



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2026



City of **HOBART**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

Councillor J L Kelly (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 L M Elliot
Alderman L A Bloomfield
Councillor R J Posselt
Councillor B Lohberger
Councillor G H Kitsos

APOLOGIES:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

In accordance with clause 5.3 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed 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.

Councillor Kitsos joined the meeting at 4.20pm and was not present for items 1 to 7.1.

Councillor Posselt left the meeting at 5.06pm, returning at 5.08pm.

Councillor Elliot left the meeting at 5.55pm, returning at 5.57pm.

Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds left the meeting at 5.50pm, returning at 6.02pm.

Councillor Kitsos retired from the meeting at 6.19pm and was not present for items 8.4 to 11.

Councillor Posselt retired from the meeting at 6.32pm and was not present for items 8.4 to 11.

Councillor Dutta left the meeting at 6.32pm, returning at 6.36pm.

Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 6.39pm, returning at 6.41pm.

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock retired from the meeting at 6.39pm and was not present for items 9 to 11.

Alderman Zucco retired from the meeting at 6.56pm and was not present for items 9 to 11.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ELLIOT

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 23 March 2026](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

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 conflict of 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?

No items were transferred.

6. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

6.1 Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Committee File Ref: F26/19401

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 6.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive and note the minutes of the Climate, Sustainability and Biodiversity Committee of 17 March 2026, marked as Attachment A, to item 6.1 of the Open Agenda of the Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting of 13 April 2026.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Representation on External Bodies - Reports from Appointed Members File Ref: F26/13253

POSSELT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.1 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the reports provided by the Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds, Councillor Harvey, Councillor Kelly, Alderman Bloomfield, Councillor Posselt and Councillor Lohberger marked as attachments A, B, C, D, E, and F to item 7.1 of the Open Agenda of the Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting of 13 April 2026, be received and noted.

7.2 Live Music Office - Live and Local Program Proposal
File Ref: F26/7075; 16/119

SHERLOCK

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.2 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council endorse a partnership with the Live Music Office to deliver the Live and Local program via a co-investment model in the 2026 - 27 financial year.
2. The Council delegates the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into a partnership agreement with the Live Music Office on the City of Hobart's behalf and finalise any licence requirements, including the details of the partnership benefits.

7.3 Proposed Sublease to Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania - Purdon & Featherstone Reserve
File Ref: F26/6338

POSSELT

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.3 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That:

1. The Council resolve by absolute majority to Grant a sublease to the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania for that part of the Purdon & Featherstone Reserve, Battery Point in Tasmania indicated on the plan contained in Attachment A for a period of up to ten (10) years at the nominal rental of \$1.00 per annum.
2. The Council resolve:
 - (i) To undertake the statutory consultation process set out in section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* ("Act"), being:
 - (a) to publish its intention to grant a sublease on at least 2 separate occasions in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area; and
 - (b) display a copy of the notice on any boundary of the public land that abuts a highway; and

- (c) notify the public that an objection to the proposed sale, lease, donation, exchange or disposal may be made to the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) within 21 days of the date of the first publication.
- (ii) That the granting of the sublease be conditional on the Council not receiving any objection following the public advertising and if an objection is received, that the matter be returned to Council for further consideration;
- (iii) That the granting of the sublease be conditional on the Council receiving final consent from the Crown to grant the sublease;
- (iv) That the granting of the sublease be conditional on the Guild agreeing not identify the proposed facility by way of signage or membership, in a way that indicates that it is solely gender specific);
- (v) To delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to settle the terms of the proposed sublease and to respond to any objections to the Council’s decision to grant a sublease of the Land.

7.4 Elected Member - Working with Vulnerable People Card
File Ref: F26/17962

HARVEY

That the recommendation contained within the officer report, marked as item 7.4 of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the report on the Notice of Motion from November 2023 on developing a policy to support Elected Members to hold a Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP) card be noted and closed.

8. 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.

8.1 Crowther Reinterpreted (Stage Four) Update

File Ref: F26/15887; 24/47

Justyne Wilson, Manager Creative City; Jane Castle, Program Leader Creative City; and Mat Hinds, Director, Taylor & Hinds Architects, provided two presentations on the Crowther Reinterpreted (Stage Four) Update.

Elected Members provided the following feedback :

- It was noted that the proposed design represented a sensitive and thoughtful response which intentionally avoided introducing a new monument. Members supported the anti-monumental, landscape-based approach and considered it appropriate for Franklin Square, allowing reflection without imposing interpretation.
- Members discussed the interpretive use of landscape and physical elements, noting that the integrated design, including planting, text and symbolic features, encouraged movement and engagement. Clarification was provided regarding seasonal planting, durability and accessibility, including that the bronze ring would be flush with surrounding surfaces.
- Clarification was sought regarding the scale, legibility and illumination of the circular text element. It was noted that the text was intentionally subtle, supported by lighting, and that testing was underway to finalise presentation details.
- Discussion included questions about representation at the site, including why a statue of William Lanne was not proposed. It was advised that the interpretation intentionally avoided figurative monuments, noting that Aboriginal community feedback had not supported representation in that form and that the adopted approach reflected cultural considerations raised during the project.
- Members discussed project governance and communication, noting that community engagement had occurred during earlier stages and that the current phase focused on communicating the final design, with established public art assessment, maintenance and risk management processes in place.
- Members also noted the proposed approach for providing access to extended written content, including discreet signage and QR codes linking to additional information hosted on the City's website, to support engagement without visual clutter.
- Clarification was provided regarding specific design elements, including that the bronze vessel was intended as a symbolic, open-ended feature rather than a programmed ceremonial object. Members also reflected on the length and complexity of the project journey since 2020, noting the outcome as respectful and empathetic.

Attachments

- A Crowther Workshop Presentation
- B Crowther Design Response by Taylor & Hinds

Justin Loveless, a member of the community, was invited to present a brief statement in relation to item 8.2.

8.2 City Hall Activation

File Ref: F26/21270

Michael Stretton, Chief Executive Officer, presented a report on City Hall Activation and invited Elected Members to provide feedback on the proposed EOI for City Hall.

Elected Members provided the following feedback:

- Members acknowledged the significance of YouthARC as an important community service and long-standing hub for young people in Hobart. The strong emotional and cultural connection to YouthARC, including attachment to place, generational use and city visibility, was recognised as contributing to its effectiveness
- Discussion highlighted the importance of YouthARC within City Hall and the need to ensure its ongoing operation, identity and continuity were protected. Members emphasised that YouthARC should not be adversely impacted by City Hall activation outcomes.
- Members considered the proposed Expression of Interest (EOI) process and generally supported exploring opportunities to activate City Hall, noting that any EOI must clearly safeguard YouthARC and not result in its cancellation or forced relocation.
- It was noted that while YouthARC should not be adversely impacted and was not proposed to be relocated, any future consideration of alternative locations would only be relevant in the longer term, and only if such options demonstrably improved outcomes for YouthARC and occurred with the full involvement of young people and the community.
- Members noted the importance of continued engagement with nearby traders and stakeholders and sought further clarity regarding discussions with surrounding businesses.
- Members discussed the broader City Hall Activation report and indicated general support for the EOI approach proposed by the Chief Executive Officer. It was noted that the EOI balanced service protection, asset management responsibilities and the need to consider all feasible options, with any revenue contributing to Council's capacity to deliver services, including YouthARC.
- It was observed that activation of City Hall must consider the ageing condition and limited functionality of the building, and that identifying suitable tenants or partners could assist in improving utilisation of the broader facility.
- Members reflected that the workshop enabled valuable discussion, allowing community perspectives to be considered alongside Council's governance, service delivery and asset management obligations.

8.3 City of Hobart Charitable Trust **File Ref: F26/21453**

Michael Stretton, Chief Executive Officer, presented a report on the City of Hobart Charitable Trust and invited Elected Members to consider the matters raised in the report for workshop purposes.

Elected Members provided the following feedback:

- Members discussed the example of the Brisbane City charitable trust, noting its scale, level of distributions and administrative requirements. Questions were raised regarding what level of funds and activity could realistically be anticipated for Hobart, given the different scale and context.
- It was noted that establishing a charitable trust in Hobart would be a new approach in Tasmania and that outcomes would depend on community response, fundraising capacity and board priorities.
- Members discussed the purpose and focus of the proposed trust, with some indicating preference for funds to be directed towards city-shaping outcomes delivering long-term benefit for Hobart, rather than distributing small amounts to multiple organisations.
- Discussion included the potential for the board to establish clear policies and funding priorities to guide how donations and distributions would be managed, including whether funds could support legacy or future-focused projects.
- Members discussed the draft trust deed and constitution, including questions regarding membership, governance roles and quorum provisions. It was noted that legal advice would be required to clarify these matters and that the instruments would need to be finalised prior to Council consideration, given the difficulty of amendment after establishment.
- Clarification was sought regarding potential regulatory requirements, including Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) considerations, and it was noted that further legal advice would be sought.
- Discussion included the proposed governance structure, with questions raised about board independence, the use of volunteer directors and the appropriate level of separation between the trust and Council.
- Some Members raised issues regarding public perception and reputational risk, including the implications of establishing a charitable trust when rates were already high.
- Further discussion addressed the proposed charitable trust, with Members seeking clarification around its purpose and governance framework.

8.4 Cat Management in Tasmania - Discussion Paper **File Ref: F26/21551; 16/119**

Karen Abey, Director Strategic and Regulatory Services, presented the proposed submission in response to the Cat Management in Tasmania Discussion Paper and invited Elected Members to review and provide feedback.

Elected Members provided the following feedback :

- Members discussed the proposed position not to support mandatory cat registration, noting that cats differ from dogs in behaviour and return patterns, and that microchipping already provides identification and reunification.
- Members noted challenges in defining enforceable boundaries and regulatory complexity in relation to cat containment. It was also noted that containment could deliver benefits including improved animal welfare, reduced impacts on wildlife and a lower likelihood of unmanaged or feral cat populations, with cats able to adapt to containment arrangements.
- Members raised issues regarding the administrative and cost implications of expanded cat management responsibilities, particularly if additional regulatory measures were introduced without clear State support.
- Discussion included management of cats on Council-managed land and in sensitive areas, noting that while some actions had occurred in reserves, tracking and controlling cats remained difficult and no simple or immediate solution was identified.
- Members discussed desexing and microchipping as more effective population management tools and supported increased advocacy for State-funded desexing programs or voucher-based assistance.
- Discussion included pressures faced by cat management and animal welfare facilities, noting reliance on community organisations, as well as issues related to feral cat impacts and cat hoarding, which were recognised as requiring coordinated, multi-agency responses.
- Overall, Members supported the proposed submission as a balanced response, particularly its emphasis on containment, desexing, microchipping and advocacy, while recognising the ongoing complexity of cat management in Tasmania.

9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

ELLIOT

That the information contained in the following responses to questions without notice, marked as items 9.1 to 9.2 of the of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be received and noted.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

Kelly
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Harvey
Dutta
Elliot
Bloomfield
Lohberger

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the information contained in the following responses to questions without notice, marked as items 9.1 to 9.2 of the .of the Open Hobart Workshop Committee Agenda of 13 April 2026, be received and noted

9.1 Sequoia Tree at St Davids Park

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 30 March 2026.

9.2 Trees at Fitzroy Place

Memorandum of the Director Infrastructure and Assets of 30 March 2026.

10. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

10.1 Alderman Bloomfield - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Question: Given the anticipated increase in electric vehicles entering Australia market in the coming months, can Council provide an update on plans to install additional EV chargers, including timing, locations, number of chargers, and whether Council intends to publicly communicate this information to encourage uptake?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that Council is progressing work with TasNetworks and has been actively advocating for the necessary policy and technical settings to enable a provider-led kerbside charging model, broader than Hobart. It was noted that TasNetworks is currently addressing these requirements and that discussions around public charging are ongoing. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the policy has not previously been suitable to enable this in Hobart or Tasmania, and undertook to provide a briefing to Elected Members outlining the current status, including tender and implementation matters.

10.2 Councillor Elliot - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Costs

Question: Can the proposed briefing also clarify the costs to Council associated with EV charging infrastructure, including whether Council would be required to install or operate the chargers, and whether Council's role is limited to allocating parking spaces for private providers?

Response: The Chief Executive Officer advised that EV charging infrastructure would be installed and operated by private providers, with Council's role primarily relating to the allocation of suitable parking spaces. It was further advised that Council is not proposing to operate EV chargers, other than existing arrangements within Council-managed car parks. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to include this information in the forthcoming briefing.

10.3 Councillor Harvey - Asphalt Recycling

Question: Does Council recycle asphalt or is it sent to landfill?
How much asphalt is laid annually, and what proportion of that material is recycled?
Is our recycled concrete reused in new concrete products?

Response: The Director Infrastructure and Assets took the question on notice.

10.4 Councillor Harvey – Roadkill Data

Question: Does Council collect data on roadkill incidents within the municipality, and is there a strategy in place to reduce roadkill?

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

11. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

ELLIOT

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	Reports
Item No. 4.1	Risk and Audit Panel Minutes LG(MP)R 17(2)(h)(i)
Item No. 5	Questions Without Notice

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

	AYES	NOES
Kelly		
Lord Mayor Reynolds		
Harvey		
Dutta		
Elliot		
Bloomfield		
Lohberger		

There being no further business the Open portion of the meeting closed at 7.11pm.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
20 DAY OF APRIL 2026.

CHAIRPERSON