



CITY OF HOBART

# MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2026



City of HOBART

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**The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 19 January 2026 at 4.00pm in the Lady Osborne Room.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Alderman M Zucco (Chairperson)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock

Councillor J L Kelly

Councillor L M Elliot

Alderman L A Bloomfield

Councillor R J Posselt

Councillor B Lohberger

Councillor G H Kitsos

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor L M Elliot

Councillor G H Kitsos

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil.

In accordance with clause 4.6 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed Alderman M Zucco as a member of the committee to fill a committee member vacancy.

**NOMINEE MEMBERS:**

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds

Councillor W F Harvey

Councillor M S C Dutta

Councillor W N S Coats

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

**PRESENT:**

Alderman M Zucco (Chairperson)

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock

Councillor W F Harvey

Councillor M S C Dutta

Councillor J L Kelly

Alderman L A Bloomfield

Councillor R J Posselt

Councillor B Lohberger

**QUORUM:**

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

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock arrived at 4.11pm and was not present for items 1 to 7.1.

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock retired from the meeting at 5.51pm and was not present for items 8.3 to 11.

Councillor Lohberger retired from the meeting at 6.01pm and was not present for items 8.3 to 11.

Councillor Dutta left the meeting at 6.42pm, returning at 6.46pm.

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**1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY**

The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **BLOOMFIELD**

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on Monday, 8 December 2025, be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

### **VOTING RECORD**

#### **AYES**

Zucco  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
Posselt  
Lohberger

#### **NOES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

The minutes were signed.

## **3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

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

### **Recommendation**

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

No supplementary items were received.

#### **4. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

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

No interest was indicated.

#### **5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

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

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

No items were transferred.

#### **6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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##### **6.1 Place and Wellbeing Committee** **File Ref: F25/92810**

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HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
Posselt  
Lohberger

NOES

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the Place and Wellbeing Committee of 25 November 2025, marked as Attachment A to item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026.

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**6.2 Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Committee**  
**File Ref: F25/92817**

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**HARVEY**

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
Posselt  
Lohberger

NOES

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Committee of 11 November 2025, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026.

## 7. REPORTS

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### 7.1 2025-26 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period ending 31 December 2025 File Ref: F25/91835

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That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

#### VOTING RECORD

AYES

Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
Posselt  
Lohberger

NOES

Zucco

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the Committee receive and note the City of Hobart 2025-26 Annual Plan Progress Report for the period ending 31 December 2025 and endorse its release for publication on the City of Hobart website.

## 8. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

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The City of Hobart utilises the workshop forum as allowed under the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* as a mechanism to receive information in relation to specific matters.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee, any matter that is listed on the agenda for workshopping may not be the subject of a Committee decision, other than a resolution that the item be noted.

### 8.1 Augusta Road / Elizabeth Street - Pedestrian, Bicycle, Public Transport and Urban Enhancement Planning Project File Ref: F26/669

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Karen Abey Director Strategic and Regulatory Services and Daniel Verdouw Manager City Transport, provided a presentation on this item.

Elected members were invited to provide feedback to inform the development of this project.

The following feedback was provided:

- Data collection techniques were discussed and if advertising 'super Tuesday bike count' may inflate the number of people using the bike lanes. It was noted that viva units (which are camera / AI based technology) have been installed to count vehicle usage 24/7, 7 day a week. This will provide independent evidence of traffic usage to support any changes being recommended.
- The need to ensure that proper engagement takes place with small business, business owners, property owners and tenants. A request was made for a list to be provided to the Council of people and businesses consulted.
- The funding strategy was discussed – It was noted that there are some grant funding opportunities (through the Federal Government). The Manager City Transport will continue to look at grants and other possible funding opportunities for this project.
- Members discussed the need to ensure that new bike lanes installed are safe and that they are located where the community is likely to use them.
- Work is required on the road surface of Augusta Road.
- Work is required around the Calvary Hospital – particularly in relation to pedestrian crossing and parking.
- Work is required in the area where traffic move from Augusta Road to the Main Road New Town (near the turn off to Hill Street Grocery).

#### Attachments

A Augusta Road and Elizabeth Street Pedestrian, Bus and Bike Improvements

## 8.2 Twelve Month Review - Argyle and Campbell St Bike Lanes

File Ref: F25/91030

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Karen Abey Director Strategic and Regulatory Services, and Daniel Verdouw Manager City Transport, provided a presentation on this item.

Elected members were asked to provide feedback on the high-level review of the Argyle Street and Campbell Street bicycle lane project. The following feedback was provided:

- It was noted that the installation of the Bike lanes was undertaken initially as a trial and it was fully funded by the State Government.
- It was also noted that there is an issue with appointing a tow truck operator. The Manager City Transport advised that the City does not have a towing truck available in its current fleet able to provide the service. To date, the City has been unable to secure a contract for towing and has had discussions with the State Government about the possibility of using the State Government's towing service provider Stornoway.
- The Manager City Transport took Elected Members through the graphs that were uploaded onto the Hub. There was a lot of discussion on what the graphs were showing. Elected Members noted that there were more people driving into the City in 2025 than in 2023, which is the likely cause of traffic congestion.
- Elected Members also noted letter a from Department of State Growth (DSG). That letter stated that DSG observed that the bike trial facilities are working as expected. It was further noted that the installation of bike lanes have not significantly increased congestion in the City, there has been a slight increase in time delay in a couple of sections (but the increase has only been in seconds) and that the number of crashes have decreased.
- Elected Members discussed the need to look at hotspots (in the existing arrangements) so that work can be undertaken in the next phase of the project to improve the bike lanes. The following was shared:
  - surfacing on the bike lanes needs to be replaced;
  - arrows be painted on the bike lanes so people don't go the wrong way;
  - act on blind spots (specifically where the bike lane joins to Campbell Street); and
  - look at how to make it safer when vehicles are coming out of the hospital and back onto Campbell Street.
- It was noted that some car parking meters in Macquarie Street and Davey Street have been 'hooded' for quite some time, with discussion on the ongoing need to remain hooded.

### Attachments

- A Argyle and Campbell Street bike lane 12 month review

### **8.3 Stormwater and Waterways Briefing**

**File Ref: F25/50332**

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David Reeve Director Infrastructure and Assets, and Anna Wilson Manager Stormwater and Waterways, provided a presentation on the existing stormwater systems.

Elected members shared the following:

- That climate change predictions indicate that the weather will become more variable. Hobart is exposed to flooding, particularly flash floods. Climate change predictions indicate that there will be more floods, they will be larger and faster.
- There is a need to look at: mitigation options, building planning controls and regulations and better controls over subdivisions particularly in relation to stormwater / sewerage pipes.
- Current risks include ageing infrastructure, underserviced land and the Hobart rivulet structure.
- The need to talk to insurers to understand when and why they will not offer insurance cover and any information they can provide on climate risks / interventions that should be considered.
- The possibility of buying back land close to rivulets to allow a more natural path for water flow, if anything can be done to clear space along the headlands to manage flood water flows and using existing areas (e.g. Haldane Reserve is there an opportunity for a wetland).
- Elected members noted that the Flood Code is currently under review. They were happy with the work that has been undertaken to date, are very keen to hear more about interventions that can be put in place and suggested that these issues should be factored into Neighbourhood Plans.

#### **Attachments**

A Improve understanding of stormwater systems

## **9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

### **The Chief Executive Officer reports:-**

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

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

### **HARVEY**

That the following response to questions without notice, marked as item 9.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026, be received and noted.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **VOTING RECORD**

#### **AYES**

Zucco  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
Posselt

#### **NOES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

That the following response to questions without notice, marked as item 9.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 19 January 2026, be received and noted.

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#### **9.1 Statistical Information on number of International and Interstate Students in Southern Tasmania**

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Memorandum of the Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 6 January 2026.

## **10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

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

No questions were asked.

## **11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING**

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HARVEY

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

- Minutes of a Closed Committee Meeting
- Confidential Information
- Closed Questions Without Notice

The following items were discussed: -

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Items For Workshopping
Item No. 4.1	Future State of Car Parking in Hobart LG(MP)R 17(2)(c) and (h)(ii)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED

### **VOTING RECORD**

AYES

NOES

Zucco  
Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Harvey  
Dutta  
Kelly  
Bloomfield  
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There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 6.51pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS  
A CORRECT RECORD THIS  
10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**