installment amount;
  - Any applicable fees;

→ Loan break cost; and

→ The ADI's exposure to the Fossil Fuel industry.

~~→ Interest rates may be fixed or variable for the term of the loan;~~

• Appropriate and acceptable documentation must be provided to Council by any prospective lender during the quotation/tender process;

~~→ The calculation for any loan break costs must be clearly set out in the loan documentation; and~~

• Subject to the preceding considerations, in making borrowing decisions, regard will be taken to a lending institution being environmentally and socially ethical. Subject to the terms of the borrowing being the same, preference will be given to lending institutions that do not invest in the fossil fuel industry.

#### **6. Provision of Information to Elected Members Council**

Where Council officers recommend entering into borrowings as part of the annual Budget Estimates, any business case will be provided to the Council, along with any updates to the Council's LTFP.


Details of all current borrowings are to be provided to any elected member upon request and are to be included in the quarterly financial report provided to the Finance Committee.

#### **7.4. Legislation, Terminology and References**

The following legislation, circulars or guidelines are relevant to Councils when considering loan borrowing:

- *Tasmanian Local Government Act 1993;*
- *Tasmanian Trustee Act 1898.*

Responsible Officer:	Director <a href="#">City Enablers Corporate</a>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	18/12/2017
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Appendix 1.4

# Policy

**Title:** Election Caretaker Period**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** [11 July 2022](#)

## 1. Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

- a) Major policy decisions are not made by Council in the Caretaker Period that would prohibitively bind an incoming Council.
- b) Council resources are not used for the advantage of a candidate in a local government general election.
- c) The requirement to act impartially in relation to all candidates standing for election is clearly understood.

## 2. Background

Council is committed to the application of good governance principles and high standards of integrity.

It is an established democratic principle that elected bodies should not unnecessarily bind an incoming government during an election period. Council commits to the principle that it will make every endeavour to avoid making major policy decisions that bind an incoming Council.

This policy establishes clear guidelines for the conduct of elected members and staff in the lead up to a local government general election involving the Hobart City Council and adopts a pragmatic approach to ensuring that the ordinary business of Council continues in a responsible, transparent and legally compliant manner in the period leading up to an election.

### 3. Policy

#### Scope

This policy applies for the Caretaker Period and does not apply to a local government By-Election.

#### General

During the Caretaker Period the following provisions shall apply:

Tenure of Chief Executive Officer – Council shall not appoint, dismiss or renew the contract of a Chief Executive Officer. An Acting Chief Executive Officer may be appointed in accordance with Section 61B of the Act, if required.

Planning Instruments – Council will not make of its own motion, amend or repeal a local planning instrument under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (i.e. a planning scheme, a temporary local planning instrument or a planning scheme policy). For clarity this does not apply to applications made by third parties;

By-Laws – Council will not make a new By-Law.

Policies – Council will not approve or renew any Council policies.

Meetings – During the Caretaker Period, elected members will not submit notices of motion to Council or Council Committees pursuant to regulation 16(5)-19(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 (MPR)* nor will they ask questions without notice in accordance with regulation 29-34 of the MPR.

Use of Council Equipment and Stationery – Council supplied equipment and Council branded material will not be used by elected members or staff in any manner that supports a Candidate's election campaign. Elected members may continue to use Council equipment and branded material throughout the course of the Caretaker Period to carry out their regular functions as described in Section 28 of the Act. For clarity, elected members are entitled to utilise Council issued contact methods (email address, phone number, physical address) and corporate photographs in their election campaign. This is on the basis that no cost is incurred by the Council in these being available.

Media – Elected members will not use their access to employees or resources, to gain media attention in support of their, or any other Candidate's election campaign. For clarity this means that an elected

member must not utilise Council staff or resources in the preparation or delivery of campaign related media.

Elected Member Requests – an elected member may continue to request information that relates to the day-to-day business of the Council. Elected members should not use this as a mechanism for acquiring information to be used as part of an election campaign. The Chief Executive Officer may decline a request if it requires the use of significant resources or is clearly for use in an election campaign. A register of all requests received, and information provided, maybe made available for the information of all elected members.

Council Committees and Groups – an elected member shall not use their membership of a Council committee or appointment by Council as a member of an external group to disseminate information or promote their, or any other Candidate's election campaign. For example, this Policy would prevent the distribution of promotional material by an elected member to members of a group or committee of which that elected member was a member by virtue of them being an elected member.

Nothing in this policy prevents the Lord Mayor, elected members and staff from carrying on the business of the Council during the Caretaker Period.

Council meetings will continue to be held during the Caretaker Period in accordance with the approved meeting schedule and will consider agenda items that relate to the ordinary business of Council other than those matters identified in this policy.

The Chief Executive Officer may still exercise all delegations provided by Council and carry out the functions and powers set out in section 62 of the Act during the Caretaker Period, including the appointment of staff and the awarding of tenders and contracts.

Capital works as approved by Council as part of the annual budget process and subsequently approved by the awarding of a tender, can proceed during the Caretaker Period, regardless of their scale.

Council decisions and commitments made prior to the commencement of the Caretaker Period can continue to be actioned or implemented during the Caretaker Period including the provision of grants and sponsorships.

The Lord Mayor and elected members can continue to accept invitations to attend community functions and may continue to correspond with constituents on matters related to Council business during the Caretaker Period.

The Lord Mayor is the spokesperson for Council in accordance with Section 27 of the Act and will carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office during the Caretaker Period.

Individual elected members may continue to represent the community and facilitate communication between Council and the community and otherwise carry out the functions of office set out in section 28 of the Act for the duration of the Caretaker Period.

Nothing in this policy affects the application of the Council's policy titled "Elected Members' Development and Support".

Council employees shall maintain the normal business activities of Council during the Caretaker Period. Employees shall undertake their duties in an appropriate way and take all steps to avoid any real or perceived support for a candidate in order to protect the organisation's ability to impartially serve any incoming Council following an election.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

##### Definitions

In this policy:

**"By-Election"** is an election to replace an elected member after the elected member's office becomes vacant.

**"Candidate"** is a person standing for election.

**"Council"** means the Hobart City Council.

**"Caretaker Period"** is the period from the Notice of Election published in accordance with section 269 of the Act until seven days after the day on which the polls close for the relevant local government general election.

**"Electoral Material"** means any advertisement, handbill, pamphlet, notice, flyer, letter or article that is intended or calculated to affect the result of an election.

**"Election Campaign"** refers to the activities of candidates to win voter support in the period preceding an election and includes activities such as door knocking, bulk emails, production of signs and flyers, telephone canvassing, social media campaigns and advertising.

**"The Act"** means the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

**"Major Policy Decision"** refers to the appointment, remuneration or termination of the General Manager, approval of contracts greater than 1% of Council's net

revenue, adoption or renewal of policies, making, amending or repealing of planning schemes and establishment of By-Laws.

“MPR” means the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* [2025 2015](#).

**Legislation**

The following legislation is relevant to this policy:

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Electoral Act 2004*
- *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*

Responsible Officer:	Manager Legal and Governance
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History	
Amended by Council	<a href="#">Not applicable</a>
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Appendix 1.5

# Policy

**Title:** Consent & Management of Third-Party Signage at or within Council Facilities  
Landlord Consent for Advertising/Event Promotional Signage within Parks, Bushland, Reserves and Sporting Facilities

**Category:** Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves

**Date Last Adopted:** 23 September 2019 August 2025

## 1. Objectives

To provide clear guidance ~~and~~ cancel lines when assessing requests, as landlord, for signage in the City's parks, bushland, reserves and sporting facilities.

## 2. Background

The policy was introduced to ~~manage~~ prevent the proliferation of signage being erected on and within the City's parks, ~~bushland~~, reserves and ~~sporting~~ facilities.

These places are important to the local amenity and, therefore, excessive, poor quality or inappropriately placed signage should be avoided so that it does not detract from the enjoyment of these public places.

Consideration of permanent signage relates to those facilities in parks, bushland or reserves ~~under which~~ where a lease is in place and does not apply to short term hirers or licence ~~and/or~~ permit holders unless in special circumstances approved by the the Director City.

The City of Hobart owns but leases out a number of recreational facilities where section 2 of the policy is applicable. The City's owned and managed sportsgrounds where hirers access a facility under by a short term permit will be eligible to apply for temporary sponsorship signs in accordance with section 3.

~~Consideration of temporary signage relates only to the lease holder or hirer.~~

Landlord consent to erect signage does not imply planning or building approval that may be required for a signage proposal.

Should any signage be installed at any venue without Council consent<sup>1</sup>, the following may occur:

- The owner of the sign be contacted and asked to remove the sign immediately
- The signage be removed by Council, stored for a reasonable period, and disposed of if not collected.
- Should the sign require a planning permit, a report to the City's Compliance team may be justified.

### 3. Policy

That:

#### General Policy

1. (1.) Any lease or licensing agreement for Council owned or managed parks, gardens, reserves or other recreation and sporting facility/facilities is to include a provision that advertising may not be erected without the written consent of the General Manager/CEO or the relevant Director (or their chosen delegate), with such landlord consent not unreasonably withheld. Landlord consent to erect signage is to not imply planning or building approval that may be required by a proposal.
2. Where signage already exists prior to the implementation of this policy, each case will be reviewed individually. The objective will be to assess compliance and, where appropriate, take steps to align the signage with the standards and intent of the current policy.
3. Signage promoting alcohol, tobacco or gambling products at any Council facility will not be approved.

#### Temporary Signage

1. The following criteria shall apply in relation to the provision of landlord approval for the temporary erection of temporary advertising/event promotional signage on Council owned or managed parks, gardens, reserves or other recreation and sporting facilities:
  - (i) Landlord approval shall only be granted to the lessee or hirer of the facility for the purposes of promoting the event/use for which the space has been hired.
  - (a) The erection of signage not related to the use of the facility is not permitted.

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- (ii) ~~Landlord approval shall only be granted for Temporary signage is to be when it is to be erected no sooner than 30 days prior to the commencement of the each event and is to be removed within 7 days of the conclusion of each event, for which permission was granted, in accordance with the Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015.~~

#### Temporary Sporting Club Sponsorship Signage

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4. The following applies to landlord approval for the erection or display of temporary sponsorship signage at sporting facilities, that are designed to provide an income to sports clubs or associations

- (i) ~~Only current signage that provides an income to assist with a Club's operating costs shall be approved.~~
- (ii) ~~Signage will only be approved from one week prior to the first match played at the ground for the season, and for one week post the final match unless otherwise approved.~~
- (iii) ~~A new application for signage will be required for each season which will contain a list of all sponsorship signs and the location in which they are intended to be placed.~~
- (iv) ~~Prior to installation the Club/Association must photograph the condition of the fence on which the signage will be installed and accept the costs for any repair or replacement of the asset should it be damaged due to wind load.~~

#### **Permanent Signage**

A. 3. The following ~~shall applies in relation to the provision of~~ landlord approval for the erection of permanent ~~advertising/event promotional~~ signage on Council owned or managed ~~parks, bushland, reserves or other recreation and sporting~~ facilities:

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- (i). ~~The lease agreement for the facility to include a provision that advertising may not be erected without the written consent of the General Manager or the Director City Amenity or their delegate, with such landlord consent to not be unreasonably withheld. Fixed, permanent signs that are for the purposes of promoting a community group or club. The signs should be designed to provide information pertaining specifically to the use of the facility. by the groups will require a~~ An application is required to be lodged and approved.
- (ii). Fixed, permanent ~~commercial~~ advertising ~~is to~~ only to be approved in circumstances where the advertiser has provided, or agreed to

provide, significant capital improvements or other material ~~of~~ benefit to the facility or to ~~the~~ Council, unless otherwise agreed in writing with Council. This decision is at the discretion of the relevant Director.

(iii). Bearing in mind the potential adverse impact of such advertising on children and young people in particular, lessees be encouraged to take a responsible approach to advertising in their negotiations with any sponsors from the alcohol and/or gambling industries, as far as is possible given sponsor expectations and commitments in relation to advertising. Signage promoting alcohol, tobacco or gambling products at any Council facility will not be approved.

#### Temporary Sporting Club Sponsorship Signage

The following applies to landlord approval for the erection or display of temporary sponsorship signage at sporting facilities, that are designed to provide an income to sports clubs or associations

- Only current signage that provides an income to assist with a Clubs operating costs shall be approved.
- Signage will only be approved from one week prior to the first match played at the ground for the season, and for one week post the final match unless otherwise approved.
- A new application for signage will be required for each season which will contain a list of all sponsorship signs and the location in which they are intended to be placed.
- Prior to installation the Club/Association must photograph the condition of the fence on which the signage will be installed and accept the costs for any repair or replacement of the asset should it be damaged due to wind load.
- Signage promoting alcohol, tobacco or gambling products at any Council facility will not be approved.


4. For the purposes of this policy, landlord approval rests with the General Manager/CEO or the Director City Amenity Infrastructure & Assets Network, or their delegate.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Hobart C1.0 Signs Code. Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015, E17.0 Signs Code

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director City Amenity
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	25/3/1985
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Appendix 1.6

## Policy

**Title:** Private Works — **Charges****Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** 24 August 2020

### 1. Objectives

To provide a transparent and consistent framework ensure charges for undertaking private works, using the City's resources.

To ensure that if private works are undertaken by the City, it is at market prices. This includes full cost recovery and an acceptable profit margin, that is consistent with the no advantage requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the National Competition Policy, undertaken by the City cover all associated costs incurred.

### 2. Background

The organisation has considerable in-house skills and resources which can be made available for supply to parties outside the organisation and may include the supply of labour, materials, plant, services and other resources.

On occasions that such private works are provided, all associated costs, at a minimum, need to be recouped.

### 3. Policy

#### General

The City does not generally undertake private works except under special circumstances as approved by the relevant Manager, Director or Chief Executive Officer.

Priority for the use of the City's plant, equipment, labour and other resources is given to the City's own work program at all times, prior to entering into any private works arrangements.



It is the City's preference that all private works be undertaken by private contractors in the first instance.

The City reserves the right to refuse a request for private works if it is deemed to be outside of the City's capabilities, resources availability or for any other reason deeming the works unachievable.

#### **State Government and Service Authorities**

The City occasionally undertakes works on behalf of the State Government or service authorities. Requests for these works will be evaluated on merit with consideration to community benefit and the City's capability and resource availability to undertake the works requested.

Works undertaken on behalf of the State Government and service authorities must be at full cost recovery to the City.

Works undertaken on behalf of the State Government or service authorities will require the consent of the Director Infrastructure and Assets or other relevant Director.

#### **Other Major Private Works**

Other major private works valued above \$10,000 (excluding GST) require the consent of the Director Infrastructure and Assets or other relevant Director.

Major private works will only be considered in the following circumstances:

- There is no private contractor available to under the work; and
- The project would be of strategic economic, social or environmental benefit to the community; and
- The staff and the City have the capacity to engage in the project; and
- It may provide a valuable training opportunity to the staff.

#### **Minor Private Works**

All private works valued at or below \$10,000 (excluding GST) require consent of Manager City Infrastructure or other relevant manager.

#### **Plant Hire**

The City will not hire out plant without an approved City operator and in accordance with this policy.

The City is responsible for the payment of the City operators engaged in private works. No other payment arrangements are permissible.

Where the City agrees to undertake private works and those works are not on private property engaged directly by the land owner, the hirer will have adequate public liability insurance to cover the activities of the hired plant. Evidence of the insurance and permission of the land owner must be provided to the City prior to the commencement of works.

All plant hire requires the approval of the Manager City Infrastructure.

#### Scope of Works

A scope of works is to be included with estimates and quotes for all private works. The scope of works is to include:

- Details of the work to be undertaken;
- Permits required;
- Estimated quantities of materials to be used; and
- Timeframe for the works to be carried out.

For major private works, in addition to the above, design drawings, specifications where appropriate and all permits must be provided to the City prior to the commencement of works.

#### Costings

Where a major private works project has been approved, a firm quotation will be provided by the City. All quotations will be in writing and must be accepted by the applicant in writing prior to the commencement of the works.

Quotations are valid for 30 days only, after which time an updated quotation will be provided on request. Quotes may include a contingency, depending on the scope of works.

Variations to the scope of work may incur additional charges to the original quote and must be agreed to in writing by both parties before commencing additional work.

Where a minor private works project has been approved, a cost estimate will be provided.

A minimum charge of two-hour plant hire for each machine engaged will apply to private works.

Hourly rates for staff include on-costs and where plant is hired outside of normal working hours, the operator's overtime or penalty rates as prescribed in the relevant award and Hobart City Council Enterprise Agreement 2024 will apply.

All estimates and quotes provided are to include GST.



#### Conflict of Interest

The City's employees, Elected Members, volunteers, consultants and contractors must not gain advantage when any private works are undertaken by the City. The City's Employee Code of Conduct Policy and the External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy apply.

#### Dispute Resolution

The City has a Complaints Management Policy that sets out how it will deal with any disputes relating to private works.

That in any case where the City has undertaken work, for which it is not responsible nor has directed to be undertaken, and is carried out at the specific request of a third party/organisation, that work shall be charged out to include all direct and indirect costs incurred by the City with an appropriate profit margin.

Any request waiving or reducing a charge for private works will be referred to the Council for decision.

#### **4. Legislation, Terminology and References**

- Not applicable Local Government Act 1993
- City of Hobart Employee Code of Conduct
- City of Hobart External Activities and Conflict of Interest Policy
- Hobart City Council Enterprise Agreement 2024
- City of Hobart Competitive Neutrality Policy

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director <a href="#">City Enablers Corporate Services</a>
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	
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<b>File Reference:</b>	F 16/65298

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Summary of Recommendations – Policies with Minor Changes – Attachment C

Policy Title: Chief Executive Officer - Exercise of Powers – Appendix 2.1

Category: Corporate Governance

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: Minor change – Responsible Officer Updated

Recommendation: That the amendment to the responsible officer on the Council Policy, *Chief Executive Officer - Exercise of Powers* be approved.

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Policy Title: Compliance Investigation Procedure – Appendix 2.2

Category: Environment, Planning and Development Control

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: Change to template and minor change to action table.

Recommendation: That the amendments to the Council Policy, *Compliance Investigation Procedure* be approved.

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Policy Title: Elizabeth Mall Commercial Events Featuring Advertising – Appendix 2.3

Category: Roads, Traffic and Walkways

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: Minor change to responsible officer.

Recommendation: That the amendment to the responsible officer on the Council Policy, *Elizabeth Mall Commercial Events Featuring Advertising* be approved.

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Policy Title: Flag Management Policy – Appendix 2.4

Category: Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves

Review Proposal: Amend

Comment: Minor change to the area of responsibility – to Executive Services.

Recommendation: That the amendment made to the Council Policy, *Flag Management Policy* be approved.

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Policy Title:	Guarantee of Loans - Appendix 2.5
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Minor changes to titles and the removal of a duplicate point.
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy <i>Guarantee of Loans</i> be approved.

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Policy Title:	Internal Audit Charter – Appendix 2.6
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Update to responsible network
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy <i>Internal Audit Charter</i> be approved.

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Policy Title:	Investment of Council Funds – Appendix 2.7
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Minor changes to titles and the removal of the benchmarking criteria in the table of fund types as it is no longer relevant.
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy <i>Investment of the City's Funds</i> be approved.

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Policy Title:	Property Developer Contact Register – Appendix 2.8
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Amend
Comment:	Responsible Officer Updated
Recommendation:	That the amendments to the Council Policy, <i>Property Developer Contact Register</i> be approved.

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Policy Title: Public Interests Register – Appendix 2.9  
Category: Corporate Governance  
Review Proposal: Amend  
Comment: Minor change – Responsible Officer Updated  
Recommendation: That the amendments to the Council Policy *Public Interests Register* be approved.

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Policy Title: Related Party Disclosures – Appendix 2.10  
Category: Corporate Governance  
Review Proposal: Amend  
Comment: Minor changes to titles and wording.  
Recommendation: That the amendments to the Council Policy *Related Party Disclosures* be approved.

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Policy Title: Election Signage – Appendix 2.11  
Category: Corporate Governance  
Review Proposal: Amend  
Comment: Change to responsible officer  
Recommendation: That the amendment to the policy *Election Signage* be approved.

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Appendix 2.1

# Policy

**Title:** Chief Executive Officer – Exercise of Powers**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** 24 May 2021

## 1. Objectives

The objective of this policy is to clarify that the position titled Chief Executive Officer is the General Manager appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act").

## 2. Background

The Council has resolved that the position of General Manager pursuant to section 61 of the Act will be known as the Chief Executive Officer. The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that the individual that occupies that role continues to hold the title Chief Executive Officer yet still continues lawfully to carry out all the powers and functions of the General Manager under the Act pursuant to the appointment made under section 61.

## 3. Policy

The Chief Executive Officer is the General Manager and any reference to Chief Executive Officer means General Manager for the purpose of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Not applicable.



Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer <del>Director Thriving Capital (CEO's Office)</del>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	24 May 2021
History	
Amended by Council	<del>Not applicable</del>
Next Review Date:	<del>September 2023</del> 2027
File Reference:	F21/36845

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Appendix 2.2

# Policy

**Title:** Compliance Investigation Procedure**Category:** Environment, Planning and Development**Date Last Adopted:** 2022

## 1. Objectives

The purpose of this policy document is to provide:

1. An outline with respect to how the Hobart City Council (the Council) undertakes compliance and enforcement activities in a fair and equitable manner.
2. An outline of Council's investigation procedures, including pro-active and reactive monitoring activities and resource allocation.

## 2. Background

### Scope

The Council is responsible for a number of regulatory functions under and with respect to a large number of acts, regulations, guidelines, codes and standards and carries out a range of activities in relation to those functions, including:

1. Investigating reported or discovered breaches of the law.
2. Developing policies and standards for investigation, compliance and enforcement activities.
3. Undertaking compliance or enforcement activities in relation to detected breaches.
4. Ensuring the regulated community has access to information to assist them in complying with the law.
5. Ensuring the Council remains accountable for its decision making in relation to investigation, compliance and enforcement activities.

This policy document applies to the compliance and enforcement related functions carried out by the Council.

### Principles

The Council commits itself to the following principles:

1. Acting in accordance with the principles of **natural justice** and the **rule of law**.
2. Actively seek **voluntary compliance** and undertake legal action only where necessary and in all cases appropriate to do so.
3. When undertaking its enforcement and compliance duties to **collect, store and use appropriate information** to inform strategic decision making and the allocation of resources to associated enforcement and compliance activities.
4. Deploy a **risk-based approach** to the allocation of compliance and enforcement related assets to ensure efficient and effective utilisation of Council's limited resources to provide the best protection to the community and ensure the good governance of the municipality
5. Seek **inter-agency cooperation** involving information and resource sharing with other compliance and enforcement agencies at a Local, State and Federal level, where appropriate to achieve common compliance outcomes.



## 3. Policy

### Overview

1. Council commits itself to the overarching principle of effective compliance
2. Effective compliance involves:
  - a. Using the most appropriate compliance and enforcement tools to quickly address the most significant problems to achieve the best outcomes in the circumstances
  - b. Determining compliance and enforcement action based primarily on the risks associated with the given NCA and allocating unit resources accordingly
  - c. Gathering, using and storing appropriate data and intelligence to enable the unit to effectively monitor and manage regulated communities



### Risk-based approach

1. In accordance with the principles of effective compliance Council will seek to respond with priority to reported non-compliant activities that involve higher or more significant risk to the community and environment.

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2. Upon detection of a NCA Council will perform a risk based analysis to determine what action ought to be taken with respect to the NCA and what priority should be given to that action. Primarily the risk-based analysis will involve categorising the NCA into a risk category outlined below. Once an NCA is appropriately categorised, strategic decisions can be made in relation to resourcing and what compliance and enforcement action should be undertaken.
  3. Risk categories include:
    - a. Risk to human safety and wellbeing
    - b. Risk to environment
    - c. Risk to Council's liability
    - d. Risk to Council's assets and capacity to deliver services
    - e. Risk to Council's reputation

#### **Compliance and Enforcement Actions**

1. Compliance and Enforcement Actions Overview
  - a. Council has the overarching responsibility to ensure that the various acts, regulations, guidelines, codes and standards under which it is authorised are complied with.
  - b. In order to achieve satisfactory compliance with the various acts, regulations, guidelines, codes and standards under which it is authorised, Council performs a range of activities outlined below.
  - c. The nature of the regulation and the regulated community may determine what compliance actions are available.
2. Compliance assistance
  - a. Council will provide information and assistance to a regulated community with respect to how compliance with the applicable regulation(s) is achieved and the reasons why compliance is necessary and important.
  - b. Council recognises the importance of voluntary compliance and acknowledges that providing compliance information to the regulated community will result in:

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- i. Removing the barriers to compliance such as lack of knowledge and/or awareness of applicable acts, regulations, guidelines, codes and standards.
  - ii. Increasing understanding and solidifying expectations within the regulated community as to how compliance is achieved and how compliance with the law is monitored and enforced.
  - iii. Increasing understanding and solidifying expectations with respect to what consequences are applicable for non-compliance.
3. Pro-active monitoring
- a. Council will, where appropriate, implement a pro-active monitoring regime with respect to regulated communities, who, if non-compliant, create significant risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of the community.
  - b. Examples of pro-active monitoring include:
    - i. Inspections carried out at regular intervals determined by a number of factors including level of risk of NCA and measurable impact on compliance outcomes of the pro-active inspection.
    - ii. Targeted inspection campaigns in relation to novel or seasonal NCAs.
    - iii. Pro-active monitoring may lead to the detection of the targeted NCA and/or other NCAs. If a NCA is detected, Council will initiate its usual investigation and enforcement procedure.
4. Reactive investigation
- a. Council will undertake investigation into alleged NCAs that are reported to Council.
  - b. Council receives a significant number of reported NCAs. Due to limited resourcing Council must prioritise its efforts towards those NCAs that pose the greatest risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of the community.
  - c. Council will undertake the following investigation procedure with respect to a reported NCA as appropriate:
    - i. Categorise the reported NCA based on the level of risk and allocate resources appropriately.
    - ii. Gather appropriate and relevant intelligence and evidence.
    - iii. Perform a site inspection to confirm the NCA and liaise with the responsible individual(s) if appropriate and necessary.

- iv. Determine appropriate enforcement response.
- v. Perform follow up investigation to ensure compliance if appropriate and necessary in the circumstances.

5. Enforcement action

- a. Council may decide that enforcement action is appropriate in the circumstances.
- b. When determining what enforcement action to take in response to a NCA, authorised officers will choose an action that is appropriate in the circumstances and which considers:
  - i. The level of risk of harm or potential harm associated with the relevant NCA to the public and the environment.
  - ii. The objectives of the act, regulation, guideline, code and/or standard applicable.
  - iii. Whether the action is an appropriate use of Council's resources.
  - iv. Whether the action sets an appropriate precedent for future cases.
  - v. The need for general and specific deterrence.
  - vi. Any mitigating or aggravating circumstances.
- c. The authorised officer will not select an enforcement action that relies upon an unreasonable or extreme interpretation of the act, regulation, guidelines, code or relevant standard.
- d. An indicator of what types of enforcement actions Council will consider in relation to given levels of risk associated with a particular NCA is provided in Table 1.0 below.
- e. In some cases it is appropriate for Council to initiate the compliance process with a lower-level enforcement action, and escalate the action only where continued non-compliance persists. This enforcement method may be appropriate within a particular case or between cases depending on the circumstances.
- f. Other factors that may impact the Council's enforcement action include:
  - i. When the NCA was undertaken and the duration of the activity, including whether the NCA is continuing.
  - ii. The level of harm or potential harm caused by the NCA.

- iii. Any prior enforcement action taken against the individual for the same or similar NCA(s).
- iv. The level of compliance with Council's investigation of the NCA, including any lawful directions to cease the activity or undertake specific actions in relation to the activity by authorised officers.
- g. In accordance with the principles of natural justice, factors that are irrelevant to what enforcement action will be undertaken include:
  - i. An individual's ethnicity, nationality, political association, religion, gender, sexuality, ability, age or beliefs.
  - ii. An individual's political or social status, relationships or affiliation with any other person or organisation.
  - iii. Any political advantage or disadvantage to a government, person holding (or candidate for) public office, or any political group or party.

Table 1.0		Enforcement Action	Seriousness of breach		
			Low	Medium	High
Level of Enforcement Action	High	Prosecution		X	X
		Seizure of property Closure/evacuation of premises		X	X
	Medium	Infringement Notice	X	X	X
		Notice/Order	X	X	X
	Low	Official Warning	X	X	
		Verbal Warning	X		



**Customer Requests (Complaints)**

1. Council will assess all customer requests related to NCAs and first determine whether or not an investigation is to be commenced.
2. Examples of instances where an investigation will not be commenced are:
  - a. The matter has already been investigated and the matter has resolved.
  - b. Council is not the appropriate authority to investigate the matter.
  - c. The activity is considered to be lawful or otherwise in substantial compliance with the appropriate act, regulation, guideline, code and/or standard.
  - d. An investigation would be contrary to the public interest or policy considerations.
  - e. Investigation into the NCA will pose a real danger or risk of harm to Council officers or the public and the danger or risk of harm is otherwise unavoidable.
3. Where Council determines it inappropriate to investigate a complaint the complainant will be notified and reasons for Council's decision will be provided.
4. If a member of the public makes persistent and continued complaints in relation to a matter that has been previously determined and communicated to be either compliant or not warranting further action, Council may cease further communication with that person.
5. Council may seek the continued cooperation of the complainant during the investigation process. This may involve access to the complainants' property or the request for further information including the provision of admissible evidence. While the cooperation of the complainant during an investigation is not necessary, failure to cooperate may result in the investigation being unable to proceed and possibly closed.
6. Outside of the requirements of the Right to Information Act 2009, Council will not provide details of the investigation or any enforcement action taken to the complainant. While acknowledging the concerns of the complainant to be informed, Council respects the privacy of any person who is under investigation or who has been the subject of enforcement action.
7. Council will not in any circumstances disclose the identity of the complainant during an investigation or otherwise. If information is to be shared with the individual alleged to be in breach, personal identifying information will be erased.
8. Any person who is not satisfied with Council's response to NCA may refer the matter for external review to the Tasmanian Ombudsman who is an independent officer responsible for investigating complaints about the administrative actions of local government.

**Role of Elected Members in compliance and enforcement**

1. It is recognised that members of the public may choose to report NCAs directly to an elected member.
2. Elected members have a key role in reinforcing the Compliance & Investigation Procedure Policy by:
  - a. Supporting the executive arm of the Council in undertaking its compliance role and fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.
  - b. Developing and implementing policy that supports Council's compliance and enforcement duties and responsibilities under governing legislation.

- c. Advocating the importance of compliance to the wider community.
3. Decision-making in relation to the investigation of NCAs and the undertaking of enforcement action, if any, is the responsibility of the respective authorised officer or Council itself. Any a NCA is referred to an elected member by a member of the public should be referred to the unit within Council responsible for investigating the NCA and taking appropriate action, if necessary.
  4. Elected members must not exert pressure, influence or interfere with the investigation or the undertaking of any enforcement action in relation to a reported NCA.
  5. Elected members can assist the community by satisfying themselves that the Compliance & Investigation Procedure Policy is adhered to.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

#### 5. Definitions

Term	Meaning
<b>Authorised Officer</b>	An officer employed by the Hobart City Council and authorised or appointed under an Act or Regulation to perform a specific function or exercise a specific power.
<b>Compliance</b>	The act of adhering to, and demonstrating adherence to, laws, regulations, conditions, standards and policies.
<b>Enforcement, enforcement action</b>	The undertaking of any act by an authorised officer, including the issuing of verbal or formal warnings, notices, orders, infringement notices or the institution of legal proceedings, to motivate, require or compel observance or compliance with the law.
<b>Council</b>	Hobart City Council
<b>Non-compliant activity (NCA)</b>	An action (or set of actions), use, event or state of affairs whereby the activity is not in adherence to the applicable laws, regulations, conditions, standards and/or policies.
<b>Regulated community</b>	A group of individuals defined by their responsibility to comply with a given law, regulation, condition, standard or policy. Examples include:



- Property owners and occupiers
- Business operators
- Dog owners
- Developers
- Builders and Plumbers
- Motor vehicle owners/drivers
- Users of public space

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director Strategic and Regulatory Services Network
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	2022
<b>History</b>	
<b>Amended by the Hobart Workshop Committee:</b>	
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	
<b>File Reference:</b>	F25/80349

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Appendix 2.3

# Policy

**Title:** Promotional Events Featuring Advertising in Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and/or Collins Court

**Category:** Roads, Traffic and Walkways

**Date Last Adopted:** 15 February 2022

## 1. Objectives

This Policy outlines the requirements to allow the use of Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and/or Collins Court for promotional events by commercial organisations.

## 2. Background

The City of Hobart encourages the provision of entertainment in Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and/or Collins Court on the basis that they are a focal point for shoppers, provides seating for relaxation and are ideal settings for the conduct of a diverse range of activities and community activations.

The Promotional Events Featuring Advertising in Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and Collins Court Policy governs applications by commercial organisations for promotional activities in Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and/or Collins Court.

## 3. Policy

That promotional events by commercial organisations may be held in Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and/or Collins Court subject to:

1. The applicant undertaking to provide free entertainment.
2. Only one commercial promotion in each of Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square and Collins Court being approved for any day that it is not required for a City sponsored activity, unless the City has given approval for additional events/activities for that day.

3. The event duration being no longer than two hours (excluding set-up and pack-down) unless the person is the holder of a permit to do so, obtained through their promotional event booking.
4. Events entailing the use of amplifiers are not permitted unless the person is the holder of a permit to do so, obtained through their promotional event booking.
5. Events and activities should not unduly impact on the commercial interests of rateable businesses in or adjacent to Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square or Collins Court.
6. Promotional or advertising material must not be obstructive, potentially dangerous or offensive, and a photograph or sketch of any advertising material to be displayed to be submitted by the applicant prior to the event, where applicable.
7. Food sampling (including the provision of pre-packaged samples) is permitted, subject to adherence to the requirements of current state health guidelines issued under the Public Health Act 1997.
8. Food or catering packaging must comply with the Single-Use Plastics By Law.
9. Provision of promotional paraphernalia (balloons, etc) is restricted to compostable and certified biodegradable objects only.
10. Flyers and other advertising material may be permitted in connection with the event display, however cleanup costs may be incurred if excessive litter is created by the distribution.
11. The direct sale of goods, memberships, subscriptions, etc is prohibited during commercial events.
12. Direct transactional retail ventures and structures, such as barrows, stalls and the like are not permitted in Elizabeth Mall, Wellington Court, Salamanca Square or Collins Court.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Local Government Act 1993 (TAS)

Public Spaces By-Law No 4 of 2018

Single-Use Plastics By-Law No 1 of 2020

Public Health Act 1997 (TAS)



<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director <del>City Futures</del> community and Economic Development
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	22/8/1988
<b>History</b>	
Amended by Council	17/12/2007
Amended by Council	9/2/2010
Amended by Council	7/3/2016
Amended by Council	23/9/2019
Amended by Council	15/2/2022
	<a href="#">Amended by the Hobart Workshop Committee</a>
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	<a href="#">September 2023</a> 2027
<b>File Reference:</b>	F16/65223

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Appendix 2.4

# Policy

**Title:** Flag Management Policy**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** 20 March 2023

## 1. Objectives

To provide a policy that governs the flying of flags at the City of Hobart's Hobart Town Hall and Council Centre and to establish a procedure to consider requests for flying flags of significance to the Hobart community.

This policy applies to the Hobart Town Hall flagpoles, Hobart Town Hall Banner poles, Hobart Town Hall roof flagpole, Hobart Town Hall Parking Deck flagpole and the Council Centre flagpole.

## 2. Background

The Policy was developed in response to the installation of flagpoles at the front of the Hobart Town Hall and the need for a mechanism to process requests for the flying of flags at the Hobart Town Hall and Council Centre.

In alignment with the Australian Flags Booklet, the City recognises that the Australian National Flag should be treated with the respect and dignity it deserves as the nation's most important national symbol.

The City acknowledges that as a diverse and multicultural city, the flags of other nations and groups are also important to members of our community and therefore are also to be treated with respect and dignity and displayed when appropriate.

This policy applies to the flags and flagpoles at the following City facilities:

- Hobart Town Hall
- Council Centre

This policy does not generally apply to other flagpoles on City owned or managed land.





## Flag Pole Locations

### Hobart Town Hall flagpoles

These six poles can be used to fly national flags and other flags as approved by the CEO or their delegate.

These poles may be temporarily removed where required for civic purposes.

### Hobart Town Hall Roof flagpole

This pole flies the Australian National Flag on a permanent basis.

### Hobart Town Hall banner poles

The use of the banner poles is restricted to activities of a civic nature relative to the City only. The marketing of a business or organisation is not permitted, unless approved by a Council decision.

### Town Hall Parking Deck flagpole

This pole flies the Australian Aboriginal Flag on a permanent basis.

### Council Centre flagpole



This pole flies the Australian National Flag on a permanent basis, except where a Council resolution may involve the display of an alternative flag.

## 3. Policy

That:

1. While City facilities are not considered federal government buildings or establishments, the City will observe the protocols as outlined in the Australian Flags Booklet, as far as practicable.
2. All flags should be treated with respect and dignity. The Australian National Flag must always be flown in a position superior to that of any other flag or ensign.
3. All flags flown must be of the appropriate standard size, in good repair and capable of being flown on the City's flagpoles.



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4. The City will permanently fly the first nations flag.
  5. In general, the City will only consider flying the national flags of other countries, on request, to acknowledge days of national significance for that country and recognition of natural disasters.
  6. The City reserves the right to fly a national flag or other flag on any day as deemed appropriate by the CEO or their delegate.
  7. The City will consider requests to fly other flags in accordance with this policy and the Australian National Flag Booklet protocols. In doing so, regard shall be given to whether the flying of a flag would cause offence to sectors of the community or whether highlighting a particular issue, cause or group would be inconsistent with the City's commitment to strengthening community resilience, inclusion and safety.
  8. Applicants whose requests to fly flags are approved are responsible for providing the City with the required number of flags in the appropriate standard size.

**Half-masting**

9. The City will fly its flags where possible as a sign of mourning on appropriate occasions as advised by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania) or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Notifications to half-mast on these occasions will be considered and actioned as appropriate by the CEO or their delegate.

**Request to fly other flags**

10. In general, the City will not approve requests from organisations or individuals who:
  - Do not align with the City's Vision, Mission and Values and our commitment to inclusivity;
  - Are political parties;
  - Undertake an activity for commercial gain; and/or
  - Offer programs that may present a hazard to the community.
11. Applications to request a flag be flown are to be submitted to the City using the Flag Flying Application Form. Applications must be submitted a minimum of 21 calendar days prior to the event/time period to allow sufficient time to consider the request. Requests received within this timeframe may still be considered at the discretion of the CEO or their delegate. The City reserves the right to refuse a request where sufficient notice is not provided.

**Notification**

Where any flag other than the standard flags as listed under "Locations" is flown on City flagpoles, or where a flag is flown at half-mast, a notice is to appear on the City of Hobart website indicating the reason.

**Variation**

The CEO or their delegate shall be authorised to permit departures from this policy where adherence to this policy:

- Would have financial and staffing implications due to the need to raise or lower a flag outside business hours;
- Could cause offence to sectors of the Hobart community;
- Results in a conflict between different policy requirements; and/or
- Is warranted due to extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances.

**4. Legislation, Terminology and References**

[Flags Act 1953](#)

[Australian Flags Booklet](#)

[Australian Flags booklet: part 2](#)

Hobart Town Hall Flagpoles	6 flagpoles located out the front of the Hobart Town Hall on Macquarie Street
Hobart Town Hall Banner Poles	The banner poles located on the portico of the Hobart Town Hall
Hobart Town Hall Roof Flagpole	Flagpole located on the roof of the Hobart Town Hall
Hobart Town Hall Parking Deck Flagpole	Flagpole located on the parking deck located at the rear of the Hobart Town Hall
Council Centre Flagpole	Flagpole located on the roof of the Council Centre located at 16 Elizabeth Street
Australian Flag Booklet	Australian Flag Booklet which contains the protocols for the appropriate use and flying of the flag as administered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
City	City of Hobart
Civic	An event relating to a city, municipal area or community to mark a special occasion. This can be a public event such as Remembrance Day, or events that are usually formal occasions which show support to community groups or organisations
Council	Formal group of Elected Members

## 5. Risk

Alignment with this policy is seen to reduce the City's reputational and legal risk by ensuring compliance with State and Federal legislation and responding to the community's expectations as set out in the Community Vision.

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Services Network
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	20 March 2023
<b>History</b>	Not applicable
<a href="#"><u>Amended by the Hobart Workshop Committee</u></a>	
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	<a href="#"><u>March 2025</u></a>
<b>File Reference:</b>	F23/46564

City of Hobart

Appendix 2.5

# Policy

**Title:** Guarantee of Loans  
**Category:** Corporate Governance  
**Date Last Adopted:** 24 August 2020

## 1. Objectives

This policy ~~is to~~ provides a framework for the approval of Loan Guarantees for community organisations that wish to substantially self-fund capital asset projects on Council owned/controlled land, whilst limiting the ~~Council's~~ City's exposure to potential loss.

The policy objectives are to achieve:

- A means of supporting local communities and sporting organisations to self-fund capital asset projects.
- A mechanism to fund community assets that are on land that is owned or controlled by ~~Council~~ the City that will vest in ~~and/or~~ ultimately ~~be~~ controlled by the ~~Council~~ City. These are assets which provide essential services or a clear benefit to the wider community, that also align to the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-2029.
- A funding solution that enables the community organisation to manage the resultant loan agreement directly with the lending institution.
- ~~A funding solution that enables the community organisation to manage the resultant loan agreement directly with the lending institution.~~
- Proposals for loan guarantees are required to satisfy the criteria identified in the policy statement as well as being the subject of a report to Council. Satisfaction of the criteria does not guarantee approval as all approvals are at the discretion of the Council.
- To establish the maximum amount of ~~Council's~~ the City's exposure to loan guarantee commitments.

## 2. Background

The City of Hobart is committed to supporting community groups that provide facilities and services that benefit the Hobart community.

This policy provides general guidelines and principles against which requests for the Council-City to act as a Guarantor will be assessed.

## 3. Policy

Loan guarantees will only be considered when all of the following policy-criteria have been met.

### General

1. Where it is demonstrated that the project will provide essential services or a clear benefit to the wider community, and will-is aligned to the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-2029.
2. Borrowings are only to be used for the construction and/or acquisition of capital assets on Council-City owned or controlled land that will be vested in and ultimately controlled by the CouncilCity.
3. The applicant is a "not-for-profit" organisation and has a legal status (incorporated or a company), and is the current lessee of the land.
4. The applicant has no outstanding debts to the CouncilCity.
5. The useful life of the asset exceeds the life of the loan guarantee.
6. The term of the loan shall not exceed the term of the existing lease agreement. The lease agreement refers to the agreement between the Council-City as landlord and the community organisation.
7. The loan must not include a redraw facility.
8. The loan must not be an interest only loan.
9. Guarantees will not be provided where works have already commenced, unless the Council resolves that extenuating circumstances exist.

### Maximum Exposure

The Council's-City's maximum exposure to loan guarantee commitments be limited to five per cent (5%) of annual revenue, subject to Council's-the City's forecast net financial liabilities ratio for the term of the requested guarantee remaining between 0% and 50 per cent%.

**Guarantee Term**

The maximum period that the Council-City will guarantee a loan for is ~~twenty-five (25)~~ years.

**Documentation**

The applicant will be required to demonstrate in their application the requirements as set out in 'General' together with their ability to service the loan repayments. The Council-City reserves the right to request and receive any information that may be required in its consideration of the guarantee request.

Should the Council resolve to act as guarantor of the loan, the applicant will be required to:

1. Notify the Council-City of any legal action that they enter or are joined to, and any intention to take out further borrowings.
2. Support any necessary amendments to the loan guarantee documentation to the satisfaction of the CouncilCity. Council-The City reserves the right to review and amend the loan guarantee documentation in order to minimise exposure to "genericstandard" loan guarantee documents issued by lending institutions.
3. Provide the Council-City with bi-annual loan statements that demonstrate the status of loan repayments.
4. Immediately notify the Council-City in the event of any default in loan repayments.
5. Ensure the asset is appropriately insured with a certificate of currency provided annually to Councilthe City.
6. Provide the Council-City with minutes of the organisation's annual general meeting plus audited financial statements, and any other information the Council-City may reasonably require to assure itself of the status of the loan.
7. All costs in relation to the guarantee are to be paid by the applicant.

**8. Legislation, Terminology and References**

Not applicable.

Responsible Officer:	Director <a href="#">City Enablers</a> <a href="#">Corporate Services</a>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	19/09/2016
History	
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Appendix 2.6

# Policy

**Title:** Internal Audit Charter**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** 24 April 2023

## 1. Objectives

The objective of this charter is to define the purpose, authority and responsibility of the Internal Audit function.

## 2. Background

Council's audit activities will be conducted in accordance with Part 8, Division 4 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014*.

A three-year strategic internal audit plan will be developed for the Council. In addition, an internal audit plan and program will be prepared annually.

Internal audit and external audit are separate functions. Internal audit will have a collaborative and ongoing relationship with external auditors and any other assurance provider to ensure auditing and assurance activities are complementary and there are no significant gaps in the Council's assurance and review framework.

## 3. Purpose

The purpose of internal audit is to provide Council with independent and objective review and assurance services that will continually improve, add value to Council's operations and business performance, and help prevent fraud.

The activity assists Council in meeting its strategic objectives, by evaluating and improving the effectiveness of Council's risk management, governance, critical business processes, key initiatives and internal control processes.

The internal audit activity provides assurance to the City's Risk and Audit Panel, Council and Executive Leadership Team that key strategic and operational risks, including new and emerging, are identified and managed appropriately. It also serves

as an internal advisory service providing managers with advice and support in relation to compliance, governance, risk and control matters.

#### 4. Authority

Internal audits are undertaken under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer and through the Risk and Audit Panel.

The internal audit function does not have decision making authority or operational authority for the activities it reviews.

Internal audit is conducted in accordance with the internal audit plan, and as such has full and unrestricted access to all functions, premises, assets, personnel, records, systems, information and documentation necessary to enable the function to meet its responsibilities.

#### 5. Responsibility

The City's Risk and Audit Panel responsibilities include to:

- Oversee the coordination of the Council's internal audit program;
- Review and provide relevant advice on the three-year strategic internal audit plan for Council's consideration;
- Review and provide relevant advice on the annual internal audit work plan;
- Receive reports in relation to those audit findings that have an 'Extreme' or 'High' risk rating;
- Monitor management's progress of the implementation of agreed management actions for internal audit findings that have an "Extreme" or "High" risk rating;
- Annually review the performance of the contracted internal audit service provider;
- Review the tender documentation conditions and specifications for the supply of internal audit services; and
- Consider the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation of preferred tenderer and advise the Council on the appointment of internal auditors.

#### 6. Independence and Objectivity

Independence is essential to the effectiveness of internal audit and therefore, internal audit is an independent function at Council and has no responsibility for the activities it reviews. It is not involved in the day-to-day operations of Council.

To ensure independence and objectivity the internal audit function will be outsourced to an appropriately skilled and experienced service provider. The initial Contract Term will be for a maximum period of three years. Two Contract extension options of one year each may be offered to the service provider at Council's discretion. The City will undertake market testing prior to the expiry of the current contract for internal audit

services by way of a public tender process to award a new contract, in order to ensure transparency and accountability.

To be effective, the internal audit function will operate objectively without being influenced or inhibited in undertaking services.

The internal audit service provider must consider any actual, perceived or conflicts of interest prior to commencing work on any internal audit activities.

## 7. Reporting

The internal audit service provider will report to the Chief Executive Officer and through the Risk and Audit Panel as and when required.

A report will be provided to each Risk and Audit Panel meeting on:

- Internal audit reports completed;
- Status in completing the annual internal audit plan;
- Strategic risk management and suggested improvements to the Council's governance and control environment;
- Any other advisory or compliance activities undertaken.

## 8. Legislation, Terminology and References

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

*Audit Act 2008 (Tas)*

*Integrity Commission Act 2009 (Tas)*

**Document Control**

<b>Policy Name</b>	<b>Internal Audit Charter</b>
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Appendix 2.7

# Policy

**Title:** Investment of ~~Council~~ the City's Funds**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** 24 August 2020

## 1. Objectives

To maximise the ~~Council's~~ City's return on its investments, subject to the satisfaction of the criteria of safety and security, liquidity, and ethical nature.

## 2. Background

The permitted methods of investment of ~~Council~~ the City's funds are defined within the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*. This ~~e-below~~ policy outlines the ~~Council~~ City processes within legislated parameters.

## 3. Policy

### 1. Scope

The ~~Council~~ City has the following funds:

Nature of Funds	Purpose	Underlying Investments
Working Capital – Transactional Funds including "at call" funds <sup>1*</sup>	To provide sufficient cash to meet the day to day financial obligations of City <del>of Hobart</del> in a timely manner	Cash and at call funds
Investment Funds	Funds that are surplus to working capital and are available for longer term investment	Term Deposits with a maximum maturity of 12 months
Heritage Funds <sup>†1</sup>	To fund grants to owners of heritage properties in order to help facilitate the maintenance of heritage properties in Hobart	Cash, Australian Equities & International Equities

Note 1: The Transactional Funds and Heritage Funds are outside the scope of this policy.

## 2. Criteria for Investment

- (i) Safety and Security – Security of the ratepayer's capital is a primary consideration in all investment decisions.
- (ii) Liquidity – Investments must be managed to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet cash requirements as they fall due.
- (iii) Ethical in Nature – the Council City commits to investing 100 per cent% of its Investment Funds in non-fossil fuel aligned financial institutions.
- (iv) Rate of Return – Subject to the three preceding considerations, Council the City will aim to maximise its return.

## 3. Expected Rate

The performance benchmark is the 90 day Bank Bill Swap Rate (BBSW).

## 4. Delegated Authority

The Director City Governance Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer are delegated authority to invest according to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, from the Council through the General Manager Chief Executive Officer.

## 5. Investment Guidelines

- (i) Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, will be complied with at all times.
- (ii) Investments may be made for any period up to a maximum of one year.
- (iii) Investments can only be made with Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADI's) regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, in products where the underlying assets are cash.
- (iv) Exposure to ADI's with a Standard and Poors short-term credit rating of A1 or A1+ (or equivalent from a different rating agency) is limited to \$7,000,000 million.
- (v) Exposure to ADI's with a Standard and Poors short-term credit rating of A2 (or equivalent from a different rating agency) is limited to \$3,000,000 million.
- (vi) Where an ADI is a subsidiary of another and has its own credit rating, the two institutions shall be treated as separate and subject individually to the exposure limits above.
- (vii) Where an ADI is a subsidiary of another, and is a non-fossil fuel aligned institution, but the parent company is a fossil fuel aligned institution, the subsidiary will be regarded as a fossil fuel aligned institution.

- (viii) For any fixed term investment, whether new or rollover, quotes must be sought from a minimum of three ADI's. Investment decisions must be documented.
- (ix) Any investment outside of the investment guidelines contained within this policy must be referred to the [Finance and Governance Committee Council](#) for prior approval.

#### 6. Provision of Information to Elected Members

- (i) Details of all current investments are to be provided to any [elected member](#) upon request and are to be included in the quarterly financial report provided to the [Finance and Governance Committee Council](#).

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

*Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*  
City of Hobart Delegations Register

Responsible Officer:	Director <a href="#">City Enablers Corporate Services</a>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	13/11/1995
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Appendix 2.8

# Policy

**Title:** Property Developer Contact Register**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** [24 April 2023](#)

## 1. Objectives

The objective of this policy is to provide transparency and accountability in relation to elected members' interaction with property developers in order to avoid the risk of reputational damage to the City of Hobart and its elected members.

## 2. Background

This policy has been developed following the adoption of a notice of motion in December 2022. This policy has been based on arrangements in other jurisdictions, along with considerations raised by the Council during the debate of the notice of motion. It attempts to balance the above objective with the practicalities of disclosing the information and the certainty required in defining the nature of the interests.

## 3. Policy

### General

- 1) Elected members will report their prescribed contact with property developers on a monthly basis to a council officer as delegated by the Chief Executive Officer and will include:
  - a) who the contact was with;
  - b) when the contact occurred;
  - c) the type of contact (eg. text, email, phone call, in person etc);
  - d) any specific development/property discussed and the nature of that discussion; and Elected member response.
- 2) The Register be:
  - a) published online always and made accessible to the public on request in other forms.



#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

*Local Government Act 1993*

##### Definitions

**Developer** – means an individual, body corporate or company engaged in a business that:

- (a) regularly involves the making of relevant planning applications in connection with the residential or commercial development of land, with the ultimate purpose of the sale or lease of the land for profit; and
- (b) includes any consultant, lobbyist, advisor, agent, representative or person closely associated with a Developer and who is appointed to promote or advocate for the Developer's interests or proposal, except when they are representing someone who is not regularly involved in the making of relevant planning applications or the development of land.

**Contact** – means any communication or conversation between a Council Member and Developer, regardless of whether it is foreseen, planned, solicited or reciprocated, and includes but is not limited to the following methods of communication – telephone, electronic mail (e-mail), short message service (SMS), multimedia messaging service (MMS), facsimile, web-based networking platform, written mail, face to face and the like.

**Prescribed Contact** means any contact relating to a planning or development proposal, including proposals in a preliminary stage, for which the developer is a proponent, excluding any exempt contact.

**Exempt Contact** means any contact which:

- (a) is in the form of a public statement made at a Council Forum, Council Briefing or Council Meeting; or
- (b) does not involve the Council Member engaging in any discussion or communication with the developer on the planning or development proposal where routine information only is conveyed.

**Routine Information** means advising a Developer where to access information on the planning or development process or to contact the City of Hobart administration or State Government regarding their planning or development proposal.

Responsible Officer:	Director <a href="#">Corporate Services - City Enablers</a>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	24 April 2023
History	
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Appendix 2.9

# Policy

**Title:** Public Interests Register Policy**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted:** 24 April 2023

## 1. Objectives

The objective of this policy is to create a process for elected members to publically disclose interests they may have proactively to the community which mitigates the risk of a public perception of inappropriate decisions and reputational damage to the City of Hobart.

## 2. Background

This policy has been developed following the adoption of a notice of motion in December 2022. This policy has been based on arrangements in other jurisdictions, along with considerations raised by the Council during the debate of the notice of motion. It attempts to balance the above objective with the practicalities of disclosing the information and the certainty required in defining the nature of the interests.

## 3. Policy

### General

#### (1) Disclosure of Elected Members' interests

That within 28 days of election to the Hobart City Council, Elected Members will provide to the CEO or delegated officer, a statement of:

- (a) the Elected Member's interests, and
- (b) the interests of which the Elected Member is aware of their spouse/partner.

#### (2) Interests

The statement of an Elected Member's interests to be provided by an Elected Member shall include the interests of which the Elected Member is aware and includes the following matters:

- (a) shareholdings in public and private companies where the combined total value of the shares is more than \$10,000, indicating the name of the company or companies;
- (b) trusts that the elected member is a trustee or a beneficiary of;
- (c) land the elected member owns or has a beneficial interest in within municipal area of Hobart, excluding the elected member's primary residence;
- (d) registered directorships of companies;
- (e) personal debt over \$10,000 (excluding financial institutions);
- (f) any paid employment in the preceding 6 months where the income exceeds \$10,000 in that period;
- (g) any sponsored travel or hospitality received where the value of the sponsored travel or hospitality exceeds \$300;
- (h) unincorporated associations in which the elected member is a member and performs a leadership role;
- (i) any other interests where a conflict of interest with an Elected Member's public duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise; and
- (j) any election campaign donation\*.

\* Nothing in this Policy alters or fetters any requirements contained in the *Local Government Act 1993* regarding disclosure of interests by Elected Members.

(3) Publication

The Register of elected members' interests be is:

- (a) published online always and made accessible to the public on request in other forms;
- (b) as soon as possible, but not exceeding 28 days, after an Elected Member obtains a new interest that interest will be registered with the Office of the Chief Executive or delegated officer.

(4) Reporting

An Elected Member may be reported to the Director of Local Government if the Elected Member:

- (a) knowingly fails to provide a statement of interests in accordance with this Policy;
- (b) knowingly fails to notify any alteration of those interests to the Register of Elected Members' Interests within 28 days of the change occurring, or
- (c) knowingly provides false or misleading information.



4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Local Government Act 1993

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

Responsible Officer:	Director <a href="#">City Enablers Corporate Services Network</a>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	24 April 2023
History	
Amended by <a href="#">Council the Hobart Workshop Committee</a>	<a href="#">Not applicable</a>
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Appendix 2.10

## Policy

**Title:** Related Party Disclosures**Category:** Corporate Governance**Adopted:** 23 November 2020

### Objectives

This policy outlines what is expected of elected members and staff of Council in relation to Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* (AASB 124).

Specifically, the policy outlines the disclosure requirements under AASB 124 of Key Management Personnel (KMP), which includes elected members. It also outlines the procedures Council will follow to collect, store, manage and report on related party relationships, transactions and commitments.

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Audit Act 2008* all local governments in Tasmania must produce annual financial statements that comply with Australian Accounting Standards.

### Background

From 1 July 2016, local governments (Councils) must disclose related party relationships, transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, in their annual financial statements.

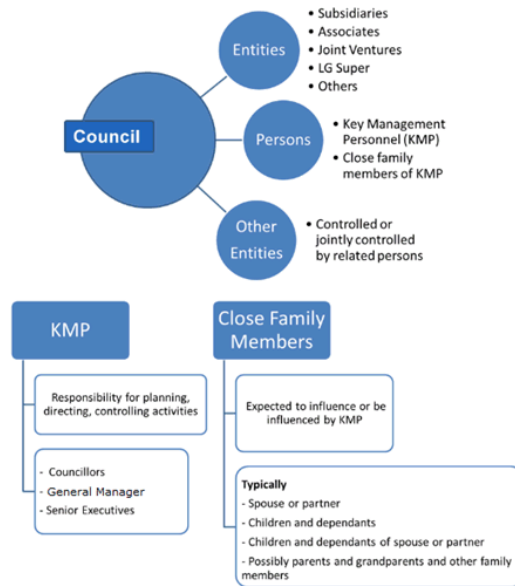
The objective of the Standard is to ensure that an entity's financial statements contain the disclosures necessary to draw attention to the possibility that its financial position and performance may have been affected by the existence of related parties and by transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, with such parties.

Hobart City Council's related parties are likely to include the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, Elected Members, the ~~General Manager~~ Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, Directors, their close family members and any entities that they control or jointly control. Any transactions between Council and these parties, whether monetary or not, may need to be identified and disclosed.

## Policy

### 1. Identifying Related Parties

The following diagram gives an overview of common related parties that a council will have:



1.1. The Chief Executive Officer General Manager will establish, review and maintain a list of Key Management Personnel (KMP) for Council.

1.1.1. Key Management Personnel (KMP) for Council are: -

- Lord Mayor
- Deputy Lord Mayor
- Other Elected Members
- Chief Executive Officer General Manager
- Chief Financial Officer
- Directors

1.2. Those persons identified as KMP will complete an annual declaration which details their close family members and the entities, if any, that are controlled or jointly controlled by that KMP or their close family members and which are likely to have transactions with Council (Appendix 1).

1.3. For the purpose of this Policy, close family members include: -

- that person's spouse or domestic partner;
- that person's children;
- that person's dependants;
- children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
- dependents of that person's spouse or domestic partner.

1.4. It is the responsibility of the ~~Chief Executive Officer General Manager~~ to seek a declaration upon a change of KMP.

1.5. All KMPs will be asked to provide their declarations by 1 July each year covering the previous financial year, or at an earlier date if the KMP ceases to be a KMP before the end of the financial year.

1.6. It is the responsibility of all identified KMP to update their declaration should they become aware of a change, error or omission.

1.7. Council will use the declarations of KMP to establish a list of related parties for the purpose of identifying transactions and reporting under AASB 124.

1.8. Updates will be provided to KMP and Council staff periodically on changes arising from amendments to Australian Accounting Standards, applicable legislation or policy and procedural requirements.

1.9. Register of Related Party Transactions

1.9.1. Maintain a Register

The ~~Chief Executive Officer General Manager~~ is responsible for establishing and keeping up to date a register of related party transactions that captures and records the information for each existing or potential related party transaction (including ordinary citizen transactions assessed as being material in nature) during a financial year.

1.9.2. Contents of Register

The contents of the register of related party transactions will detail the following for each related party transaction: -



- a) description of the related party transaction;
- b) name of the related party;
- c) nature of the related party's relationship with Council;
- d) whether the notified related party transaction is existing or potential;  
and
- e) references to any relevant documentation.

The ~~Chief Executive Officer General Manager~~ is responsible for ensuring that the information is disclosed in Council's annual financial statements to the extent, and in the manner, stipulated by AASB 124.

## 2. Council Entities and Subsidiaries

For the purpose of this policy, entities controlled by Council, jointly controlled by Council or over which Council has significant influence are related parties of Council. Council will need to identify transactions with these entities and may need to make extra disclosure about them in Council's financial statements.

When assessing whether Council has control or joint control over an entity, Council will need to consider AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements*. AASB 128 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* details the criteria for determining whether Council has significant influence over an entity.

## 3. Entities Controlled (or jointly controlled) by KMP or their close family members

- 3.1. KMP will exercise their best judgement in identifying related parties.
- 3.2. KMP will carefully assess the information and examples following before declaring, or not declaring, an entity over which they, or a close family member, have control or joint control.
- 3.3. Entities include companies, trusts, joint ventures, partnerships and non-profit associations such as sporting clubs.
- 3.4. When assessing whether or not a KMP or a close family member controls, or jointly controls, an entity, Council will need to refer to AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and AASB 11 ~~Joint Arrangements~~*Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*.

**Example for Guidance**

Mayor is the President of a local football club.

The Mayor of Sunny Shire Council is the President of League Heroes Inc, the local football club. This club is overseen by a committee which comprises the President and four other committee members. Each member has a single vote when making decisions at meetings. The committee members are not related and do not have agreements to vote with one another. The club has over 100 members that each have a vote in electing the committee members at the club's annual general meeting.

From these facts it would appear that the Mayor does not control or jointly control the football club so it will not be a related party of Council just because the Mayor is the president of the club.

**Example for Guidance (Joint control)**

Fred is the Mayor of Sunny Shire Council and owns 50 per cent of the ordinary shares in Sunny Development Company Pty Ltd (the company). Fred's brother Stan owns the other 50 per cent of ordinary shares. Fred and Stan are the only Directors of the company and have equal voting rights on the board.

Fred and Stan have joint control of the company because any decisions require the unanimous consent of them both.

Fred will need to include the company on his related party declaration.

**4. Related party disclosures by Council**

4.1. Each year Council will declare the following related party transactions: -

4.1.1. Transactions with Council subsidiaries, by transaction type.

4.1.2. KMP compensation, including: -

- short-term ~~employee~~ benefits (salary, allowances, vehicles, parking, expenses, other benefits);
- post-employment benefits (superannuation, termination benefits);
- ~~non-monetary benefits (annual and long service leave movements)~~ long-term benefits; and
- ~~termination benefits.~~



- 4.1.3. Transactions with other related parties, including: -
- purchases or sales of goods (finished or unfinished);
  - purchases or sales of property and other assets;
  - rendering or receiving of services;
  - leases;
  - guarantees given or received;
  - commitments to do something if a particular event occurs or does not occur in the future, including executory contracts (recognised and unrecognised); and
  - settlement of liabilities on behalf of the entity, or by the entity on behalf of that related party.
- 4.1.4. Transactions of a similar nature will be disclosed in aggregate except when separate disclosure is necessary for an understanding of the effects of a related party transaction on the financial statements of Council, having regard to the following criteria: -
- the nature of the related party transaction;
  - the significance of the transaction (individually or collectively) in terms of size or value (including where the materiality arises due to the fact that no consideration for the transaction is given or received by Council);
  - whether the transaction is carried out on non-arm's length terms;
  - whether the nature of the transaction is outside normal day-to-day business operations.
- 4.1.5. Outstanding balances in relation to transactions with related parties, including:
- Entities controlled by KMPs; and
  - Bad or doubtful debts in respect of amounts owed by related parties.
- 4.1.6. Non-monetary transactions such as use of facilities, and peppercorn rents.
- 4.2. If a KMP or close associate is named individually in disclosure reports, the KMP will be given a copy of the intended disclosure for review and information purposes. Feedback must be provided within 7 days.
- 4.3. Council will not capture Ordinary Citizen Transactions (OCTs) with related parties. Nor will Council disclose non-material transactions.

4.4. For the purpose of this Policy, examples of OCTs are:

- Paying rates and charges;
- Dog registrations;
- Attending Council functions which are open to the public;
- Attending Council events after paying the normal fee;
- Using Council facilities after paying the normal fee;
- Parking fees at rates available to the general public;
- Fines on normal terms and conditions;

4.5. Examples of transactions that are not OCTs are:

- Infrastructure charges or contributions;
- Purchase of goods and services, regardless of conditions;
- Purchases or sales of property;
- Employee expenses of close family members of KMP;

The list of OCTs will be reviewed periodically with updates provided to KMP.

4.6. The ~~Chief Executive Officer General Manager~~ will assess the materiality of the related party transactions that have been captured prior to disclosure.

Council does not have to disclose transactions that are not material. In determining materiality, the size and nature of the transaction individually and collectively will be considered and assessment will be made in consultation with Council's Risk and Audit Panel.

4.7. In making disclosures in the annual financial statements Council will include:

4.7.1. Relationships between a parent and its subsidiaries, irrespective of whether there have been transactions between them.

4.7.2. KMP compensation ~~in total and~~ for each of the following categories:

- ~~short-term benefits (salary, allowances, vehicles, parking, expenses, other benefits);~~
- ~~post-employment benefits (superannuation, termination benefits);~~
- ~~non-monetary benefits (annual and long service leave movements) short-term employee benefits;~~
- ~~post-employment benefits;~~
- ~~other long-term benefits; and termination benefits.~~

4.7.3. Where related party transactions have occurred:

- the nature of the related party relationship; and

- information about the transactions, outstanding balances and commitments, including terms and conditions.

4.7.4. Separate disclosure ~~in aggregate~~ for each of the following categories of related party transactions:

4.7.4.a. Elected members:

4.7.4.a.4.7.4.b. Key management personnel; and

4.7.4.b.4.7.4.c. Other related parties.

Note: Transactions that are individually significant, either because of their amount or nature, are included in the aggregate disclosure but also need to be disclosed separately.

4.7.5. The types of transactions disclosed such as:

- purchases or sales of goods;
- purchases or sales of property and other assets;
- rendering or receiving of services;
- leases;
- guarantees given or received;
- commitments;
- loans and settlements of liabilities;
- expense recognised during the period in respect of bad debts; and
- provision for doubtful debts relating to outstanding balances.

## 5. Privacy and right to information

Council must comply with the requirements of the *Archives Act 1983* (Tasmania), *Privacy Act 1988* (Commonwealth), *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tasmania) and *Right to Information 2009* (Tasmania) in the collection, storage, management, disclosure and reporting of information.

A declaration statement from KMP is incorporated into the *Declaration of Related Party Transactions Form* (Appendix 1) to enable the disclosure and reporting of information in accordance with AASB 124. A Related Party Information Collection Notice will be provided to KMP and included in their Declarations (Appendix 2).

## 6. Dispute resolution

Disputes will be managed in accordance with the appropriate issue resolution policy.

## 7. Legislation, Terminology and References

There is overlap between the requirements of AASB 124 and the interest provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993* (LGA). Beyond the provisions of AASB 124 the LGA requires certain disclosures. Council will make these disclosures separately where not adequately covered by AASB 124 disclosures.

Other legislation referred to in this policy include the *Audit Act 2008*, *Archives Act 1983*, *Privacy Act 1988*, *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (PIP Act) and *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Other Australian Accounting Standards referred to in this policy include AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*, AASB 11 *Joint Arrangements*, and AASB 128 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*.



**Key terms**

Term	Meaning
Arm's length terms	Terms between the parties that are reasonable in the circumstances of the transaction that would result from: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>neither party bearing the other any special duty or obligation, and</li> <li>the parties being unrelated and uninfluenced by the other, and</li> <li>each party having acted in its own interest.</li> </ul>
Close Family Member	Family members of Key Management Personnel (KMP) who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity. This includes, but is not limited to, that person's spouse or domestic partner, and the children and dependents of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.
Control of an entity	You control an entity if you have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>power over the entity;</li> <li>exposure, or rights, to variable returns from involvement with the entity; and</li> <li>the ability to use your power over the entity to affect the amount of your returns.</li> </ol>
Declaration by KMP	An annual declaration of close family members and entities that the KMP or their close family members control or jointly control, as per Appendix 1, updated during the year as necessary.
Entities controlled by KMPs	Entities include companies, trusts, joint ventures, partnerships and non-profit associations such as sporting clubs. You control an entity if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>power over the entity;</li> <li>exposure, or rights, to variable returns from involvement with the entity; and</li> <li>the ability to use your power over the entity to affect the amount of your returns.</li> </ul>
Entities related to Council	Entities controlled by Council, jointly controlled by Council or over which Council has significant influence are related parties of Council.
Joint control of an entity	To jointly control an entity there must be contractually agreed sharing of control of the entity, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.
Key Management Personnel (KMP)	Persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly. In the council context this includes the Mayor, other elected members, the <b>General Manager/Chief Executive Officer</b> and senior council officers as outlined in the policy.

KMP Compensation	<p>All employee <del>and elected member</del> benefits. <del>Compensation</del>Employee benefits are all forms of consideration paid, payable or provided by the entity, or on behalf of the entity, in exchange for services rendered to the entity. It also includes such consideration paid on behalf of a parent of the entity in respect of the entity. Compensation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) short-term employee benefits, such as wages, salaries and social security contributions, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, profit-sharing and bonuses (if payable within twelve months of the end of the period) and non-monetary benefits (such as medical care, housing, cars and free or subsidised goods or services) for current employees;</li> <li>b) post-employment benefits such as pensions, other retirement benefits, post-employment life insurance and post-employment medical care;</li> <li>c) other long-term employee benefits, including long-service leave or sabbatical leave, jubilee or other long-service benefits, long-term disability benefits and, if they are not payable wholly within twelve months after the end of the period, profit-sharing, bonuses and deferred compensation;</li> <li>d) termination benefits; and</li> <li>e) share-based payment.</li> </ul>
Materiality	<p>Information is material when, if omitted or misstated, it could influence decisions that users make on the basis of financial information about a specific reporting entity.</p> <p>Omissions or misstatements of items are material if they could, individually or collectively, influence the economic decisions that users make on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the size and nature of the omission or misstatement judged in the surrounding circumstances. The size or nature of the item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor.</p>
Ordinary Citizen Transactions (OCTs)	<p>Transactions that an ordinary citizen would undertake with Council are usually not material to related party disclosure requirements. OCTs do not apply if the terms and conditions are different to those offered to the general public.</p>
Related Party of Council	<p>People and entities, such as companies, trusts and associations, can be related parties of Council. Most commonly these will be entities related to Council, KMP of Council (including elected members), close family members of KMP and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by KMP or their close family members.</p>
Related Party Transaction	<p>A transfer of resources, services or obligations between a reporting entity and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.</p>

Responsible Officer:	<a href="#">Director Thriving Capital Director Corporate Services</a>
Policy first adopted by the Council:	24/04/2017
History	
Amended by Council	23/09/2019
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## Appendix 1 - Declaration of Related Party Transactions and Consent Form



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## Related Party Declaration by Key Management Personnel

Name of Key Management Person: ..... (insert name)

Position of Key Management Person: ..... (insert title)

Close Family Member Name	Relationship with KMP	Entities over which the close family member has sole or joint control	Nature of likely transactions with Council or Council entities

Name of Entity over which the KMP has sole or joint control	Relationship with KMP	Nature of likely transactions with Council or Council entities

I ..... (insert full name) ..... (insert position) declare that the above list includes all my close family members and the entities controlled, or jointly controlled, by myself or my close family members having had, or likely to have, transactions with Council. I make this declaration after reading Council's policy which details the meaning of the words "close family members" and "entities controlled, or jointly controlled, by myself or my close family members".

I permit the Chief Executive Officer General Manager to access the register of interests of me and persons related to me and to use the information for the purposes specified in Council's Related Party Disclosures Policy.

Declared at ..... (insert place) on the ..... (insert date)

Signature of KMP: ..... Name of KMP: .....

In accordance with Council's Privacy Policy, your information, and the information of others, is protected by law, including the Privacy Act 1988 and the Personal Information Protection Act 2004.

## Appendix 2 – Related Party Information Collection Notice

**Collection Notice****Related party transactions disclosure by Key Management Personnel**

From 1 July 2016, Council must disclose related party relationships, transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, in its annual financial statements, in order to comply with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*.

**Purpose of collection, use and disclosure of related party information**

The reason for disclosure of related party transactions is to ensure that Council's financial statements contain the information necessary to draw attention to the possibility that its financial position and performance may have been affected by the existence of related parties and by transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, with such parties.

Council's related parties are likely to include elected members, senior employees, their close family members and any entities that they control or jointly control. Any transactions between Council and these parties, whether monetary or not, may need to be identified and disclosed.

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between Council and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.

A related party transaction must be disclosed in Council's financial statements if the transaction is material. Information is material when, if omitted or misstated, it could influence decisions that users make on the basis of financial information about a specific reporting entity.

Prior to disclosure, the Chief Executive Officer General Manager will assess the materiality of related party transactions that have been captured, and, if deemed material, will disclose in its financial statements the nature of the related party relationship and information about the transaction. Disclosure in the financial statements may be in aggregate form and/or may be made separately, depending on the nature and materiality of the transaction.

**Related Party Transactions Declaration by Key Management Personnel**

Key management personnel (KMP) are the persons who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Council, directly or indirectly and include elected members and senior employees. In order to comply with AASB 124, Council has adopted a policy that requires all KMP to declare any existing or potential related party transactions between Council and any of their related parties during a financial year.

Each KMP must provide an annual *Related Party Declaration* in the approved form, by 1 July each year, and update the Declaration should they become aware of any change, error or omission. KMPs must exercise their best judgment in identifying related parties when declaring, or not declaring, entities over which they, or a close family member, have control or joint control.

**How will the information captured in the Declaration be used?**

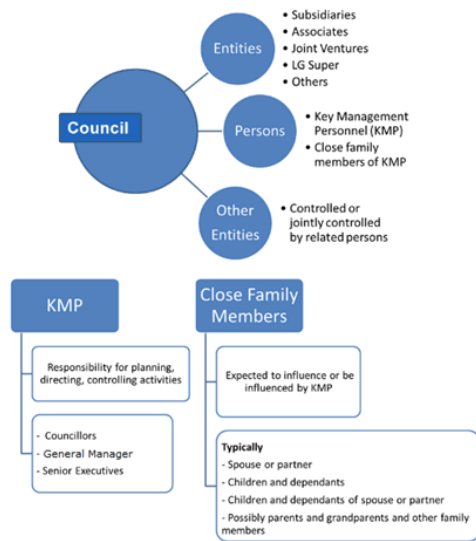
Council will use the declarations of KMPs to establish a list of related parties of Council for the purposes of identifying transactions and reporting under AASB 124. If a KMP or close family member is named individually in disclosure reports, the KMP will be given a copy of the intended disclosure for review and information purposes.

**Who are related parties?**

People and entities, such as companies, trusts and associations, can be related parties of Council.

The following diagram gives an overview of common related parties that a council will have.

The following diagram gives an overview of common related parties that a council will have:



For related party transaction disclosures under AASB 124, the related party relationship must be disclosed for both the KMP and their close family members, even if the same related party entity is held jointly or in common by them. This is separate and in addition to Council's register of interests which is required under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Under AASB 124, those persons who are prescribed as definitely being close family members of a KMP include: -

- that person's children and spouse or domestic partner;
- children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and

- dependents of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

Council may determine other family members, such as a parent, grandparent, sibling, cousin, etc, who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with Council or a Council entity.

**What is an entity that I, or my close family members, control or jointly control?**

Entities include companies, trusts, joint ventures, partnerships and non-profit associations such as sporting clubs.

You control an entity if you have: -

- a) power over the entity;
- b) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from involvement with the entity; and
- c) the ability to use your power over the entity to affect the amount of your returns.

You jointly control an entity if there is a contractually agreed sharing of control of the entity. Joint control exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

In some instances, it may not be easy to determine whether or not you, or your close family members, control or jointly control an entity. If you are unsure and require further clarification, you should contact the [Chief Executive Office General Manager](#) for a confidential discussion.

*For more information about Council's disclosure requirements under AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures, please refer to Council's Related Party Disclosures Policy, which can be found at [http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council\\_Policies](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council_Policies).*

*All information collected by Council is in accordance with Council's Privacy Policy and is protected by law, including the Privacy Act 1988 and the Personal Information Act 2004. Council's privacy policy can be found at [http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council\\_Policies](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council_Policies).*

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Appendix 2.11

# Policy

**Title:** Election Signage**Category:** Corporate Governance**Date Last Adopted** 24 August 2020

## 1. Objectives

To ensure that any form of political advertising on Council owned or controlled land is prohibited. This prohibition is to enable the Council to retain its apolitical status during election campaigns and to help ensure that all candidates have the same opportunities to display election signage.

## 2. Background

This policy was developed in response to a number of issues arising from previous election campaigns in order to assist in administering the arrangements for electoral advertising.

## 3. Policy

- (a) The placement of electoral signage during an election campaign period in the Hobart municipal area is subject to the following:
  - (i) the length of display of any sign at one location does not exceed the defined election campaign period;
  - (ii) signs are:
    - A. to be properly supported and maintained;
    - B. not to protrude over footpaths; and
    - C. to be removed at the conclusion of the election campaign;
  - (iii) prior permission for the placement of signs must be obtained by the sign owner from the relevant property owner; and
  - (iv) no sign is to be placed on Council owned or Council controlled property or infrastructure. Any signs that are placed on property owned or controlled by the Council will be removed by Council staff;



- (b) The Council does not permit any election advertising signage to be affixed to any Council owned or Council controlled land save and except that election candidates will be permitted to display election signage on registered vehicles on Council controlled highways (including metered spaces) and car parks; and
- (c) This policy applies to Federal, State and Local Government elections and any other elections that may be conducted.

#### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Election Campaign Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) For Federal and State elections, from the date on which the election writ is issued until 7 days after the election day; and</li> <li>(ii) For Local Government elections, from the date of publication of the Notice of Election until 7 days after the close of poll.</li> </ul>
Location	any one property
Electoral Signage	any graphic, pictorial or written display that can be viewed from a public street and that promotes a candidate or political party vying for election in a Federal, State or Local Government election or any other elections that may be conducted.

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	13/03/2007
<b>Amendments</b>	
Amended by Council	17/12/2007
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Summary of Recommendations – Policies to be Rescinded Attachment E

Policy Title:	Anonymous Information Requests – Appendix 3.1
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Rescind
Comment:	Has been replaced by the Information Disclosure Policy 2024
Recommendation:	That the Council Policy <i>Anonymous Information Requests</i> be rescinded.
Policy Title:	Consideration of Requests for the Council to Entertain – Appendix 3.2
Category:	Corporate Governance
Review Proposal:	Rescind
Comment:	The policy be rescinded because visits rarely occur and any expenditure is covered under current delegation.
Recommendation:	That the Council Policy, <i>Consideration of Requests for the Council to Entertain</i> be rescinded.
Policy Title:	Landlord Approval to Hold Circuses with Performing Wild Animals on Council Land – Appendix 3.3
Category:	Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves
Review Proposal:	Rescind
Comment:	There are now very few requests related to performing wild animals and any requests would be covered by the Council's <i>Venues Policy</i> .
Recommendation:	That the Council Policy <i>Landlord Approval to Hold Circuses with Performing Wild Animals on Council Land</i> be rescinded.
Policy Title:	Lord Mayor Charity Concert – Appendix 3.4
Category:	Community Services and Events
Review Proposal:	Rescind
Comment:	Policy hasn't been used for many years and is considered no longer required.
Recommendation:	That the Council policy, <i>Lord Mayor Charity Concert</i> be rescinded.

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Policy Title:	Commercial Activities in City of Hobart Parks and Reserves – Appendix 3.5
Category:	Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves
Review Proposal:	Rescind
Comment:	The purpose of this policy is now covered by the Unsolicited Proposals Policy
Recommendation:	That the Council Policy <i>Commercial Activities in City of Hobart Parks and Reserves</i> be rescinded.

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Appendix 3.1

# Policy

**Title:** ~~Anonymous Information Requests~~

**Category:** ~~Corporate Governance~~

**Date Last Adopted:** ~~24 August 2020~~

## 1. Objectives

~~This policy statement sets out the City's approach in response to anonymous information requests.~~

## 2. Background

~~The City's elected members and administration receives numerous requests for information. On occasion these requests are made anonymously.~~

~~While not all requests for information are submitted under the *Right to Information Act 2009*, the Act does provide guidance on the appropriate minimum requirements for making requests for information.~~

~~The *Right to Information Act 2009* section 13(3) and the *Right to Information Regulations 2010* (Regulation 4), in outlining minimum information that must be provided as part of an application, requires the name of the applicant to be provided.~~

## 3. Policy

~~In alignment with the minimum requirements for requests for information as outlined in section 13(3) of the *Right to Information Act 2009*, the Council does not respond to anonymous requests for information.~~

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

~~*Right to Information Act 2009*~~

~~*Right to Information Regulations 2010*~~



<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<a href="#">Director Thriving Capital (CEO's Office)</a>
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	23 April 2018
<b>History</b>	
Amended by Council	23/09/2019
Approved by Council	24/08/2020
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<b>File Reference:</b>	F18/110316

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Appendix 3.2

# Policy

**Title:** ~~Consideration of Requests for the Council to Entertain~~

**Category:** ~~Corporate Governance~~

**Date Last Adopted:** ~~23 November 2020~~

## 1. Objectives:

~~The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the management of requests for delegations to visit the Council.~~

## 2. Background:

~~From time to time, the Council receives approaches to entertain delegations visiting the Town Hall.~~

## 3. Policy:

~~That:~~

- ~~1. Each request for a delegation to visit the Town Hall be considered on its merits with the following assistance being offered if considered appropriate:~~
  - ~~(i) The Lord Mayor's involvement in each case is to be determined by the Lord Mayor and could range from unavailability to a courtesy call, a morning or afternoon tea or other such entertainment as deemed appropriate by the Lord Mayor in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer General Manager.~~
  - ~~(ii) A standard presentation be offered to local government delegations in respect to Hobart City Council and local government matters. This presentation is to be made by appropriate staff.~~

(iii) ~~Costs incurred for any meals and transportation are not to be met by the Council unless specifically authorised by the Chief Executive Officer General Manager or unless the Lord Mayor deems it appropriate as part of their civic function.~~

(iv) ~~Should the visiting delegation be from a city that is either a friendship or sister city, or a city that the City of Hobart has visited, then so far as appropriate the level of hosting should be commensurate with the importance of that relationship or the level of hospitality that the City of Hobart has received on its visits.~~

(v) ~~The appropriate level of hosting to be determined by the Head of Executive Services Director Community Life or his/her representative.~~

~~This may include:~~

- ~~• Transportation within the city environs and or Hobart Airport.~~
- ~~• Cost of external meals.~~
- ~~• Cost of entry fees into local tourist attractions.~~

2. ~~The authority to determine the level of involvement by the Council with overseas delegations not specifically involved with the Council is to be delegated to the Head of Executive Services Director Community Life or his/her representative.~~

#### 4. ~~Legislation, Terminology and References~~

~~Not applicable.~~

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<u>Head of Executive Services</u> <del>Director Thriving Capital</del>
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	24/08/1992
<b>History</b>	
Annual Policy Review	07/03/2016



Amended by Council	23/09/2019
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<b>Next Review Date:</b>	September 2023
<b>File Reference:</b>	F16/65285



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Appendix 3.3

## Policy

**Title:** ~~Landlord Approval to Hold Circuses with Performing Wild Animals on Council Land~~

**Category:** ~~Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves~~

**Date Last Adopted:** ~~August 2025 15 February 2022~~

### 1. Objectives

To provide a Council position in respect to the use of Council-owned land for circus organisations with performing wild animals and direction to officers in granting approval for the use of Council-owned land by circus organisations.

### 2. Background

This policy was developed as a result of because of a request to ban circuses with wild animals from performing on Council-owned property.

### 3. Policy


That requests for the use of Council-owned land by circus organisations wishing to include performing wild animals should be only be approved if should the circus conforms to the relevant state and /commonwealth standards governing the care and treatment of circus animals.

### 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director City Life Infrastructure and Assets Network
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	25/1/1999
<b>History</b>	
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Appendix 3.4

# Policy

**Title:** ~~Lord Mayor's Charity Concert~~

**Category:** ~~Community Services and Events~~

**Date Last Adopted:** ~~24 August 2020~~

## 1. Objectives

~~The purpose of this policy is to provide the opportunity for the Lord Mayor or Council committee acting on behalf of the Lord Mayor, to access council facilities for the purpose of conducting a charity concert or similar event.~~

## 2. Background

~~From time to time, the Lord Mayor of the day may elect to conduct a charity concert or similar event.~~

## 3. Policy

~~That upon request to the Chief Executive Officer, the Lord Mayor or a Council committee acting on the Lord Mayor's behalf with the Lord Mayor's consent, be granted on one occasion annually, free use of either the Town Hall or City Hall for the purpose of conducting a charity concert or similar event, to raise money for a Lord Mayor's Charity Fund.~~

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Nil



Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Policy first adopted by the Council:	25/3/1985
History:	
Amended by Council	14/08/2014
Amended by Council	07/03/2016
Approved by Council	24/08/2020



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Appendix 3.5

# Policy

**Title:** Commercial Activities in City of Hobart Parks and Reserves

**Category:** Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves Open Space

**Date Last Adopted** August 2025 26 April 2021 December 2025

## 1. Purpose Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to outline the framework and principles for making decisions about the use of the City of Hobart's parks and reserves for commercial activities.

This policy ensures that public interest remains paramount, while allowing for commercial activities in circumstances that provide community benefit and enhance the City's parks and reserves.

The objectives of this policy are to:

Encourage commercial activities in the City's parks and reserves that enhance recreation and visitor experience.

Apply an equitable process in the assessment, procurement, regulation and charging of commercial operators for the commercial use of parks and reserves.

## 2. Background

The City of Hobart (City) owns and manages a large number of parks and reserves across the Hobart Local Government Area for recreation and conservation. These parks and reserves are home to an abundance of native flora and fauna. They are places of cultural and heritage significance and provide a wealth of recreational and tourism opportunities. They help connect communities and are where we go to socialise with family and friends, exercise, play sport, relax and participate in community activities and volunteering. Hobart is a popular event city, and the locations of many of our parks and reserves makes them popular with event organisers.

~~The City regulates organised activities in the City's parks, bushland and reserves (including foreshore areas and sporting facilities) via the means with the issuing of bookings, permits, licences, and leases or bookings. This regulatory activity applies to both commercial and non-commercial activities. This policy provides guidance on the approval of commercial activities in City of Hobart managed parks and reserves.~~

~~The City reserves absolute discretion to accept/decline any proposal for commercial use.~~

~~This policy does not apply to:~~

- ~~(i) Wellington Park.~~
- ~~(ii) non-commercial use of the park, bushland or reserves~~
- ~~(iii) filming and photography (refer to fees and charges).~~

### ~~Scope~~

~~This policy applies to any use or activity in a City of Hobart park or reserve that is for a commercial purpose.~~

~~This policy does not apply to:~~

- ~~a. Wellington Park.~~
- ~~b. Non-commercial use of parks or reserves.~~
- ~~c. Filming and photography (refer to fees and charges).~~
- ~~d. Holders of a City of Hobart food truck permit.~~

## 3. Policy ~~S~~Statement

That:

### **General**

~~The City will provide an equitable and consistent approach to the assessment of applications for commercial use of parks or reserves.~~

~~The City reserves absolute discretion to accept/decline any proposal for commercial use.~~

- ~~1. Commercial activities operating within City of Hobart Parks and Reserves require approval;~~

2. Commercial activities are to be located within suitable areas as identified in a park or reserve master plans or area based plans, where applicable, or as otherwise specified by the City, to the satisfaction of the Director City Amenity;

3. The City of Hobart reserves the right to undertake an expression of interest process or similar for the commercial use of a park or reserve.;

**Assessment Criteria**

4. Proposals for commercial use will activities may be reviewed against the following assessment criteria:

— Demonstrated need - why the proposal needs to be undertaken on public land and particularly the proposed location.

a. —

b. Why the proposal needs to be undertaken on public land and particularly the proposed location.

— Compatibility - how the proposal provides a product/service compatible with:

How the proposal provides a product/service compatible with:

i. (a) the park's facilities in the park or reserve and user needs (i.e. as identified in strategic documents such as like master plans etc).

ii. (b) community / key stakeholder views (including potential conflict issues with other users of the park or reserve users).

— Value - If the proposal provides additional beneficial infrastructure for the park or reserve, or income which may contribute to management costs.

c. —

d. If the proposal provides additional beneficial infrastructure for the area or income which may offset management costs.

e. —

a. Activation - how the proposal enhances visitor experience or helps activate the park or reserve.

f. —

g. How the proposal enhances visitor experience or helps activate the park.

h. Impacts - c

i. Consideration of impacts on park values (environmental, social, cultural, recreational), including but not necessarily limited to and:

iii. (i) The amenity of the general locality.;

iv. (ii) Established businesses in the vicinity.;



v. ~~(iii) The City's ability to sustainably maintain the facilities / infrastructure (i.e. avoid overuse).~~

j. ~~(iv) Sustainability~~

k. ~~How the proposal incorporates and promotes ethical, environmental and sustainable practices.~~

5. ~~Community Engagement~~

6. ~~Consideration of community / stakeholder views may form part of the assessment process.~~

7. ~~Consultation that has taken place as part of the development of master / area-based plans may inform the assessment of the proposal.~~

8. ~~A determination on the extent of community consultation required will be made on a case-by-case basis.~~

#### **Approval**

9. ~~Landlord approval may be granted to the applicant, subject to an assessment of the proposal's suitability being undertaken in accordance with the above criteria.~~

10. ~~Approval to undertake the commercial activity may be given by way of booking, permit, lease, or licence, permit or booking depending on the type of application, (Table 1);~~

11. ~~The relevant Director (either Director Infrastructure and Assets Network or Director Strategic and Regulatory Services) City Amenity has the discretion to require that any proposal, regardless of size, be referred to the Council for its consideration;~~

12. ~~Following landlord approval, the applicant will be responsible for gaining all applicable statutory approvals (e.g. planning permit, place of assembly licences etc.);~~

13. ~~This process is separate to the proponent seeking the General Manager's consent to lodge a development application, if required, for a proposal on land owned or administered by the City.~~

14. ~~Booking, permits, Lease, licences, licenses, and leases permits and bookings may include a clause that allows the City the right to revoke the booking, permit, lease, or licence, permit or booking subject to conditions;~~

#### **Fees and Charges**

15. ~~The City's fees and charges schedule will be applied where the proposal fits within a category in the schedule, and is deemed appropriate~~

16. ~~If a proposal does not align with the City's fees and charges schedule, a commercial valuation may be undertaken to determine appropriate fees and charges.~~

~~17. All direct costs arising from the proposal will be the applicants sole responsibility of the hierer, permit holder, licensee or lessee.~~

~~18. Any increased operational costs and/or costs associated with reinstatement or repairs resulting from the commercial use of the park or reserve activity will be charged on a cost recovery basis to the operator. Appropriate bonds may be applied.~~

**Table 1. Approval types and level of site security.**

Type of permission	Usual application	Site sharing	Usual time frame	Applicant security over land	Delegation required
Lease	Semi-permanent/daily/24-hour use.	Nil	>5-yr <20-yr	High security	Council
License/ Permit	Daily use or seasonal use	Ability to share	Annual	Medium security	Council
Booking	Daily use to occasional use	Ability to share	Annual	Low to medium security	General Manager

~~4.~~

#### ~~6. Exclusions~~

~~This policy does not apply to:~~

- ~~(i) Wellington Park.~~
- ~~(ii) the following users of the City of Hobart's parks and reserves:~~
  - ~~(a) non-commercial recreation use by community members;~~
  - ~~(b) not-for-profit organisations that provide a service to their members and do not receive a financial reward beyond their direct costs to conduct the activity; and~~
  - ~~(c) primary or secondary school activities conducted as part of the school curriculum.~~
- ~~(iii) filming and photography (refer to fees and charges).~~

#### **5. Legislation, Terminology and References**

- ~~• Local Government Act 1993~~
- ~~• Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993~~
- ~~• Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993~~

- ~~Hobart City Council – Public Spaces By-Law (By-Law No. 4 of 2018).~~

#### ~~Terminology~~

~~For the purposes of this policy, City of Hobart parks, bushland and reserves include bushland, foreshore areas, sporting facilities and undeveloped open space.~~

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Director <del>City</del> <del>Amenity</del> Infrastructure and <del>Assets</del> Network
<b>Policy first adopted by the Council:</b>	15/12/2014
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# **Mid Term Review City of Hobart Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024-28**

Project Plan



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

As Tasmania's capital city, Hobart is committed to delivering efficient, effective, and sustainable programs, services and infrastructure that support a growing and diverse community. The City's Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024–28 (the Strategy) was developed to ensure that the way rates are raised and distributed is fair, transparent, and aligned with both legislative requirements, the principles of taxation and the City's strategic objectives.

Rates and charges are the City's primary source of revenue, comprising approximately 65% of annual income, and are fundamental to funding essential programs, services, and infrastructure. The Strategy was established following a comprehensive review and community consultation, reflecting the principles of fairness, equity, simplicity, capacity to pay, and long-term sustainability.

It's important to note that council rates are a form of taxation rather than a fee for service. Section 86A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) (LG Act) states that:

- (a) rates constitute taxation for the purposes of local government, rather than a fee for a service; and
- (b) the value of rateable land is an indicator of the capacity of the ratepayer...to pay rates.

The LG Act inherently contemplates that the higher the value of the property the higher the rates to be paid.

### Purpose

The purpose of this mid-term review is to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the City's Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024–28, ensuring the Strategy remains fit-for-purpose, continues to align with Council's strategic objectives, legislative requirements, and community expectations, and delivers equitable, sustainable, and transparent rating outcomes that uphold the principles of taxation.

This review provides an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the Strategy in achieving its intended outcomes and to respond to changes. By doing so, the City aims to maintain a rating system that meets the principles of taxation.

## 2. BACKGROUND

In January 2023, Council endorsed a comprehensive review of the City's rating and valuation practices to inform the development of a Rating and Valuation Strategy. The purpose of a rating strategy is to determine how rates are distributed across property types (e.g. residential, commercial), not how much revenue is raised—that is set through the City's budget. Given that

rates account for 65% of the City's revenue, the Strategy aims to align with principles of fairness, equity, simplicity, capacity to pay, and long-term sustainability.

The Review examined all aspects of the City's rating system, including rating principles, the choice between a single or differential rate, rating categories and levels, valuation bases, and the use of tools such as fixed charges or minimums. Council approved a shift from Assessed Annual Value to Capital Value for property valuations, effective 1 July 2024, and adopted amendments to rates policies in early 2024.

The process included five Elected Member workshops and community consultation from 28 November 2023 to 2 February 2024 on five rating options. Feedback from the community, summarised in the Community Engagement Summary report, informed the Strategy.

A key concern raised was the potential for significant rate increases for commercial properties due to the move to capital value rating. To address this, the Strategy includes capped rate increases for commercial and industrial properties, while modelling indicated minimal impact on residential properties.

The Review also considered introducing a separate differential rate for commercial tourist accommodation providers. However, this was not pursued due to existing higher commercial rates, limited precedent among other councils, sector feedback, and the broader economic contributions of these properties.


At its meeting on 30 April 2024, the Council resolved inter alia the following:

- *The City of Hobart Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024-28 be approved to take effect from 1 July 2024.*
- *A mid-term review of the City of Hobart Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024-28 be undertaken in 2026.*
- *A separate review of Council's funding of tourism and tourism related activities be undertaken in the next eighteen months.*

### 3. OBJECTIVES

- Assess the effectiveness, equity, and sustainability of the current Rating and Valuation Strategy.
- Identify opportunities for improvement, innovation, and alignment with best practice.
- Ensure the strategy supports the City's goals for housing affordability and economic development.
- Engage stakeholders and elected members, in the review process.
- Provide clear recommendations for any changes, for Council consideration and approval by June 2026 for the 2026-27 rating year.



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- Ensure the Strategy remains aligned with the City's strategic objectives, legislative requirements, and principles of taxation, including equity, capacity to pay, transparency, and sustainability.
  - Assess the effectiveness, fairness, and transparency of the current rating and valuation framework in delivering equitable and sustainable outcomes for the community.
  - Review the application and equity of differential rates, service rates, and charges, including their alignment with policy intent and community expectations.
  - Assess the outcome in the context of indexation and the application of the maximum percentage increase cap for commercial & industrial properties to ensure predictability and stability for ratepayers.
  - Review audit and compliance processes to support the integrity and accuracy of the rating system.
  - Identify opportunities for improvement and recommend changes to ensure the Strategy continues to deliver fair, transparent, and sustainable rating outcomes for the City of Hobart.

## 4. SCOPE OF WORK

### Key Deliverables

The mid-term review will consider and include the following:

- Examine the alignment of the Strategy with the City's strategic objectives, legislative requirements, and principles of taxation (including equity, capacity to pay, transparency, and sustainability).
- Assess the effectiveness and equity of the current rating framework in supporting housing affordability and economic development.
- Review the application, effectiveness, and fairness of all existing differential rates, including short stay visitor accommodation (SSVA), vacant land (V1).
- Review the application, effectiveness and fairness of having a differential for the permanent fire levy.
- Review the application, effectiveness and fairness of having a differential for stormwater removal service rate.
- Evaluate the outcomes from the mid-term review in light of indexation and the application of maximum percentage increase caps.
- Review audit and compliance processes for differential categories, including V1 and R7.

The review will not address matters outside the rating and valuation framework, such as the City's overall budget-setting process or unrelated Council policies, except where these have a direct impact on the rating system.

### Tasks

- **Alignment with Strategic Objectives and Taxation Principles**
  - Assess alignment with the City's strategic objectives and the principles of taxation, including equity, capacity to pay, transparency, and sustainability.
- **Support for Key Outcomes**
  - Evaluate how the rating system supports housing affordability and economic development.
- **Differential Rates: Effectiveness and Equity**
  - Review the policy effectiveness and equity of all differential rates (e.g., V1, SSVA).
- **Service Rates and Charges**
  - Review calculation methods and policy for stormwater and waste charges.
  - Enhance collaboration with Finance, Waste Management, and Waterways teams in setting fees and charges, including consideration of property growth impacts.
  - Review entitlement and policy for stormwater removal service rate remissions.
- **Remissions**

- Assess the V1 and SSVA remissions, including their effectiveness and administration.
- **Indexation and Maximum Percentage Increase Cap**
  - Evaluate outcomes of indexation, and the application of maximum percentage increase cap.
- **Audit and Compliance**
  - Review audit processes for V1 and SSVA differentials.

## Methodology

The mid-term review will be undertaken in several stages. Rates modelling will be undertaken to demonstrate the impacts of any proposed changes to the City's current Strategy including impacts on individual ratepayers.

1. **Project Initiation**
  - Confirm project governance, roles, and responsibilities.
  - Finalise project plan and timeline.
2. **Background Research and Data Analysis**
  - Review current strategy, outcomes, and benchmarking with other councils.
  - Analyse rating data, property growth from indexation, and financial impacts.
  - Review legislative and policy context.
3. **Internal Stakeholder Engagement**
  - Workshops with Finance, Waste Management, Waterways and Community Engagement.
  - Identify operational issues and improvement opportunities.
4. **Issues and Options Paper**
  - Prepare a paper outlining key issues, options, and implications for each item in scope.
5. **Elected Member Engagement**
  - Conduct workshops to test options, gather feedback, and build understanding.
6. **Rates Modelling**
  - Undertake detailed rates modelling of impact of any changes recommended.
7. **Stakeholder Consultation**
  - Develop and implement a consultation plan.
  - Seek feedback on key issues and options from key stakeholders.
8. **Analysis and Recommendations**
  - Analyse consultation feedback and refine recommendations.
  - Prepare recommendations for amendment to the Rating and Valuation Strategy and a Council report.
9. **Council Approval**
  - Present recommendations to Council for decision at the June 2026 meeting.
10. **Communication and Implementation**
  - Communicate outcomes to stakeholders.

- Update strategy documentation and implement approved changes.

## 5. PROJECT SCHEDULE

### Key Milestones and Dates

The following Key Milestones have been identified for the project.

Milestones	Due Date
Project Plan Approval	1 December 2025
Background Research and Data Analysis	December 2025
Internal workshops	January 2026
Issues and Options Paper	February 2026
Elected Member Workshops	March – May 2026
Stakeholder Consultation	March - April 2026
Rates Modelling and Final Recommendations	May 2026
Council Approval	June 2026

The mid-term review will commence in late 2025. The intention is that any changes to the City's Rating and Valuation Strategy would take effect from 1 July 2026 for the 2026-27 rating year.

## 6. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

The following section in the Project Management Plan summarises stakeholder engagement, outlines communication strategies, and identifies key stakeholders.

### Stakeholder Register

*The following are external stakeholders*

- Peak bodies and representative groups (especially those involved in the original strategy review)
- City of Hobart ratepayers
- Community sector organisations
- City of Hobart advisory and reference groups

### Community Engagement

For the mid-term review of the Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024–28, community consultation will be undertaken through targeted stakeholder engagement. The project team will attend



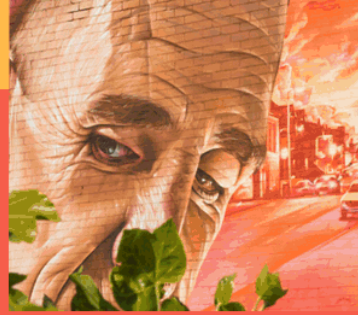
sessions with key peak bodies and representative groups, prioritising those who contributed to the original strategy review. This approach ensures that feedback is gathered from those most impacted and informed, while recognising the more focused scope of a mid-term review. Broader community engagement activities from the original consultation will not be repeated; instead, the emphasis will be on direct dialogue with relevant groups to validate progress and inform any necessary adjustments to the strategy.

## Communication Management

To support the mid-term review of the Rating and Valuation Strategy 2024–28, communications will be structured to ensure transparency, engagement, and timely updates for all key audiences. Targeted communications will be provided to peak bodies and representative groups through direct invitations to engagement sessions and tailored briefings. Key messages will emphasise the scope and objectives of the mid-term review, the importance of stakeholder input, and any changes from the original engagement approach. Information will be disseminated via Council channels with clear contact points for enquiries. Throughout the process, participants and the broader community will receive timely updates on progress and outcomes, supporting transparency and confidence in the review.

## 7. RISKS ASSESSMENT

All identified risks and opportunities for the project will be ranked in accordance with City of Hobart's Risk framework.



# **North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan**

Annual Implementation Update

November 2025



City of **HOBART**

## Part one: Introduction

### Implementation

The North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) was endorsed by Council in mid 2025.

Annual updates on the Plan will assist in identifying, delivering and reporting on the priority projects that will be undertaken by the City in any given year.

The City of Hobart (the City), together with our partners, will be working towards turning the Plan into reality by delivering a range of projects and initiatives over the short, medium and long term. This first update focuses on priority projects to be commenced during the 2026-28 financial year period.

There are a range of Actions that have been identified in the Plan as ongoing, these are not specifically mentioned in this update. However, ongoing Actions will continue to be undertaken during this time. Many of these Actions fall into the Advocacy category of delivery.



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## Introduction

**What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

The North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) is a structure plan that provides a strategy to manage growth for the next 20 years.

Structure plans provide a specific strategy to implement a regional land use strategy and municipal strategies and help guide the detailed application of a planning scheme to a local defined area.

Structure plans can inform the application of the zoning and overlays in the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) of the planning scheme, and the preparation of specific area plans (SAPs), particular purpose zones (PPZs), or site specific qualifications (SSQs), where a more unique integration of use and development is required. Changes are implemented through a planning scheme amendment.

The Plan sets a vision for the way we want North Hobart to function, look, develop and improve over this time. It includes goals, strategies and actions that need to be taken to achieve this vision.

Some of these actions will be undertaken directly by the Council while others will require coordination with or action by other authorities or organisations.

It informs the application of zoning and overlays in the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) of the Planning Scheme.

The Plan sets out actions in line with community aspirations including planning requirements, urban design guidelines, environmental objectives, and recommendations for civic upgrades.

The delivery of the Plan will require an ongoing commitment by City of Hobart and its partners, to work towards the vision and goals.

**Project Vision**

North Hobart is a welcoming, green urban village, with a flourishing high street at the core of community life.

An everyday meeting place for locals, Elizabeth Street attracts visitors from far and wide to its bustling eateries and shops and its year-round calendar of events and festivals, all in a beautiful heritage setting.

**The four goals**

Goal one:  
North Hobart is a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood to live and work.



Goal two:  
North Hobart is a creative and diverse neighbourhood on Palawa Country.



Goal three:  
North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood.



Goal four:  
North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood.

**The City looks forward to continuing to engage with the community to progress work on these key projects in North Hobart over the coming years.**



## Part two: Making it happen

There are several mechanisms that exist to deliver on the goals, strategies and actions in the Plan. These include planning scheme amendments, CoH capital works, business and property owner investment, State Government policy changes, strategy and infrastructure delivery programs.

An Implementation Plan will be developed to identify the priority actions, determine their timeframes, and allocate responsibility for delivering them. This plan will include regulatory and non-regulatory actions.

### Implementation methods

#### Deliver

Actions that are marked 'Deliver' refer to projects that Council will administer and deliver directly. Each action may require further investigation, community input, planning and financing.

Each project will require an implementation program which will be linked to the Council Plan, Annual Plans and budget process to ensure a whole of Council approach.

Funding may come from a variety of sources including but not limited to government grants.

#### Partner

Actions that are marked 'Partner' refer to projects that Council will deliver in conjunction with either state agencies, community groups, land owners or the development industry. Funding may come from a variety of sources including government grants and through partnerships with the community and development industry.

#### Advocate

Actions that are marked 'Advocate' involve private land that can deliver public amenity benefits, community services and/or precinct 'activation'. Council will work with government departments, land owners, the development industry and wider community to assist in the delivery of these projects.

### Timing

Timing is categorised to align with organisational timeframes such as the Capital Works Program and Strategic Plan:

- Annual update: 2026-28 financial year period
- Short term: 0 – 4 years
- Medium-term: 4 – 10 years
- Long-term: >10 years

Timeframes are only provided as a guide only.

Annual updates will be provided to help ensure the Plan is delivering on its Vision and Goals and remains accurate and relevant as North Hobart evolves.

### Mechanisms

The Plan will inform planning scheme amendments for rezoning and overlays in the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) of the planning scheme, such as the preparation of specific area plans (SAPs), particular purpose zones (PPZs), or site specific qualifications (SSQs), where a more unique integration of use and development is required to achieve the strategies set out in the Plan.

The Plan will also be implemented through CoH capital works, as well as business and property owner investment to achieve community aspirations for environmental objectives, and civic upgrades.

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### Purpose

The purpose of this update is to set clear priorities and plan their progress.

The update sets out the implementation of priority projects that will deliver a variety of actions identified as short term in the Plan.

Clear timeframes for priority projects identified for commencement over the next 2 financial years 2026-28 are outlined.

### Priority projects

The Priority projects identified in this plan have the potential to fulfil a range of key actions set out in the Plan and provide the greatest benefit to the community.

These Priority projects meet the following criteria:

- They are led/delivered with the City of Hobart, but may well benefit from strong partnerships with other organisations.
- They include short-term actions identified in the Plan. These actions will then flow on into the medium and long term actions.
- They are actions that must or should be completed before others can be delivered, that is, they are preceding actions.

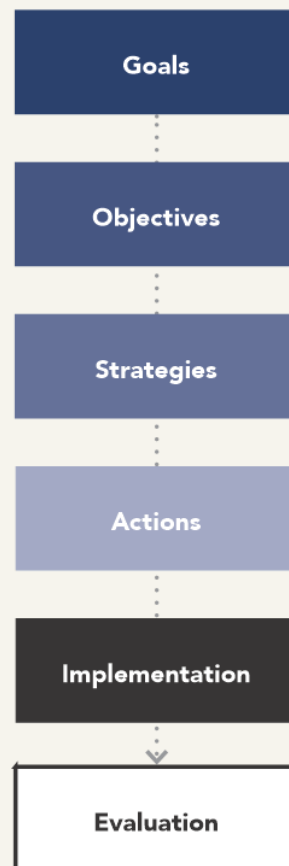
**Several priority projects have been identified to ensure that the City's resources are used most effectively to unlock the potential of North Hobart for the benefit of the entire community.**

### How each goal is delivered

Each goal has associated objectives, strategies and actions to achieve its intent.

The responsibility of the proposed actions have been identified in each Priority project.

A summary of all actions in the Plan are included in Part 4: Actions.



## Implementation timeline

The following Priority projects will help realise the Actions identified in the Plan, supporting the vision for a welcoming, green urban village, with a flourishing high street at the core of community life.

The timeline diagram shows graphically how each of the Priority projects:

- Helps achieve at least one of the Goals, indicated besides each Priority project,
  - How some of the Priority projects, flow onto other Priority projects, and
  - When they are expected to be 'delivered', that is, when they will influence private development and or public projects.
- It is noted that 'delivery' can be via several different types of mechanisms, such as
    - planning scheme amendments,
    - capital works and public realm investment,
    - partnerships with other organisations and/or
    - advocacy for change in policies, strategies and regulations and development outcomes.



Relevant Goal/s	Priority Project	2025		2026				2027				2028				2029			
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1, 2, 4	Planning Scheme Amendments																		
1, 2, 3	Condell Place Feasibility Study																		
1, 2, 3	Sports Precinct Masterplan																		
3, 4	Greener more resilient and attractive streets and spaces																		
3, 4	An accessible and walkable neighbourhood																		

Project set up
Project commences
Project duration
Project implementation and ongoing actions

## Priority project 1: Planning Scheme Amendments

### Description:

Rezoning land to enable the renewal of underused sites will allow for medium density housing, and mixed use renewal. New developments will include apartments above businesses within walking distance of jobs, services, transport, and open space.

Built form design guidelines will be implemented to ensure buildings respond to context, including land form, views, streetscape, local character, scale, heritage and solar access.

Implementation of a key built form strategy to encourage increased height and density on wider streets such as Argyle, Burnett, Federal and Letitia, Streets, as well as the Providence Valley Rivulet block will enable greater density. The width of these streets, along with larger lot configuration, provides opportunities for development at taller scales, as they can better manage off-site impacts such as overshadowing, and provide a greater contribution to landscaping to support the role of these streets as Primary Green Streets.

### Relevant goals:

1. North Hobart is a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood to live and work.
2. North Hobart is a creative and diverse neighbourhood on Palawa Country.
4. North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood.

### Key actions:

Action	Responsible Group
<b>1.1.1</b> Prepare a planning scheme amendment to: <b>2.1.1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rezone land from the Light Industrial Zone to the Urban Mixed Use Zone and to the General Business Zone.</li> <li>• Rezone land from the Inner residential Zone to the Urban Mixed Use Zone.</li> </ul>	Strategic Land Use Planning
<b>3.1.1</b> Prepare a planning scheme amendment to implement the Built form and design guidelines set out in this Neighbourhood Plan.	Strategic Land Use Planning

### Relevant actions:

<b>1.3.2</b> Prepare a planning scheme amendment to rezone land to the Urban Mixed Use Zone to enable larger scale visitor accommodation in appropriate locations.	Strategic Land Use Planning
<b>4.1.2</b> Prepare a planning scheme amendment to rezone land to Urban Mixed Use where Community Meeting and Entertainment and General Retail and Hire are permitted uses.	Strategic Land Use Planning
<b>5.1.1</b> Prepare a planning scheme amendment to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rezone land between Elizabeth Street and Argyle Street to Urban Mixed Use and General Business Zone, where Food Services and General Retail and Hire are permitted uses</li> <li>• implement reverse amenity standards to protect hospitality uses.</li> </ul>	Strategic Land Use Planning

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<b>6.2.3</b>	Prepare a planning scheme amendment to apply a Specific Area Plan to implement requirements for deep soil planting and WSUD. *Note: WSUD is water sensitive urban design.	Strategic Land Use Planning
<b>9.2.2</b>	Investigate potential for a a planning scheme amendment to introduce a Pedestrian priority street overlay on Elizabeth Street under the Parking and Sustainable Transport Code. Pedestrian priority streets enable active street frontages where pedestrian movement and activity take priority over on-site vehicle parking and access in appropriate areas such as Elizabeth Street.	Strategic Land Use Planning

**Next steps:**

- Council staff prepare the planning scheme amendment/s.
- Council (as planning authority) decides whether to initiate amendment.
- Council prepares and certifies amendment.
- Council exhibits amendment. (Any person may make a representation during exhibition).
- Council prepares report for the Tasmanian Planning Commission.
- The Commission considers the report, representations and amendment.
- The Commission may hold hearings.
- The Commission decides if the amendment is in order.
- The Commission approves, rejects, modifies or makes substantial alterations to the amendment.
- The Commission notifies Council of the decision.

**Project team:**

- Strategic Land Use Planning - project lead
- Open Space
- Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
- City Transport
- Stormwater and Waterways

**Stakeholders:**

- Landowners
- Residents
- Business owners
- Tasmanian Government agencies

**Timeframe:**

Work to be commenced in late 2025.

**Strategic alignment:**

- Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-2035
- Tasmanian Housing Strategy, 2023-2043
- 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan
- Hobart City Deal and Implementation Plan 2019
- Capital City Strategic Plan 2023

**Funding:**

Business as usual (BAU). No additional funds required at this stage.

## Priority project 2: Condell Place Feasibility Study

### Description:

The Condell Place car park site provides a significant opportunity to redevelop an underutilised asset to benefit the community and provide much needed affordable housing close to employment, education, services and public open space.

### Relevant goals:

- 1. North Hobart is a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood to live and work.
- 2. North Hobart is a creative and diverse neighbourhood on Palawa Country.
- 3. North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood.

### Key actions:

Action	Responsible Group
1.2.1 Undertake a feasibility study to investigate the potential for the council-owned car park at Condell Place to deliver affordable, medium density housing, community uses, public open space, and a public car park (to the equivalent or more than existing).	Strategic Land Use Planning

### Relevant actions:

4.1.3 Investigate the establishment of a space on Council owned land in North Hobart to support creative, cultural and community uses including multi-generational community spaces, to encourage connection and socialisation for a variety of people.	Strategic Land Use Planning with Creative City and/or Community Programs
7.1.4 Integrate opportunities for new open space and greening as part of the development of the Council owned Condell Place car park site.	Open Space

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**Next steps:**

- Develop project feasibility study brief and budget.
- Engage consultant to undertake Feasibility Study.
- Council officers will evaluate planning scheme impacts after the completion of Feasibility Study.
- Consider grant applications for funding of future stages.
- Seek Council endorsement of recommended outcomes of feasibility study.
- Post endorsement, commence Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

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**Project team:**

- Strategic Land Use Planning - project lead
- Economic Development
- Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
- Open Space
- City Transport
- Community Programs
- Creative City
- Economic Development

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**Stakeholders:**

- Landowners
- Residents
- Business owners
- Tasmanian Government agencies

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**Timeframe:**

Work on the feasibility study will commence in early 2026 subject to budget allocations.

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**Funding:**

Stage 1 CoH budget confirmed for 2025-26 FY. Additional funds will be proposed in the 2026-27 budget.

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**Strategic alignment:**

- Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-2035
  - Tasmanian Housing Strategy, 2023-2043
  - 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan
  - Hobart City Deal and Implementation Plan 2019
  - Capital City Strategic Plan 2023
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## Priority project 3: Sports Precinct Masterplan

### Description:

A North Hobart Oval Sports and Community Precinct Masterplan is proposed to investigate the future role of the North Hobart Oval and Bowls Club to meet future demand for open space.

The precinct provides important community services supporting community wellbeing.

Investment in new open space and facilities at the precinct edges has the potential to support an increased range of uses on site, while protecting its current core use for football and bowls.

New community facilities such as meeting rooms, small events spaces, a pocket park and gateway plaza will be connected by improved pedestrian and cycling links to the adjacent accommodation and streets network.

### Relevant goals:

1. North Hobart is a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood to live and work.
2. North Hobart is a creative and diverse neighbourhood on Palawa Country.
3. North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood.

### Key actions:

Action	Responsible Group
<b>4.1.3</b> Investigate the establishment of a creative space on Council owned land in North Hobart to support creative, cultural and community uses including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rehearsal facilities, as identified in the Greater Hobart Venues Study, and/or</li> <li>• multigenerational community spaces, to encourage connection and socialisation for a variety of people.</li> </ul>	Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
<b>7.2.1</b> Engage with sports clubs, local residents, Palawa and other stakeholders to prepare a North Hobart Oval Sports and Community Precinct Masterplan to investigate the potential capacity of the precinct to deliver additional benefits for the community, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved pedestrian connections to Argyle, and Letitia Streets</li> <li>• New public open space with high amenity and quality spaces that are safe, welcoming and complement surrounding context and use</li> <li>• Ways to manage flood risk through WSUD</li> <li>• Space for community and/or arts use on council owned land</li> <li>• Site activation with ground floor design to support natural surveillance</li> <li>• Partial rezoning to Urban Mixed Use Zone which allows for a wider variety of uses</li> <li>• Sensitively design buildings in regard to setbacks, height and heritage.</li> </ul>	Place, Design, Sport and Recreation

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**Relevant actions:**

Action	Responsible Group
<b>7.1.1</b> Consider the provision of open space in North Hobart as part of the City of Hobart Open Space Strategy.  Investigate new open space opportunities to complement the existing spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider how existing open spaces can feel safer and more inclusive. Retain, assess and, if necessary, upgrade infrastructure in existing open spaces to ensure it is adequate. Eg. Lights and seating</li> <li>Engage with Palawa community to investigate ways to reintroduce cultural resources into natural spaces where possible</li> <li>Identify locations, in existing or proposed open spaces, that provide unbroken visual links to the mountain-scapes, to assist in maintaining and enhancing cultural links for cultural knowledge sharing.</li> </ul>	Open Space

**Next steps:**

- Develop brief and budget for the Sports Precinct Masterplan.
- Undertake the Sports Precinct Masterplan including community consultation and stakeholder engagement.
- Prepare and submit grant applications for funding.

**Project team:**

- Place, Design, Sport and Recreation - project lead
- Open Space
- Strategic Land Use Planning
- City Transport
- Stormwater and Waterways

**Stakeholders:**

- Landowners
- Residents
- Business owners
- North Hobart Football Club
- North Hobart
- Active Tas
- AFL Tasmania

**Timeframe:**

Work on the feasibility study will commence in mid 2026 subject to budget allocations.

**Funding:**

CoH budget for masterplan to be proposed in the 2026-27 budget.

**Strategic alignment:**

- Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-2035
- Tasmanian Housing Strategy, 2023-2043
- 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan
- Hobart City Deal and Implementation Plan 2019
- Capital City Strategic Plan 2023
- Greater Hobart Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan

## Priority project 4: Greener, more resilient and attractive streets and spaces

### Description:

Embedding design principles of sustainability and climate resilience in built form, open space and street networks will create a more comfortable, attractive and resilient neighbourhood.

Increased greening including important canopy trees will improve qualities such as comfort in summer and urban biodiversity throughout North Hobart.

Creating a greener and more attractive place to live, work and visit is important to promote community wellbeing, improve biodiversity, and provide urban cooling in summer.

Street tree plantings will provide shading for footpaths, bus stops and bike routes.

Responding to flooding risks by incorporating Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) and other measures in strategic infrastructure planning will minimise negative impacts during events, creating a safer neighbourhood.

### Relevant goals:

3. North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood.

4. North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood.

### Key actions:

Action	Responsible Group
<b>6.1.1</b> Prepare a Street Tree Masterplan for North Hobart which defines and references 'Green Streets' for increased tree planting.	Open Space
<b>7.1.1</b> Consider the provision of open space in North Hobart as part of the City's Open Space Strategy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate new open space opportunities to complement the existing spaces</li> <li>Consider how existing open spaces can feel safer and more inclusive. Retain, assess and, if necessary, upgrade infrastructure, such as lights and seating, in existing open spaces to ensure it is adequate</li> <li>Engage with the Palawa community to investigate ways to reintroduce cultural resources into natural spaces where possible</li> <li>Identify locations, in existing or proposed open spaces, that provide unbroken visual links to the mountainscapes, to assist in maintaining and enhancing cultural links for cultural knowledge sharing.</li> </ul>	Open Space

### Relevant actions:

<b>6.2.1</b> Co-ordinate implementation of WSUD and flood responsive design measures (e.g. stormwater upgrades) with road upgrades.	Stormwater and Waterways
<b>6.2.2</b> Investigate opportunities to guide how future development can respond to flood risk, and achieve good design and equitable access outcomes, around the Providence Valley Rivulet area and low-lying land.	Stormwater and Waterways

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<b>7.1.1</b>	Consider the provision of open space in North Hobart as part of the City's Open Space Strategy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate new open space opportunities to complement the existing spaces</li> <li>Consider how existing open spaces can feel safer and more inclusive. Retain, assess and, if necessary, upgrade infrastructure, such as lights and seating, in existing open spaces to ensure it is adequate</li> <li>Engage with the Palawa community to investigate ways to reintroduce cultural resources into natural spaces where possible</li> <li>Identify locations, in existing or proposed open spaces, that provide unbroken visual links to the mountainscapes, to assist in maintaining and enhancing cultural links for cultural knowledge sharing.</li> </ul>	Open Space
<b>7.1.2</b>	Investigate opportunities for greening as part of the extension to the Elizabeth Street Vision Plan. *Note: this Action is not expected to be undertaken in the short term.	Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
<b>7.1.3</b>	Integrate opportunities for new open space and greening as part of the Providence Valley Rivulet Masterplan. *Note: this Action is not expected to be undertaken in the short term.	Strategic Land Use Planning
<b>7.1.4</b>	Integrate opportunities for new open space and greening as part of the development of the Council-owned Condell Place car park site.	Strategic Land Use Planning
<b>7.2.1</b>	Engage with sports clubs, local residents, Palawa and other stakeholders to prepare a North Hobart Oval Sports and Community Precinct Masterplan to investigate the potential capacity of the precinct to deliver additional benefits for the community, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved pedestrian connections to Argyle, and Letitia Streets</li> <li>new public open space with high amenity and quality spaces that are safe, welcoming and complement the surrounding context and use</li> <li>ways to manage flood risk through water sensitive urban design</li> <li>space for community and/or arts use on council owned land</li> <li>site activation with ground floor design to support passive surveillance</li> <li>partial rezoning to Urban Mixed Use zone which allows for a wider variety of uses</li> <li>sensitively designed buildings in regards to setbacks, height and heritage.</li> </ul>	Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
<b>9.1.1</b>	Conduct a footpath and walkability audit to identify projects and upgrades to facilitate better walking access to and from key locations in the area. Improve pedestrian facilities, greening and amenities on key streets identified in the walking network hierarchy. Identify locations where footpath condition, gradient or width reduces mobility choices for pedestrians and users with impaired mobility and assess whether reallocation and reprioritisation of road space could improve access.	City Transport
<b>10.1.1</b>	Progressively connect the cycle network within North Hobart as identified in the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan and the Micromobility Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration of key routes with additional links to key local destinations such as schools, retail and commercial centres, recreational facilities and public transport</li> <li>Directional signage to improve legibility and network navigation</li> <li>Investigating the road space allocation required for contiguous bicycle lanes along primary routes such as Argyle, Burnett, Elizabeth, and Federal Streets.</li> </ul>	City Transport

**Priority project 4:**  
**Greener, more resilient and attractive streets and spaces**

**Next steps:**

- Prepare a Street Tree Masterplan for North Hobart.
- Consider the provision of open space in North Hobart as part of the City's Open Space Strategy.
- Prepare and submit grant applications for funding.

**Project team:**

- Open Space - project lead
- City Transport
- Stormwater and Waterways
- Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
- City Assets
- Strategic Land Use Planning

**Stakeholders:**

- Landowners
- Residents
- Business owners
- Tasmanian Government agencies

**Timeframe:**

Work to commence in 2026.

**Funding:**

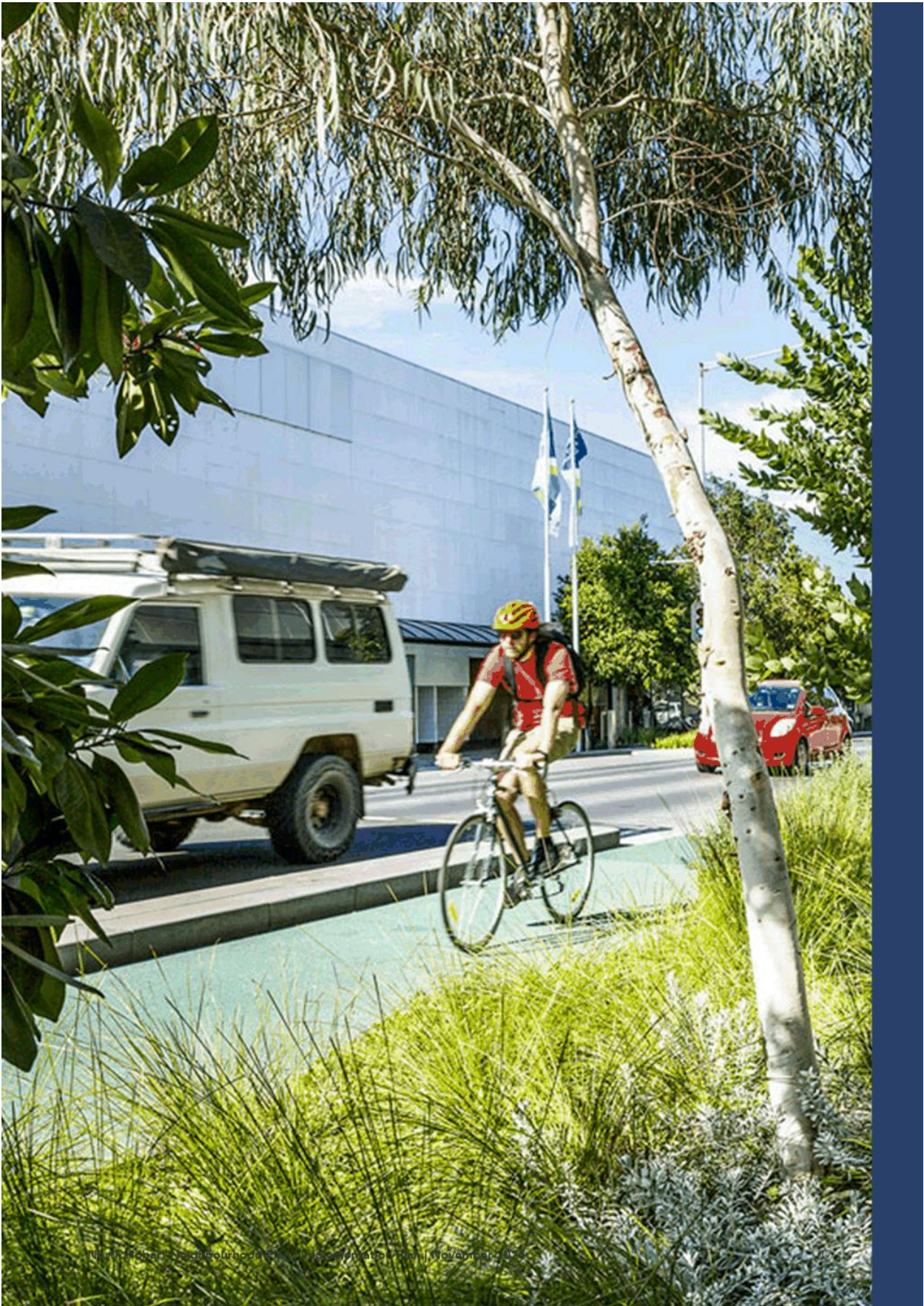
Business as usual (BAU). No additional funds required at this stage.

Additional funds (e.g. grants) may be required for some elements of the works such as stormwater infrastructure and WSUD.

**Strategic alignment:**

- Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-2035
- 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan
- Hobart City Deal and Implementation Plan 2019
- Capital City Strategic Plan 2023
- City of Hobart, Street Tree Strategy





## Priority project 5: An accessible and walkable neighbourhood

### Description:

Embedding design principles of sustainability and climate resilience in built form, open space and street networks will create a more comfortable, attractive and resilient neighbourhood.

A clear, accessible, and well-designed pedestrian network will encourage walking for short distances to nearby destinations.

Improved bicycle and micromobility access and facilities will support more choice in how people access and move through North Hobart.

Street tree plantings will provide shading for footpaths, bus stops and bike routes.

### Relevant goals:

3. North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood.
4. North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood.

### Key actions:

Action	Responsible Group
<b>9.1.1</b> Conduct a footpath and walkability audit to identify projects and upgrades to facilitate better walking access to and from key locations in the area. Improve pedestrian facilities, greening and amenities on key streets identified in the walking network hierarchy. Identify locations where footpath condition, gradient or width reduces mobility choices for pedestrians and users with impaired mobility and assess whether reallocation and reprioritisation of road space could improve access.	City Transport
<b>10.1.1</b> Progressively connect the cycle network within North Hobart as identified in the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan and the Micromobility Plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration of key routes with additional links to key local destinations such as schools, retail and commercial centres, recreational facilities and public transport</li> <li>• Directional signage to improve legibility and network navigation</li> <li>• Investigating the road space allocation required for contiguous bicycle lanes along primary routes such as Argyle, Burnett, Elizabeth, and Federal Streets.</li> </ul>	City Transport



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**Relevant actions:**

Action		Responsible Group
6.1.1	Prepare a Street Tree Masterplan for North Hobart which defines and references 'Green Streets' for increased tree planting.	Open Space
6.2.1	Co-ordinate implementation of WSUD and flood responsive design measures (e.g. stormwater upgrades) with road upgrades.	Stormwater and Waterways
6.2.2	Investigate opportunities to guide how future development can respond to flood risk, and achieve good design and equitable access outcomes, around the Providence Valley Rivulet area and low-lying land.	Stormwater and Waterways
7.1.2	Investigate opportunities for greening as part of the extension to the Elizabeth Street Vision Plan.	Open Space
9.1.2	Expand future editions of the Inner Hobart Transport Network Operations Plan to include key routes in North Hobart in partnership with the Tasmanian Government.	City Transport
9.1.3	Advocate for funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pedestrian infrastructure upgrades on streets under state jurisdiction</li> <li>a new universally accessible pedestrian/micromobility bridge over the Brooker Highway to provide a connection from North Hobart/ New Town to the Queens Domain.</li> </ul>	City Transport
9.2.1	Prepare an extension to the Elizabeth Street Vision Plan to guide a program of initiatives and upgrades to enhance the Elizabeth Street streetscape and its accessibility for pedestrians to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide appropriate footpath widths on Elizabeth Street to ensure a safe and equitable, clear path of travel for pedestrians.</li> <li>Ensure car access is maintained within the area. Provide on street, car parking spaces for people with an Australian Disability Parking Permit, short term parking for deliveries, pick up and drop off, and public transport.</li> </ul>	Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
10.1.2	In partnership with the Tasmanian Government, identify the function of key cycling routes and include these in updated versions of the Inner Hobart Transport Network Operations Plan.	City Transport



Priority project 5:  
An accessible and walkable neighbourhood

Next steps:

- Conduct a footpath and walkability audit.
- Progressively connect the cycle network within North Hobart as identified in the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan and the Micromobility Plan.
- Prepare and submit grant applications for funding.

Project team:

- City Transport - project lead
- Stormwater and Waterways
- Open Space
- Place, Design, Sport and Recreation
- City Assets
- Strategic Land Use Planning

Stakeholders:

- Landowners
- Residents
- Business owners
- Tasmanian Government agencies

Timeframe:

Work anticipated to commence in early 2028.

Funding:

CoH budget for relevant work outside of BAU to be requested as required.

Strategic alignment:

- Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-2035
- 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan
- Hobart City Deal and Implementation Plan 2019
- Capital City Strategic Plan 2023
- City of Hobart, Street Tree Strategy



## Part four: Actions

A full list of Actions have been provided for easy reference.

### Goal one: North Hobart is a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood to live and work

Over the next 20 years, growth in housing and employment will be encouraged along North Hobart's wider streets and near Elizabeth Street. This will make it easier for residents to access nearby services, jobs and Central Hobart. Supporting a greater mix of uses close to Elizabeth Street will offer more opportunities for local businesses and workers to remain in North Hobart.

Well-designed and sustainable buildings and spaces, including medium density housing, will respond to North Hobart's rich heritage. This will involve managing off site impacts and making a positive contribution to the public realm. By managing this growth well, North Hobart will remain a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone.

#### Urban design principles: Built form and design

1. Promote well designed medium density housing, mixed use renewal and future employment.
2. Support medium density development on wide green streets and strategic sites.
3. Ensure buildings respond to context, including land form, views, streetscape, local character, scale, heritage and solar access.
4. Engage with streets and spaces to increase the sense of safety and add to the vibrancy of the public realm.



Clifton and Central, Mt Lawley, WA by MJA Studio

**Objective 1: More diverse housing options including affordable and social housing****Strategy 1.1: Support well-designed medium density housing in the right locations through mechanisms in the planning scheme.****Action** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to:

- 1.1.1**
- Rezone land from the Light Industrial Zone to the Urban Mixed Use Zone and to the General Business Zone.
  - Rezone land from the Inner residential Zone to the Urban Mixed Use Zone.

- 1.1.2** Investigate mechanisms to require delivery of developer contributions for community benefit.

**Strategy 1.2: Renew strategic opportunity sites to deliver affordable and/or social, medium density housing.**

- 1.2.1** Undertake a feasibility study to investigate the potential for the council-owned car park at Condell Place to deliver affordable housing, medium density housing, community uses and a public car park (to the equivalent or more than existing).

- 1.2.2** Engage with Homes Tasmania to support the long term renewal of Homes Tasmania assets to deliver more affordable and social, medium density housing.

- 1.2.3** Engage with landowners and other stakeholders, to prepare a **Providence Valley Rivulet Master Plan**, which plans for the coordinated renewal of land bound by Elizabeth, Argyle, Burnett and Lefroy Streets, for the delivery of mixed-use and residential development.

**Strategy 1.3: Create a sustainable balance between short stay visitor accommodation and housing for residents.**

- 1.3.1** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to apply a Specific Area Plan to prohibit the conversion of whole dwelling residential use to visitor accommodation use in the Inner Residential and General Residential zones of North Hobart.

- 1.3.2** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to rezone land to the Urban Mixed Use Zone to enable larger scale visitor accommodation in appropriate locations.

**Objective 2: Jobs, services, and everyday convenience within walking distance****Strategy 2.1: Support existing and future employment needs with new and renovated buildings that offer different sized tenancies at varying price points to support a range of business and employment needs.**

- 2.1.1** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to:
- Rezone land from the Light Industrial Zone to the Urban Mixed Use Zone and to the General Business Zone
  - Rezone land from the Inner residential Zone to the Urban Mixed Use Zone;

- 2.1.2** Engage with landowners and other stakeholders, to prepare a **Providence Valley Rivulet Masterplan**, which plans for the coordinated renewal of this land for the delivery of mixed-use and residential development.

**Objective 3: Well-designed and sustainable buildings that respond to heritage****Strategy 3.1: Support design quality and excellence in new buildings.**

- 3.1.1** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to implement the **Built form and design guidelines** set out in this Neighbourhood Plan.

- 3.1.2** Design buildings and infrastructure on Council owned land to be zero emissions; include 100% renewable energy generation and storage; provide electric micromobility and car charging with consolidated off-street, car parking facilities; and incorporate water sensitive urban design.

- 3.1.3** Advocate to the Tasmanian Government for changes to the National Construction Code (NCC) to increase the NatHERs star rating requirement to a minimum of 7 stars for new dwellings.

- 3.1.4** Encourage development which is easily accessible by public transport, taxi, carshare and bike, provide car parking with electric car charging for private vehicles (underground where possible).



## Goal two: North Hobart is a creative and diverse neighbourhood on Palawa Country

Building on North Hobart's reputation as a destination for culture, events, food and entertainment, the aim is to support both daytime and night-time activities for locals and visitors. This includes identifying areas where creative and cultural uses are encouraged and identifying where new laneways can reinforce the fine-grain character of North Hobart, particularly near Elizabeth Street. (See Figure 28).

Diversity and inclusion are important values of the North Hobart community. It is important to create spaces that are safe and welcoming for all and offer more opportunities for the expression and sharing of culture and creativity, including the Palawa community.

### Objective 4: A welcoming and diverse place of creativity and culture

#### Strategy 4.1: Cultivate North Hobart's creative heart and provide welcoming spaces and places to innovate, experiment and connect with others.

<b>Action</b>	Identify suitable locations for:
<b>4.1.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>specific places within the public realm for ongoing activation by artists</li> <li>public art, including both permanent elements and temporary work.</li> </ul>
<b>4.1.2</b>	Prepare a planning scheme amendment to rezone land to Urban Mixed Use where Community Meeting and Entertainment and General Retail and Hire are permitted uses.
<b>4.1.3</b>	Investigate the establishment of a creative space on Council owned land in North Hobart to support creative, cultural and community uses including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an arts house facility; and/or rehearsal facilities, as identified in the Greater Hobart Venues Study,</li> <li>multigenerational community spaces, to encourage connection and socialisation for a variety of people.</li> </ul>

#### Strategy 4.2: Provide streetscapes that allow for both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal history and truth-telling.

<b>4.2.1</b>	Engage with the Palawa community on the <b>Elizabeth Street Vision Plan</b> to develop cultural education and immersion spaces on Elizabeth Street, where the Palawa community feel contemporary historic events hold strong links to their post - colonisation history.
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#### Strategy 4.3: Provide opportunities for cultural expression, including connection to Country, throughout North Hobart.

<b>4.3.1</b>	Engage with North Hobart's Palawa community to identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>culturally appropriate ways to recognise song lines and pathways in North Hobart</li> <li>places within the public realm for acknowledgement of the traditional owners and the contemporary Palawa community</li> <li>places with important links to the traditional cultural landscapes, and provide processes for strengthening and supporting Palawa culture</li> <li>places and processes for cultural expression and cultural practices as determined and led by the Palawa community.</li> </ul>
<b>4.3.2</b>	Identify suitable locations for interpretation and storytelling of local heritage, history and personalities.

**Objective 5: A lively and flourishing high street precinct****Strategy 5.1: Support retail, services, food, live music and entertainment between Elizabeth and Argyle Streets.**

- Action** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to:
- rezone land between Elizabeth Street and Argyle Street to Urban Mixed Use and General Business Zone, where Food Services and General Retail and Hire are permitted uses
  - implement reverse amenity standards to protect hospitality uses.
- 5.1.1**
- 5.1.2** Prepare an extension to the **Elizabeth Street Vision Plan** to guide a program of initiatives and upgrades to enhance the streetscape and its accessibility for pedestrians. See Strategy 9.2 for detail.

**Strategy 5.2: Reimagine Providence Valley Rivulet.**

- 5.2.1** Engage with the local community, Palawa and other stakeholders to prepare a **Providence Valley Rivulet Masterplan** to:
- Support landowners with property boundaries adjacent to the Rivulet to develop interfaces which support movement and activity and increase visual connections around and to the Rivulet.
  - Investigate the development of a network of public paths including a new public path along the Rivulet, and refurbishment of existing connecting laneways and paths.
  - Investigate the development of public open space along the Rivulet
  - Encourage activation and passive surveillance of laneways leading to the Rivulet.
  - Ensure Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are considered.
  - Monitor, protect and celebrate the fresh water of the Providence Valley Rivulet and potential rehabilitation of indigenous vegetation, and places for knowledge sharing.
  - Investigate appropriate ways to reduce sediment and pollutant loads on the Rivulet.

**Strategy 5.3: Boost high street festivals, events and street activation.**

- 5.3.1** Engage with the local community, Palawa and stakeholders to prepare an extension to the **Elizabeth Street Vision Plan** to consider how placemaking projects can enhance North Hobart's high street precinct for festivals, events, markets, on-street trading, and entertainment.
- 5.3.2** Investigate opportunities for regular events and street activity which will attract more people to the area, such as: a fresh food market, a makers market, food vans, and arts-based activations, pop up performances and public art projects.  
Support annual events such as: World Park(ing) Day, and Pedal Pallooza.

**Strategy 5.4: Create enticing laneways and streets.**

- 5.4.1** Implement a program of laneway initiatives and upgrades connecting through to the streets beyond to:
- introduce new signage and names for laneways
  - encourage and enable the introduction and orientation of windows towards laneways and public spaces
  - introduce greening including canopy trees where appropriate
  - implement Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED)
  - consider new public art installations and upgrades of existing works, using local materials, employing local artists, and involving local community members
  - work with landowners to install soft upward lighting above awnings to highlight the heritage character
  - install outdoor lighting that is low-key and contemporary, soft and warm, and meets dark sky requirements
  - enable traders and local residents to apply for partial, time-based, temporary or permanent laneway closures, except for authorised vehicles.
- 5.4.2** Investigate opportunities to provide greening and/or a landscaped seating and viewing area overlooking Swan Street Park on Post Office lot with Australia Post.

## Goal three: North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood

The City of Hobart will lead the transformation to a zero emissions and climate ready future. Embedding design principles of sustainability and climate resilience in built form, open space and street networks will create a more comfortable, attractive and resilient neighbourhood for the community.

Increased greening and canopy trees will improve urban biodiversity comfort in summer. Incorporating water sensitive urban design and other measures to minimise negative impacts during floods, will create a safer neighbourhood.

Wellbeing will be supported as the community grows with increased access to open space and a network of parks and plazas in which social connections are fostered and stories, culture and knowledge is shared and celebrated.

### Urban design principles: Public realm and open space

1. **Create a network of open spaces that connect people to Country.**
2. **Ensure sunlight access to open spaces and streets for people.**
3. **Increase the amount of greenery with street canopy planting and urban greening.**
4. **Build resilience to flooding risk.**



*Legacy Park, Queens Domain by Field Labs*

### Objective 6: Greener, more resilient, and attractive

**Strategy 6.1: Create a network of green streets to increase urban cooling in summer and to provide attractive streetscapes for everyday movement and life.**

**Action** Prepare a **Street Tree Masterplan** for North Hobart which defines and references 'Green Streets' for increased tree planting.

**Strategy 6.2: Incorporate flood responsive design along streets and in areas that are most likely impacted by flooding.**

**6.2.1** Co-ordinate implementation of WSUD and flood responsive design measures (e.g. stormwater upgrades) with road upgrades.

**6.2.2** Investigate opportunities to guide how future development can respond to flood risk, and achieve good design and equitable access outcomes, around the Providence Valley Rivulet area and low-lying land.

**6.2.3** Prepare a planning scheme amendment to apply a Specific Area Plan to implement requirements for deep soil planting and WSUD.

\*Note: WSUD is water sensitive urban design

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## Goal three: North Hobart is a resilient and sustainable neighbourhood

### Objective 7: A strong public open space network that enriches life

#### Strategy 7.1: Provide new open spaces, including pocket parks, plazas and forecourts, and upgrade existing open spaces.

##### Action 7.1.1 Consider the provision of open space in North Hobart as part of the City of Hobart Open Space Strategy.

- Investigate new open space opportunities to complement the existing spaces
- Consider how existing open spaces can feel safer and more inclusive. Retain, assess and, if necessary, upgrade infrastructure in existing open spaces to ensure it is adequate. Eg. Lights and seating
- Engage with Palawa community to investigate ways to reintroduce cultural resources into natural spaces where possible
- Identify locations, in existing or proposed open spaces, that provide unbroken visual links to the mountain-scapes, to assist in maintaining and enhancing cultural links for cultural knowledge sharing.

##### 7.1.2 Investigate opportunities for greening as part of the extension to the Elizabeth Street Vision Plan.

##### 7.1.3 Integrate opportunities for new open space and greening as part of the Providence Valley Rivulet Masterplan.

##### 7.1.4 Integrate opportunities for new open space and greening as part of the development of the Council owned Condell Place car park site.

#### Strategy 7.2: Investigate the future role of North Hobart Oval and Bowls Club to meet future demand for open space.

##### 7.2.1 Engage with sports clubs, local residents, Palawa and other stakeholders to prepare a North Hobart Oval Sports and Community Precinct Masterplan to investigate the potential capacity of the precinct to deliver additional benefits for the community, including:

- Improved pedestrian connections to Argyle, and Letitia Streets
- New public open space with high amenity and quality spaces that are safe, welcoming and complement surrounding context and use
- Ways to manage flood risk through WSUD
- Space for community and/or arts use on council owned land
- Site activation with ground floor design to support natural surveillance
- Partial rezoning to Urban Mixed Use Zone which allows for a wider variety of uses
- Sensitively designed buildings in regards to setbacks, height and heritage.

### Objective 8: Easy access to the Queens Domain

#### Strategy 8.1: Improve access to the Queens Domain for pedestrians and micro mobility users.

##### 8.1.1 Develop wayfinding and signage that clearly indicates existing and proposed links to the Domain.

##### 8.1.2 Engage with Palawa to explore access from North Hobart to the Domain that allows for storytelling including Palawa cultural and heritage links to place.

##### 8.1.3 Engage with the Tasmanian Government to identify ways to improve the safety and ease of access of existing links from North Hobart to the Domain, as upgrades to the Brooker Highway and intersections with surrounding streets occur. eg. Burnett Street and/or Park Street and Clearys Gates.

##### 8.1.4 Investigate funding opportunities for potential new pedestrian and micromobility links to the Queens Domain as identified in the Neighbourhood Plan and/or the Queens Domain Masterplan 2013.



## Goal four: North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood

North Hobart will continue to thrive as a destination and a neighbourhood that is easy for people to get around, offering multiple ways to travel for locals, workers, and visitors.

A clear, accessible, and well-designed pedestrian network will encourage walking for short trips and nearby destinations.

Improved bicycle and micromobility access and facilities will support more choice in how people access North Hobart.

Parking will be consolidated in locations that are accessible, and easy to find. This will support the long-term success of Elizabeth Street and other areas of activity, supporting residents, local businesses, and visitors.

Public transport improvements encourage more people to use public transport, upgraded infrastructure, such as bus stop shelters, makes catching public transport more appealing.

### Objective 9: High-quality walkways, footpaths, lanes, and streets.

#### Strategy 9.1: Define a walking network hierarchy of primary and secondary streets and laneways, and upgrade existing footpaths, lanes, streets and pedestrian crossings, and identify potential locations for new links, bridges, and pedestrian crossings.

**Action** Conduct a **footpath and walkability audit** to identify projects and upgrades to facilitate better walking access to and from key locations in the area. Improve pedestrian facilities, greening and amenities on key streets identified in the walking network hierarchy.

**9.1.1** Identify locations where footpath condition, gradient or width reduces mobility choices for pedestrians and users with impaired mobility, and assess whether road space allocation and priority could improve access.

**9.1.2** Expand future editions of the **Inner Hobart Transport Network Operations Plan** to include key routes in North Hobart in partnership with the Tasmanian Government.

**9.1.3** Advocate for funding for:

- pedestrian infrastructure upgrades on streets under State jurisdiction
- a new universally accessible bridge over the Brooker Highway to provide a connection from North Hobart/New Town to the Queens Domain.

#### Strategy 9.2: Strengthen Elizabeth Street's role as pedestrian-friendly commuter spine with landscape and urban design upgrades.

**9.2.1** Prepare an extension to the **Elizabeth Street Vision Plan** to guide a program of initiatives and upgrades to enhance the Elizabeth Street streetscape and its accessibility for pedestrians to:

- Provide appropriate footpath widths on Elizabeth Street to ensure a safe and equitable, clear path of travel for pedestrians.
- Ensure car access is maintained within the area. Provide on street, car parking spaces for people with an Australian Disability Parking Permit, short term parking for deliveries, pick up and drop off, and public transport.

**9.2.2** Investigate potential for a planning scheme amendment to introduce a pedestrian priority street overlay on Elizabeth Street under the Parking and Sustainable Transport Code.

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## Goal four: North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood

### Urban design principles: Movement and access

1. Create streets for people.
2. Make cycling and micromobility a convenient and comfortable way to move around North Hobart.
3. Advocate for and support better public transport services.
4. Manage vehicle access and car parking, prioritising pedestrian safety and consolidated car parking.



Malop Street Green Spine, Geelong — Outlines

### Objective 10: An integrated network of safe cycle and micromobility

**Strategy 10.1: Define a micromobility network of primary and secondary cycle routes and facilities that is integrated with the surrounding cycle network and provides connections to key destinations.**

**Action** Progressively connect the cycle network within North Hobart as identified in the **Greater Hobart Cycling Plan** and the **Micromobility Plan**, including:

- 10.1.1**
- Integration of key routes with additional links to key local destinations such as schools, retail and commercial centres, recreational facilities and public transport
  - Directional signage to improve legibility and network navigation
  - Investigating the road space allocation required for contiguous bicycle lanes along primary routes such as Argyle, Burnett, Elizabeth, and Federal Streets.

**10.1.2** In partnership with the Tasmanian Government, identify the function of key cycling routes and include these in updated versions of the **Inner Hobart Transport Network Operations Plan**.

**10.1.3** Advocate to Tasmanian Government for:

- cycling infrastructure upgrades on streets under State jurisdiction
- new connections over the Brooker Highway to provide micromobility access from North Hobart and/or New Town to the Queens Domain via a bridge and/or upgraded signalised intersection.

**Strategy 10.2: Increase cycle and micromobility parking and facilities on Elizabeth Street and at key destinations.**

**10.2.1** Identify suitable locations for secure micromobility parking zones on primary cycle routes to facilitate a safe and equitable, clear path of travel for pedestrians.

**10.2.2** Identify suitable locations for micromobility parking, storage and electric charging infrastructure in mixed use development, medium density housing and consolidated off street car parking facilities with good passive surveillance.

## Goal four: North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood

### Objective 11: Moving and parking cars better, making streets safer for all

#### Strategy 11.1: Encourage vehicles to use Argyle Street or the Brooker Highway when travelling through or to North Hobart to reduce traffic congestion on Elizabeth Street.

<b>Action</b>	Install prominent signage directing drivers to take a more direct route through North Hobart, via Argyle Street, instead of Elizabeth Street.
<b>11.1.1</b>	
<b>11.1.2</b>	Install dynamic parking availability signage for car parks to reduce vehicle circulation on Elizabeth Street.
<b>11.1.3</b>	Advocate and partner with the Tasmanian Government to reduce Elizabeth Street speed limit to 30km/h, and upgrade streetscape design to reflect and communicate to drivers and pedestrians the low speed environment.
<b>11.1.4</b>	Advocate and partner with the Tasmanian Government for a redesign of the Argyle Street and New Town Road intersection to encourage drivers to use Argyle Street and reduce through vehicle movements on Elizabeth Street.
<b>11.1.5</b>	Advocate to the Tasmanian Government for an additional intersection on the Brooker Highway (with full signalised access in all directions) at the northern edge of the precinct to provide an alternative route for the residential catchment to the north-west and alleviate some of the traffic pressures on Elizabeth Street.

#### Strategy 11.2: Make parking smarter, easier, and more reliable.

<b>11.2.1</b>	Investigate parking management in North Hobart as part of a wider <b>City of Hobart parking plan</b> , to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the consolidation of parking to the most in-demand locations, and ensure that the routes used for parking access are compatible with other objectives (including reducing vehicle volumes on Elizabeth Street).</li> <li>Identify locations to provide consolidated parking at the periphery of the Elizabeth Street Precinct, to help to reduce unnecessary vehicle movements and traffic congestion.</li> </ul> Provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>clear directional signage</li> <li>adequate car parking spaces</li> <li>electric car charging infrastructure</li> <li>car share parking</li> <li>microbility parking and electric charging infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>11.2.2</b>	Investigate locating community-based 100% renewable energy generation and storage in consolidated car parks.
<b>11.2.3</b>	Include publicly accessible underground car parking as part of the feasibility study for the future development of the Condell Place car park site.

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## Goal four: North Hobart is an accessible and walkable neighbourhood

### Objective 12: A simpler and more reliable public transport network

**Strategy 12.1: Advocate for improvements to the public transport network to support strong public transport corridors with simpler and direct routes, bus priority lanes and traffic lights, and upgraded accessible bus stops.**

**Action** Identify priority bus stop improvements and apply to the Tasmanian Government for funding through the **All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program**. Include:

- 12.1.1**
- comfortable seating
  - weather protection
  - lighting.

**12.1.2** In partnership with the Tasmanian Government, identify the function of key bus routes and include these in updated versions of the **Inner Hobart Transport Network Operations Plan**.

**12.1.3** Partner with the Tasmanian Government to incorporate bus priority measures at key intersections along public transport corridors, including bus prioritisation approaching signals at Augusta Road, New Town and Burnett Street, North Hobart.

**12.1.4** Advocate to the Tasmanian Government for the review of the bus network to and through North Hobart to provide more frequent buses on simpler, direct routes.

**Strategy 12.2: Advocate for alternative routes and bus stop locations to support temporary road closures for events.**

**12.2.1** Identify potential alternative bus stop locations which maintain access to North Hobart's high street precinct and allows reliable bus service operation, during events which require road closures.

**12.2.2** Promote public transport as an attractive way to access North Hobart, especially for events.

**12.2.3** Work with Metro Tas and the Tasmanian Government to establish alternate 'event mode' routes, services, and bus stop infrastructure as appropriate.



Greville Street, Prahran, Victoria



Bus shelter, New Town

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