



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2026



City of **HOBART**

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**The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday,
16 February 2026 at 4.03pm in the Lady Osborne Room.**

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 Kitsos

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

PRESENT:

Alderman L A Bloomfield (Chairperson)
Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Alderman M Zucco
Councillor W F Harvey
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor J L Kelly
Councillor L M Elliot
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger
Councillor G Kitsos

Councillor Posselt arrived at 4:05pm and was not present for items 1 to 4.

Alderman Zucco left the meeting at 4:28pm and was not present for the vote on item 6.1, returning at 4:30pm.

Alderman Zucco left the meeting at 5:15pm, returning at 5:19pm.

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock left the meeting at 5:22pm, returning at 5:24pm.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 5:25pm, returning at 5:26pm.

Alderman Zucco left the meeting at 5:49pm, returning at 5:59pm.

Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 5:57pm, returning at 5:58pm.

Councillor Zucco retired from the meeting at 5:59pm and was not present for items 8 and 9.

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

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

QUORUM:

There were 11 Elected Members present during the Open Portion of the meeting, therefore the quorum was set at 6.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

SHERLOCK

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

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

The minutes were signed.

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.

No supplementary items were received.

4. INDICATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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?

ELLIOT

That the item 4.2 of the Closed Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 February 2026, be transferred to the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 February 2026.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

HARVEY

That the motion be put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

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

MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Bloomfield
Zucco
Kelly
Elliot
Posselt

NOES

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Harvey
Dutta
Lohberger
Kitsos

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

The motion was lost.

Delegations : Committee

6. REPORTS

6.1 2025-26 Capital Works Program - Mid Year Review File Ref: F26/739

LOHBERGER

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 February 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

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

Attachments

A 2025-26 Capital Works Program - Mid Year Review

Delegations : Committee

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.

A deputation was provided by Roland Browne regarding Item 7.1.

7.1 Tasmania Football Club - Briefing

File Ref: F26/7372

Brendon Gale, Chief Executive Officer and Kath McCann, Chief Marketing Officer of the Tasmania Football Club provided a presentation on this item.

Elected Members were invited to review the report and the presentation and provide feedback.

The following feedback was provided:

- It was noted the Club's intention to be fully established and operational by 2028.
- The benefits of the North Hobart Oval Project, the potential for the Oval to serve as a future AFL Women venue, and whether the Tasmania Football Club would be prepared to contribute funding towards any future works required at the Oval were noted.
- Members highlighted the importance of ensuring accessible and affordable ticketing and membership options; noting that affordability and accessibility for disadvantaged members of the community is crucial.
- The Club confirmed that they will not accept sponsorship or contributions from gambling/betting companies.
- It was noted that the AFL are the custodians (and provide funding) for a broad range of football programs, from the Tasmanian Devils at the elite level through to Auskick at the grassroots level, and that the establishment of an elite football club presents opportunities to further strengthen grassroots football.
- Members emphasised that, as the only football club representing an entire state, the Club should strongly reflect Tasmania's clean, green brand and environmental identity through the development of an appropriate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework and suggested the Club alignment with Tasmanian-based programs such as those linked to the Tasmanian Devil.
- Members expressed strong support for the Club's TAFE Diploma course which is being expanded (through a partnership with the University of Tasmania) to include an 18 month 'top-up' to a bachelor level qualification. The training will enable graduates from its dual-diploma programs (and future bachelor courses) to secure employment both within football and across other business sectors.
- The complexities of the Stadium project and any delays may have implications for the Club. The Club advised that while the Stadium and the Club are technically separate, the Stadium remains a key to their long-term operations. They also noted that existing local venues (such as could provide interim options, though these would have limited capacity).

- It was noted that having a Tasmanian Team will bring a large influx of visitors for football events and the need for the city to prepare in terms of accommodation, hospitality and broader community benefit.
- Members provided positive feedback on the Club's marketing and the significance of the mascot Rum'un and agreed that the Club will deliver a number of social, educational and economic benefits to Tasmania.

Attachments

A Tasmania Football Club Briefing - Presentation

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

No questions were asked.

9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 16 February 2026, be adopted.

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 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 Workshoping
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

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 6:03pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
2ND DAY OF MARCH 2026.

CHAIRPERSON