



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION

MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026



City of **HOBART**

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The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held on Monday, 18 May 2026 at 4.04pm in the Buckingham Rowing Club, 5 Marine Esplanade, New Town.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councillor W F Harvey (Chairperson)
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock
Councillor J L Kelly
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 M S C Dutta
Councillor W N S Coats

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillor R J Posselt

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

In accordance with clause 4.6 of the Terms of Reference, the Chief Executive Officer appointed Councillor W F Harvey as a member of the committee to fill a committee member vacancy.

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 and Councillor M S C Dutta as members of the Committee.

QUORUM:

There were 9 members present therefore the quorum was set at 5.

Councillor Dutta retired from the meeting at 6.01pm and was not present for items 3, 9, 10, 7 and 8.

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Sherlock retired from the meeting at 6.01pm and was not present for items 3, 9, 10, 7 and 8.

Alderman Zucco retired from the meeting at 6.41pm and was not present for items 7 and 8.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson provided an acknowledgement of country.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DUTTA

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting held on [Monday, 11 May 2026](#), be confirmed as an accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

NOES

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

The minutes were signed.

The Chairperson invited members of the public to ask any questions that relate to item 6.2 and advised that the questions will be taken on notice and that a written response will be provided.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

LOHBERGER

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items 9 and 10, not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the Chief Executive Officer.

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Harvey
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Zucco
Kelly
Bloomfield
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

That the Committee resolve to deal with supplementary items 9 and 10, 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*.

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?

No items were transferred to the closed portion of the agenda.

MOTION

ZUCCO

That the item *6.3 Transforming Collins Street Trial: Consideration of a Deferred Council Meeting Agenda Item* be deferred to a future Open Hobart Workshop Committee meeting, when the Elected Member who raised the Notice of Motion is present.

MOTION LOST

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Zucco
Kelly
Bloomfield

NOES

Harvey
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Sherlock
Dutta
Lohberger
Kitsos

6. 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.

6.1 New Town Area Briefing File Ref: F26/25379

The Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of population demographics for New Town.

The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services presented updates on the New Town Sporting Precinct Master Plan, Healthy Hobart programs, and the Cornelian Bay / Selfs Point Master Plan.

The Director Infrastructure and Assets Network reported on the Better Streets program, including road, footpath, and stormwater upgrades completed over the past 12 months, and outlined planned works for the 2026/27 financial year. The Committee was also informed of ongoing flood modelling for Risdon Road and recent works undertaken on the New Town Rivulet.

The Director Community and Economic Development provided an update on environmental health matters, including food licensing, school immunisation programs, and the results of water quality testing at Cornelian Bay.

The following was discussed:

Elected Members noted that a new footpath has been installed along Queens Walk, that it currently does not extend to the traffic lights and that further works are required to complete this section.

In relation to the Cornelian Bay and Selfs Point Master Plan:

- The potential extension of the walkway from Cornelian Bay to Gas Road was discussed and if access through the cemetery could be made available for pedestrians and cyclists as an alternative to Selfs Point Road. It was noted that the City has engaged with the cemetery managers (Millingtons), who support more defined pathways but do not (and will not) permit dogs on-site, even when leashed
- The possibility of extending the walk way so that it links from Cornelian Bay to New Town Bay was discussed along with the possibility of connecting the walk way to the City via the Botanical Gardens.
- It was noted that the City is collaborating with TasWater as part of their remediation works. TasWater have engaged a landscape designer and a consultant to develop a proposal for a connectivity pathway around the headland. This will include sensitive re-plantings as well as a path linking to Gas Road. These conversations will include improvements to footpaths.
- The possibility of extending the walk way so that it links from Cornelian Bay

to New Town Bay was discussed along with the possibility of connecting the walk way to the City via the Botanical Gardens.

The committee discussed activating the paved area in Cross Street (outside Jackman & McRoss), including the possibility of hosting an annual community event at this location.

The ongoing works at the Risdon Road rivulet to address minor flooding issues was noted, including consideration of widening the upstream channel prior to its flow into the wetlands.

Attachments

A New Town Presentation ⇒ 

6.2 MacPoint Master Plan Briefing **File Ref: F26/23624; 24/13**

The Chairperson reported that Item 6.2 MacPoint Master Plan Briefing, has been withdrawn from the agenda due to a late apology from the presenter from Macquarie Point Development Corporation.

6.3 Transforming Collins Street Trial: Consideration of a Deferred Council Meeting Agenda Item **File Ref: F26/24924; 24/47**

The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services provided a presentation on the action that has been taken to address the safety issues raised via Notice of Motion (NOM) at the May 2026 Council Meeting, that was deferred to a workshop.

The Director SRS reminded members about the strict reporting regime for this trial being: one month post implementation; three months post implementation; and that Council will soon be receiving the twelve month post implementation report. There are seven metrics that are being measured. The report will be checked by an external consultant. Elected Members were advised that there has been some progressive changes made over the twelve months including some that were completed last week. Elected Members were invited to advise of any further outstanding issues.

Members discussed the following:

Engagement with Metro, Red Decker and SkyBus took place in relation to

trials and turning movements in the areas. Since moving the stop line (in November 2025) there has been no further conversations apart from check-ins on how things are working. The feedback has been positive.

It was noted that some bus routes (e.g. Blackmans Bay – Montrose) use Collins Street stop instead of the bus mall. The efficiency of buses driving through the City rather than going to the bus mall was discussed. Members were advised that this may change as Metro are currently undertaking a review of their services. It was noted that Macquarie Street and Davey Street would be a better option for buses stopping than Collins Street.

It was noted that some pedestrians were disappointed that the Victoria Street crossing was removed and they felt that they were not properly consulted. The possibility of providing more options out of the car park, particularly during the busy Christmas period was discussed.

Traffic flows, traffic delays and accident / near misses in Collins Street were discussed. Members noted that the new platform to measure and monitor traffic is now fully operational and has been in place since last Thursday and operates as the Council directed. Previous modelling presented to Council provided a base line. Monitoring to date shows that there is no major constriction of traffic flow outside of what was modelled and expected (such as moving from two lanes of traffic to one). A report on the accident / incidents on Collins Street will be provided to Council in July.

It was requested that data on the number of people using bike lanes (delineated between e-scooters and bikes) will also be reported to Council in July.

Members were advised that the drop zone outside of Village Cinema still has a 5 minute zone. There are two loading zones near the cinema including one near the entrance of the underground car park. Members noted that this hasn't really changed since the initial installation.

It was requested that officers look at adding another drop off parking spot in Collins Street (further down from the Cinema) – to allow drop offs for people attending appointments.

Members discussed using the 'B' Streets (Barrack, Bathurst and Brisbane) to get a smoother run around the city in peak hours, rather than using Davey and Macquarie Streets. It was noted that recently Barrack Street has been heavily congested and it was full for about three blocks. It was noted that over the last 2 to 3 weeks there has been a number of incidents on the Southern Outlet. If the Southern Outlet is blocked or if there is another down stream blockage, this will cause traffic to back up. On average, Barrack, Macquarie and Davey streets get between 43 – 45% of green time during peak period. It was confirmed that peak period starts from 3pm. Elected members feedback regarding the back up of traffic at Barrack Street will be passed onto State Growth.

The need for communications to the community in relation to the changes made to Collins Street was discussed including encouraging the use of 'B' streets, to move around the City faster. Elected members were advised that the City will undertake some communications to coincide with the one year installation trial. People will be notified about what's gone on, what's been done, how its working and it will include some of those strategic pieces around traffic flow and how to move traffic to the highway network better.

Members noted that since the latest changes have been put in place (about 2.5 weeks ago) no complaints have been received. It was noted that some requests for information on timings, detailed construction drawings and questions about when things are to happen etc had been received from Mr Edwards, these requests are not considered to be complaints.

Attachments

A Collins Street NOM Presentation ⇨ 

6.4 Project Update - Multi Sport Hub Expansion

File Ref: F26/24939

The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services, Manager Place Design, Sport and Recreation and the Program Leader Sport and Recreation delivered a presentation in conjunction with Gaetano Palmese on New Town Sports Hub.

Members were advised that Council approved the development of a sports hub, initially on Selfs Point Road facing Marine Parade. After undertaking the investigations such as environmental assessments, geotechnical assessment and traffic investigation (as is required for a planning permit), it revealed some significant constraints with the site.

The new CEO of the Rugby Tasmania (Geoff Quick) contacted the City about the potential of using the current Rugby site to develop a multi sports hub to accommodate the current and future needs of the rugby and a number of their tenants, as well as Basketball facilities.

The proposal has now been extended to potentially include: indoor courts, gym and fitness spaces, community and meeting rooms a café/kiosk.

Elected Members were advised that the total cost of the new project is likely to be \$25 million. There is \$12.5 million from the State Government (which the State Government has re-confirmed is still available). However there is no funding (or the opportunity in the foreseeable future for funding) from the Federal Government.

Elected Members were advised that they need to determine if they want to proceed with the project and how the remaining \$12.5 million could be funded.

The following was discussed:

The facility would be a council owned facility and the City would need to work with lease holders to determine the optimum management model that represented the interests of all user groups.

Elected Members queried if the changed design / concept would jeopardise the \$12.5m funding from the State Government. They were advised that the City would engage with the State Government on the changes. It was acknowledged that the State Government is keen to see an indoor basketball facility developed and if that new facility could deliver a range of additional benefits to the community, that would make the investment even more compelling.

It was noted that the project is a capital project, it is within the City's means to be funded over multiple years. In relation to ongoing maintenance costs for sporting infrastructure, the usual practice (in Hobart) the tenant who leases the property is responsible for maintenance.

Concern was expressed over the ability to deliver a more complex project, noting the Federal Government is unlikely to contribute funding, and if the State would really be able to deliver on their funding commitment. It was suggested that the City have another cheaper design as a backup, noting that the City has a range of other commitments coming up such as repairing the Aquatic Centre roof and reactivating the City Hall etc.



Concern was raised over the quality of the land, noting that it was initially a tip site, if it could be properly levelled for sports and the likely cost. The quality of the building was discussed at length with some members wanting a lower cost design and others wanting a quality design. Elected Members were advised that the City has not completed any GeoTechnical assessments on the proposed site, but given that there are already structures on that site that don't appear to have any structural failure or cracking, there is a sense that the area is more stable.

Members are very keen to see a good business case to support the development and fully costed financial implications for the project including capital costs (including funding arrangements), ongoing maintenance costs (responsibility for ongoing maintenance costs) and how the management structure and lease agreements for the facility will work.

A full report will be provided for formal Council consideration.

The Chairperson invited members of the public to provide a comment.

Attachments

- A Selfs Point Sports Hub Presentation ⇨ 
- B Selfs Point Sports Hub Design ⇨ 

The meeting adjourned for a meal break at 6.01pm and reconvened at 6.14pm.

7. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

There were not questions asked.

8. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

BLOOMFIELD

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 Portion of the Committee Meeting
- Confidential Information
- Closed Questions Taken on Notice

The following items were discussed: -

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| 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 | State and Federal Government Funding Analysis - Final Insights Report |
| | LG(MP)R 17(2)(h)(i) |
| Item No. 5 | Questions Without Notice |

MOTION CARRIED
BY MAJORITY

VOTING RECORD

AYES

Harvey
Lord Mayor Reynolds
Kelly
Bloomfield
Lohberger
Kitsos

NOES

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

9. Heritage Account Special Committee File Ref: F26/26544

The Director Strategic and Regulatory Services provided a presentation on the proposed changes to the Heritage Account Special Committee Terms of Reference, Guidelines for payment from the Heritage Account and the total amount to be allocated towards the 2026 Heritage Grants.

There were no questions or comments from elected members.

Attachments

A City Heritage Account Presentation ⇒ 

10. Sandy Bay Bathing Pavilion - Future Development and Use File Ref: F26/26524

The Chief Executive Officer provided a presentation on the future use and development of the Sandy Bay Bathing Pavilion.

The Chief Executive Officer was keen to determine if there is any interest in this Council to continue with the investigation of the upper-storey restaurant. It would require looking at resolving the Land Tenure (to enable redevelopment with commercial use and public access); Development Application; Obtain heritage approvals and to support interim tenancy (Surf Life Saving); and to conduct an Expression of Interest to select a restaurant or café operator.

The following was discussed:

It was noted that the title restriction needed to be removed to enable the space to be used. Some elected members questioned if there was a need to include a restaurant / café in the building as there are a number of those types of businesses operating in

the area already. Elected members discussed the possibility of using the space for other activities / alternatives such as for storage or hire of beach equipment.

It was noted that if the top is converted to a restaurant, then it would make sense that the café is also run by the same operator (otherwise there would be two operators competing in the same space).

It was noted that the City may not be able to fund the development without having a commercial tenancy in place and that an expression of interest would identify a commercial operator who is willing to run a business from the site.

Mostly members were keen for an area to be kept for Surf Life Saving, however it was noted that that Surf Life Saving doesn't really use the space any more as there is not much training now occurring in Sandy Bay.

Generally elected members are keen to see the pavilion and the area in front of the pavilion revitalised and noted that the pavilion is an incredible and iconic asset.

The importance of engaging with residents in the area on the development and undertaking appropriate traffic management, parking analysis and to ensure that the site is easily accessible to foot traffic was also discussed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the feedback will be incorporated into the project and a report will come back to Council for approval. Members noted that this development stemmed from a Notice of Motion submitted in 2013. The report will cover the likely cost of the project.

Attachments

A Sandy Bay Bathing Pavilion - Presentation ⇨ 

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6.01pm for a meal break.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.14pm.

Item numbers 3, 9, 10, 7 and 8 were then taken.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6.44pm to conduct the closed portion of the meeting.

TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS
A CORRECT RECORD THIS
1ST DAY OF JUNE 2026.

CHAIRPERSON