



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting
Open Portion
Monday, 16 February 2026
at 4.00pm
Lady Osborne Room



City of **HOBART**

THE MISSION

Working together to make Hobart a better place for the community.

THE VALUES

The Council is:

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

ELECTED MEMBER COMMITMENTS

Respectful and Cooperative Behaviour	We will treat each other, staff, and stakeholders respectfully, fostering a collaborative environment.
Conduct and media use	We will advocate using transparent, evidence-based arguments, respect majority decisions, avoid public criticism of employees, and maintain workplace safety by refraining from harmful communication.
Objective, evidence-based communication:	Our discussions and advocacy are grounded in reliable, shared evidence, avoiding personal attacks and promoting respectful debate before public commentary.
Roles and responsibilities:	We recognise our duty to represent our community while being accountable, engaging in critical debate and holding others to account respectfully.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Business listed on the agenda is to be conducted in the order in which it is set out, unless the committee by simple majority determines otherwise.

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Monday, 16 February 2026 at 4.00pm in the Lady Osborne Room.

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Alderman L A Bloomfield (Chairperson)
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Councillor J L Kelly
Councillor L M Elliot
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger
Councillor G H Kitsos

APOLOGIES:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
Nil.

NOMINEE MEMBERS:

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor W F Harvey
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor W N S Coats

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Tuesday, 10 February 2026](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

Recommendation

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

4. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

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

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

6. REPORTS

6.1 2025-26 Capital Works Program - Mid Year Review

File Ref: F26/739

Report of the Acting Manager Capital Projects and Director Infrastructure and Assets of 11 February 2026.

Delegation: Committee

REPORT TITLE: **2025-26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - MID YEAR REVIEW**

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Acting Manager Capital Projects
Director Infrastructure and Assets

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of the City of Hobart 2025-26 Capital Works Program:
 - 1.1.1. On 30 June 2025, Council allocated a total of \$33.3M (excluding property, plant, and equipment) for the 2025-26 Capital Works Program.
 - 1.1.2. This has been revised to \$36.8M (excluding property, plant, and equipment) to include various budget reallocations and State and Federal Government grants.
 - 1.1.3. Of the \$36.8M, the total program being delivered by Capital Works is \$23.7M (excluding property, plant, equipment, contingency, and the Greater Hobart Ferry Service Expansion Project).
 - 1.1.4. The Capital Works Program expenditure for the first half of the 2025-26 financial year is approximately \$6.6M. Additionally, a further \$3.5M of funds have been committed, bringing the total value of works underway to \$10.1M, or 43% of the total Capital Works budget.
 - 1.1.5. The estimated remaining contingency for the second half of the 2025-26 financial year is -\$94,678. The amount fluctuates throughout the year, and this is within an acceptable range to allow delivery of outstanding projects within budget. However, it provides limited ability to bring forward any new projects into the program.
 - 1.1.6. The total forecast expenditure by the end of the 2025-26 financial year is estimated to be 98% at the upper-range and 62% at the lower-range. The Capital Project Committee will continue to monitor the Capital Works Program delivery performance to seek that a minimum of 75% of the works program is delivered.

2. Recommendation

That the report titled 2025-26 Capital Works Program – Mid Year Review, dated 2 February 2026, be noted.

3. Discussion and Background

3.1. As of the mid-point of the 2025-26 financial year, the value of the current 2025-26 Capital Works Project budget is \$23.7M:

3.1.1. The total 2025-26 Capital Works Program expenditure is approximately \$6.6M, with a further \$3.5M value of works contracted and underway. This represents approximately 43% of the total revised budget. The breakdown of the Capital Works Program is provided in **Figure 1**.

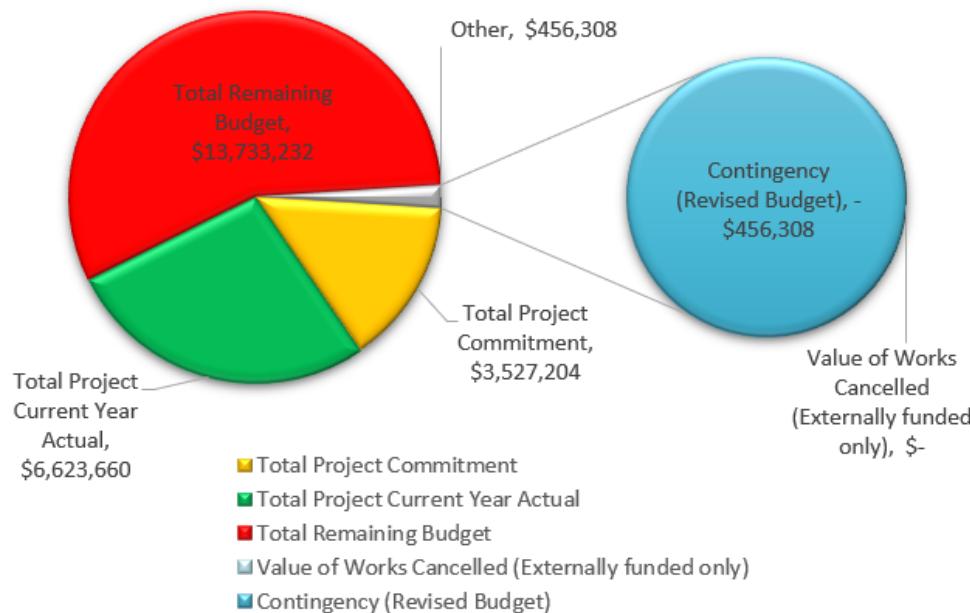


Figure 1: Capital Works Breakdown

3.1.2. At the mid-point of the 2025-26 financial year, the estimated remaining program contingency is -\$94,678.

3.1.3. The total forecasted expenditure by the end of the financial year is estimated to be 98% at the upper-range and 62% at the lower-range.

3.1.4. The Capital Project Committee will continue to monitor the Capital Works Program delivery performance to seek that a minimum of 75% of the works program is delivered.

3.1.5. The breakdown of the forecast is provided in **Figure 2**.

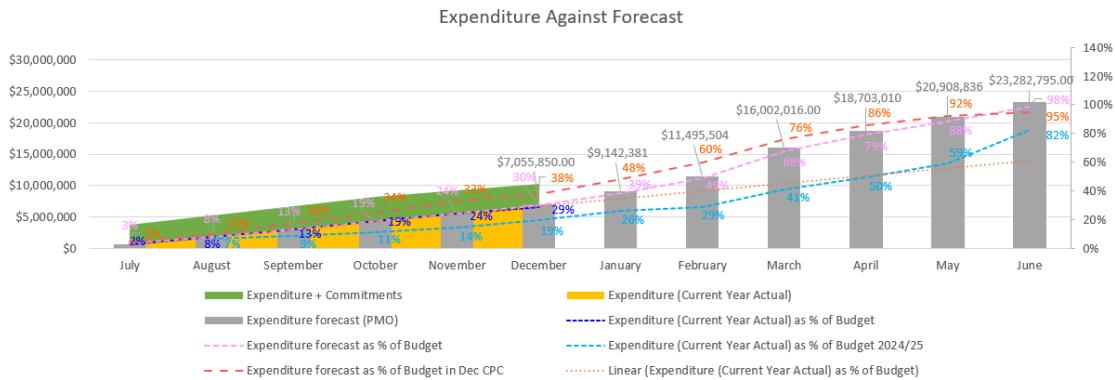


Figure 2: Delivery Forecast

3.1.6. All projects valued over \$1M are listed as Key Major Projects (see **Table 1**).

Table 1: Key Major Projects

Project	Status	Budget	Status
New Town Rivulet Estuary Restoration Project	Delivery	\$1,036,944	Project is now in defects liability period including 3-month plant establishment period for Phase 1 plantings. Phase 2 plantings proposed in early Feb 2026.
Queenborough Oval Changerooms Redevelopment	Delivery	\$1,573,885	Construction is ongoing and schedule to complete by end of January 2026.
Marlyn Rd Bridge	Delivery	\$1,044,607	Preliminary design has been completed. Project completion by end of FY.

3.1.7. 27 projects have been completed with a total favourable variance of \$474,785 (see **Table 2**), which has been reallocated to the program contingency.

Table 2: Completed Projects

Project	Allocated Budget	Remaining Council Funding	Remaining External Funding
Tower Rd Bridge Guardrail - BD098	\$66,075	\$14,526	\$0
O'Conor Court Stormwater Renewal	\$75,000	\$13,803	\$0

Lefroy Street Public Car Park Extension	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
New Town Netball Courts Upgrade	\$140,155	\$31,224	\$0
Melville St - Barrack to Molle - Ash L&R FP	\$180,000	\$4,529	\$0
South Hobart Oval Courts Upgrade	\$223,094	-\$858	\$0
Argyle St Car Park Concrete Remediation L1-3	\$17,081	\$0	\$4,593
Pipeline Track Extension - City to Mountain	\$197,294	\$11,757	\$0
Asset Management Software Upgrade	\$274,103	\$34,879	\$0
McRobies Outlet GPT Installation	\$26,725	-\$3,000	\$0
Saunders Cres Playground	\$409,860	-\$5,190	\$0
Town Hall Ballroom Ceiling Access Safety Upgrades	\$763,089	\$35,310	\$0
Cooling Unit Replacement - Town Hall IT Data Centre	\$8,968	\$0	\$8,150
Queens Domain Parking Meter Credit Card Readers	\$10,127	-\$1,776	\$0
Nixon St - Queen to King - Partial LK&C Ash LFP	\$60,000	\$13,097	\$0
Petty St - Hill to Lansdowne - Ash LFP	\$6,237	\$96	\$0
Norfolk Cres - Maning to Manresa - Partial Ash LFP	\$36,150	\$0	\$0

Molle St - Bathurst to Melville - Overlay	\$78,515	\$4,358	\$0
Wayne Ave - Sandy Bay to Nile - Inlay	\$93,504	\$14,460	\$0
Parks' Drinking Fountain Upgrade	\$61,075	-\$564	\$0
Molle St - Bathurst to Melville - Overlay	\$314,321	\$77,927	\$0
Wayne Ave - Sandy Bay to Nile - Inlay	\$301,856	\$62,643	\$0
Liverpool Cres - Forest Rd to Liverpool St - Overlay	\$112,226	\$74,034	\$0
Macquarie St - Ispahan Ave Ramp DDA Upgrades	\$157,000	\$48,942	\$0
Clearys Gates Depot - Embankment Stabilisation	\$25,000	\$15,034	\$0
Intercity Cycleway Mercer St 25-29 Mains Extension	\$70,000	-\$10,925	\$0
Strickland Ave 189 - Extensions	\$185,000	\$40,478	\$0
TOTAL	\$474,785	\$12,743	

3.1.8. There were five new project requests, valued at \$357,400, submitted as variations that were unable to be funded in FY25/26 (see **Table 3**). These have been added to the FY26/27 project list for consideration. In addition to this, there is a desire to include Wellesley Park Off Lead Dog Exercise Area (Estimated \$180,000) in the current year budget. Additional funding, or a redistribution of existing funding, would be required to commence this project in FY25/26.

Table 3: Unfunded FY25/26 Project Requests

Project	Request	Scope
North Hobart Oval - Safety Netting	\$37,000	Installation of a safety net behind the goals of North Hobart Oval.
St David's Park CCTV Installation	\$135,400	Enhanced security measures at St David's Park to deal with antisocial behaviour.
West Hobart Oval - New Pathway Lansdowne Cres	\$65,000	Provision of new gravel pathway from the existing path off Lansdowne Crescent to the access gate near Lansdowne Crescent Primary School.
McRobie's Site Office	\$45,000	To support the growing demands of the new Waste Management Strategy, an additional site office is required to accommodate staff, planning, and stakeholder engagement activities.
Sunnyside Road – Main Extension	\$75,000	Construction of a new stormwater main to reduce flooding risk.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

4.1. The Local Government Act 1993 (Part 7, Division 2) outlines the responsibilities of Council with regards to plans and reports:

- 4.1.1. The delivery of the Capital Works Program aligns with the City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2023 and the City of Hobart Annual Plan 2025-26.
- 4.1.2. All risks are continuously managed by the respective project managers to ensure the successful delivery of works. To date there have been no extreme or major risks identified that require intervention from the Capital Projects Committee.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

5.1. The delivery of the Capital Works Program aligns with the City of Hobart Capital Strategic Plan 2023, Pillar 7 Built Environment:

7.3.1 - *Ensure the City's infrastructure supports health and wellbeing and is affordable and accessible for all.*

7.3.3 - *Ensure City-owned assets and public spaces are accessible, of high quality and provide a high level of amenity to meet community and visitor requirements.*

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

	2025-26 \$'000	2026-27 \$'000	2027-28 \$'000	2028-29 \$'000
Revenue				
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue				
Expenditure				
Operating				
Capital				
Total Expenditure				
Net Cost				
FTE Impact				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE	N/A			

Detail the change in the level of full-time equivalents within the group should the requested level of additional funding be required.

6.1.1. The delivery of the Capital Works Program is underway and will be delivered within the approved program budget.

6.1.2. Any individual project variations or adjustments are included in the quarterly financial reports presented to Council.

6.2. City Economy Strategy:

6.2.1. This proposal aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the City of Hobart City Economy Strategy 2023 – 2028:

6.2.1.1. Deliver 'buy local' processes as part of the City's procurement policies that support local businesses.

6.2.1.2. Partner and deliver programs that are inclusive, foster well-being and enhance quality aspects of city life, including short-term tactical interventions to improve public amenity.

6.3. Economic Impact:

6.3.1. The continuous delivery of the Capital Works Program will ensure that the City's services and assets are maintained, which will support growth and maintain the City's reputation as both an attractive tourist destination and liveable city.

6.4. Consultants:

6.4.1. The delivery of infrastructure works supports local consultants through the procurement of services.

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

7.1. Although construction is globally recognized as being a significant contributor to climate change, there are many sustainable practices in place to reduce the environmental footprint that are considered as part of the Capital Works Program:

7.1.1. Improving asset efficiency, such as roads, to reduce travel times and carbon emissions.

7.1.2. The provision of travel choices, such as footpaths and bike lanes, as an alternative to vehicular travel.

7.1.3. Recycling of existing materials, such as pavement rehabilitation through hot in-place or cold in-place recycling.

7.1.4. The use of low carbon material alternatives, such as low carbon concrete.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

8.1. Capital Works will continue to proactively engage with the community and businesses throughout the planning and delivery of the Capital Works Program, including:

8.1.1. Early consultation to understand stakeholder needs and obtain feedback for consideration in decision making.

8.1.2. Ongoing stakeholder engagement and progress updates to minimise disruption.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

9.1. Projects within the Capital Works Program are managed and continuously tracked using well established, industry standard project

management guidelines and tools, such as the Project Management Institute's (PMI) Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) and Microsoft's Project Management Office (PMO365) software:

- 9.1.1. The Capital Works Program is reviewed monthly by the Capital Projects Committee Meeting.
- 9.1.2. The status of the Capital Works Program is reported to Council every three months.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



Kristian Heighway
**ACTING MANAGER CAPITAL
PROJECTS**



David Reeve
**DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ASSETS**

Date: 11 February 2026
File Reference: F26/739

7. ITEMS FOR WORKSHOPPING

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

7.1 Tasmania Football Club - Briefing File Ref: F26/7372

Report of the Chief Executive Officer of 11 February 2026.



City of HOBART

MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

Tasmania Football Club - Briefing

Representatives from the Tasmania Football Club have been invited to provide a briefing to Elected Members.

In attendance will be Mr Brendon Gale, Chief Executive Officer and Ms Kath McCann, Chief Marketing Officer who will provide an overview of the Tasmania Football Club.

Workshop Purpose

That the Hobart Workshop Committee note the briefing on the Tasmania Football Club.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Michael Stretton
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date: 11 February 2026
File Reference: F26/7372

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

33. (2) *A question asked at a meeting is to, as far as is practicable -*

- (a) *be concise; and*
- (b) *be clear; and*
- (c) *not be a statement; and*
- (d) *have minimal pre-amble*

34. *Questions without notice by a Councillor*

- (1) *A councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice -*
- (a) *of the chairperson; or*
- (b) *through the chairperson, of -*
 - (i) *another councillor; or*
 - (ii) *the Chief Executive Officer.*
- (2) *In asking a question without notice at a meeting, a councillor must not -*
- (a) *offer an argument or opinion; or*
- (b) *draw any inferences or make any imputations -*
except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.
- (3) *The chairperson of a meeting must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.*
- (4) *The chairperson, councillor or Chief Executive Officer who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question.*
- (5) *The chairperson of a meeting may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.*

9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

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
- Proposal to Acquire Land
- Closed Questions Without Notice

The following items are listed for discussion:-

Item No. 1	Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting
Item No. 2	Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda
Item No. 3	Indications of conflicts of interest
Item No. 4	Items For Workshopping
Item No. 4.1	Taste of Summer 2026-2028 City Partnership Proposal LG(MP)R 17(2)(h)(ii)
Item No. 4.2	Aboriginal Cultural Centre/Request for Return of Land on the Queens Domain LG(MP)R 17(2)(g)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice