



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

The Hobart Workshop Committee Meeting
Open Portion
Monday, 1 June 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.

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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,
1 June 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:

Councillor G H Kitsos (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

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

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 [Monday, 18 May 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 Submission - Modernising the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 File Ref: F26/25630; 26/8

Report of the Manager Strategic Land Use Planning and Director Strategic and Regulatory Services of 21 May 2026 and attachments.

Delegation: Committee

REPORT TITLE: SUBMISSION - MODERNISING THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCY ACT 1997**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager Strategic Land Use Planning
Director Strategic and Regulatory Services**1. Report Summary and Key Issues**

1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the City of Hobart's (the City) submission to the State Government's Modernising the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 Discussion Paper.

1.2. The submission provides a high-level response focused on the broader housing system, recognising Council's indirect but important role in housing outcomes through local planning, building, public health, community wellbeing and place-based housing responsibilities rather than direct regulation of tenancy relationships.

1.3. Key Issues

1.3.1. Hobart continues to experience significant housing affordability pressures, low vacancy rates, and increasing demand for diverse housing types. The City therefore strongly supports reform that:

- Improves housing security and outcomes for tenants
- Maintains confidence for property owners and investors
- Supports an increase in the quality and diversity of housing supply and tenure options
- Aligns with broader housing and planning objectives

Council supports the Government's stated objective of achieving a balanced, fair and sustainable tenancy framework that avoids unintended impacts on rental supply.

1.3.2. Key principles the City considers essential:

- The system should provide clarity certainty for both tenants and property owners
- Reforms must be evidence based in their rationale for reform that would likely lead to a substantial reduction in rental supply or creation of a deterrent to investment
- Regulatory changes should be proportionate, clear and enforceable

- The success of progress of phased in transitions should consider the impact of reform across the whole housing system, not just the rental sector (e.g. housing register demand and the rates and household composition of home ownership)
- Reforms should be aligned with National Cabinet commitments and broader housing policy
- Rental Tenancy Act reforms should be considered alongside other relevant reform processes, including changes to the development standards and uses within the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and the Commonwealth Government's proposed changes to investment property taxation and the NDIS.
- Achieving improved tenant protections and housing outcomes will require a combined approach across tenancy law, planning system reform and housing supply initiatives.

2. Recommendation

That:

- 1. Council endorse the City of Hobart's submission on the Modernising the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 Discussion Paper, as set out in Attachment A, for lodgement with the Department of Justice.**
- 2. The submission be published on the City's website upon lodgement.**

Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The Tasmanian Government is currently undertaking a review of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 to modernise tenancy laws and improve housing outcomes across the State.

While the City of Hobart does not directly regulate tenancy relationships, Council plays a key supporting role in shaping housing outcomes through land use planning, building standards, public health regulation and place-based housing initiatives.

The submission has been prepared in this context and adopts a high-level, system-focused approach, rather than providing detailed commentary on individual legislative clauses.

Hobart continues to experience significant housing pressures, including constrained supply, low vacancy rates and increasing demand for a wider range of housing types and tenures. These conditions heighten the importance of ensuring tenancy reforms are carefully balanced and coordinated with broader policy settings.

- 3.2. The submission identifies key principles to guide reform, including:

- Providing clarity and certainty for both tenants and property owners
- Ensuring reforms are evidence-based and avoid unintended impacts on rental supply
- Aligning tenancy reform with broader housing, taxation and planning system changes
- Delivering proportionate and enforceable regulatory changes
- Supporting phased implementation and system-wide consideration of impacts

- 3.3. The submission also expresses conditional support for a range of reform directions, including:

- Strengthening tenant protections within a balanced framework
- Introducing bond portability to reduce barriers to mobility
- Clarifying maintenance responsibilities between tenants and owners
- Improving outcomes for vulnerable cohorts, including people experiencing family violence, tenants with disability and households at risk of homelessness

The submission concludes by recommending that reforms be stress-tested for supply impacts, phased appropriately, and supported by clear, standardised processes where possible

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. The submission relates to proposed reform of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997, which is administered by the State Government.
- 4.2. Council has no direct statutory responsibility for tenancy regulation; however, legislative changes may have indirect implications for Council functions, particularly in relation to housing supply, compliance, public health and community wellbeing.
- 4.3. The submission seeks to mitigate any potential implications by advocating for evidence-based, proportionate and staged reform supported by adequate implementation frameworks.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The submission aligns with the City's strategic objectives to support a diverse, inclusive and sustainable housing system.

In particular, it supports outcomes consistent with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2023, including:

- Improving housing affordability and diversity
- Supporting a resilient and inclusive community
- Facilitating sustainable urban growth and housing supply

The submission also aligns with Council's broader housing and planning work program, including neighbourhood planning, housing strategy development and advocacy on housing affordability issues.

By advocating for balanced and coordinated reform, the submission supports Council's objective of ensuring Hobart remains a liveable and accessible city for a diverse population.

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Expenditure	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Operating				
Capital				
Total Expenditure	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Net Cost	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

FTE Impact

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE	nil	nil	nil	nil

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. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report or submission.

6.1.2. No change in FTE required.

6.2. City Economy Strategy:

6.2.1. The submission aligns with priorities relating to housing availability, workforce attraction and economic resilience by supporting a well-functioning rental market.

6.3. Economic Impact:

6.3.1. A balanced tenancy framework supports:

- Workforce mobility and retention
- Investor confidence in the rental market
- Broader economic productivity through housing stability

Conversely, poorly calibrated reforms may constrain rental supply and negatively impact labour market functioning.

6.4. Consultants

6.4.1. No external consultants were required in the preparation of this submission.

7. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

7.1. The submission has been informed by Council's ongoing engagement with:

- State Government agencies
- Local government peers
- Housing and planning stakeholders
- Broader evidence and policy discussions

7.2. While no formal public consultation has been undertaken specifically for this submission, it reflects consistent advocacy positions and issues raised through Council's housing and planning work.

7.3. Opportunities exist for continued collaboration with other Tasmanian councils in advocating for:

- Evidence-based tenancy reform
- Alignment between planning and housing policy settings
- Shared data and research on housing supply and demand

8. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

8.1. The submission promotes a more integrated and system-based approach to housing reform by emphasising:

- Coordination between tenancy law, planning systems and housing policy
- Use of evidence and data to inform regulatory settings
- Standardisation and digitisation of processes (e.g. forms, bond systems)
- Consideration of phased and adaptable implementation approaches

This approach supports continuous improvement in the effectiveness, clarity and usability of the tenancy system.

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.




Jennifer Lawley
**MANAGER STRATEGIC LAND USE
PLANNING**



Karen Abey
**DIRECTOR STRATEGIC AND
REGULATORY SERVICES**

Date: 21 May 2026
File Reference: F26/25630; 26/8

Attachment A: Residential Tenancy Act 1997 - CoH Submission (Supporting information) 

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 workshoping may not be the subject of a Committee decision, other than a resolution that the item be noted.

7.1 Wellesley Park Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area - Community Engagement Outcomes File Ref: F26/26724

Report of the Manager Open Space and Director Infrastructure and Assets of 21 May 2026.

**REPORT TITLE: WELLESLEY PARK DOG OFF-LEAD EXERCISE
AREA - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES****REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager Open Space
Director Infrastructure and Assets**1. Report Summary and Key Issue**

- 1.1. This report provides the Council of the outcomes of the community engagement undertaken in relation to the proposed fenced off-lead dog exercise area at Lower Wellesley Park.
- 1.2. Engagement was undertaken primarily through the City's *Your Say* platform, supported by written submissions received by email and correspondence provided directly to City Officers and Elected Members.
- 1.3. The purpose of the engagement was to seek community feedback on the draft design for a fenced off-lead dog exercise area at Lower Wellesley Park. However, feedback consistently extended beyond design detail and expressed strong views about the appropriateness of the project proceeding at this location.
- 1.4. The predominant theme arising from the engagement was that a significant proportion of respondents do not support the development of a fenced dog park at Lower Wellesley Park, noting concerns that the proposal would negatively impact an already heavily used and highly valued community open space.
- 1.5. A further consistent view expressed through submissions was that existing off-lead dog access arrangements at Upper Wellesley Oval are considered sufficient to support dog exercise, and that additional fencing at Lower Wellesley Park is not required.
- 1.6. Taken together, the sentiment and issues raised through the engagement represent a material shift from the assumptions underpinning the original project approval and provide new information for the Council's consideration in relation to the Lower Wellesley Park Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area project.
- 1.7. Detailed community feedback received through the engagement process is provided as an attachment to this report.

Key Issues Raised Through Engagement

- 1.8. Feedback was received via the City's *Your Say* engagement platform, supported by written submissions received by email and correspondence provided directly to City Officers and Elected Members.

- 1.9. Across all feedback channels, the following issues were raised repeatedly and consistently:
 - 1.9.1. Strong opposition to fencing Lower Wellesley Park, with many respondents stating they do not support a fenced dog park at this location under any configuration.
 - 1.9.2. Concern that fencing would fragment an important open green space used for informal recreation, children's play, community events and passive use.
 - 1.9.3. Perceptions that the proposal would reduce flexibility in how the park is used by the broader community
 - 1.9.4. Views that existing off-lead arrangements at Lower Wellesley Park already support dog exercise without the need for fencing.
 - 1.9.5. Concerns about ecological and wildlife impacts, including disruption of habitat movement through the park.
 - 1.9.6. Traffic, parking, access and safety concerns, particularly on surrounding residential streets.
 - 1.9.7. A view that the proposal is being progressed as a substitute for dog access changes elsewhere, rather than because Wellesley Park is suitable in its own right.
- 1.10. A number of respondents, including dog owners, expressed concern that the proposed fenced area would be too small to function effectively, potentially reducing rather than improving outcomes for dog exercise while increasing crowding and conflict.
- 1.11. While some feedback suggested minor design refinements if the project were to proceed, these comments were outweighed by submissions opposing the project in principle.

Community Sentiment Overview

- 1.12. A total of 185 submissions were received during the engagement period, comprising 169 online submissions via the Your Say platform and 16 written or emailed submissions.
- 1.13. A high-level review of submissions indicates a clear majority of opposition to the proposal in its current form. Based on an indicative sentiment assessment:
 - approximately 80% of submissions expressed opposition
 - approximately 15% expressed support
 - approximately 5% were mixed or neutral in nature
- 1.14. These proportions are indicative only and reflect a high-level assessment of submission content.

2. Workshop Purpose

For the committee to workshop the following draft recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the outcomes of the community engagement undertaken for the Lower Wellesley Park Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area, including the strong opposition expressed to the project proceeding at this location.
2. Resolve not to proceed with construction of a fenced off-lead dog exercise area at Lower Wellesley Park at this time.
3. Resolve that the \$30,000 previously allocated for fencing improvements at the Upper Wellesley Oval remain available and be progressed, consistent with its original purpose of reducing wildlife access and damage to the playing surface.
4. Note the proposed works to Upper Wellesley Oval does not alter existing dog access arrangements, the oval continue to operate as an off-lead area outside of organised sporting use, and the improved fencing may also improve functionality of the space for dog exercise.

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The consideration of a fenced off-lead dog exercise area at Lower Wellesley Park has occurred over a number of years. In 2016, the Council considered a report on the provision of fenced dog exercise facilities across the city, which identified Lower Wellesley Park as a potential future location, to be considered following the establishment and operation of the John Turnbull Park dog exercise area.
- 3.2. In subsequent years, the Council's priorities and capital works delivery focused on other projects, and the Wellesley Park option did not progress beyond being identified as a potential future opportunity.
- 3.3. In 2023–24, City Officers undertook preliminary design work to test feasibility and inform future consideration of the site. However, due to competing demands within a constrained capital works program, the project did not proceed further at that time.
- 3.4. On 23 February 2026, the Council resolved to construct a fenced off-lead dog exercise area at Lower Wellesley Park, South Hobart, to be operational by 1 July 2026. The project was approved for funding through the 2025/26 Capital Works Program at a cost of \$180,000.

- 3.5. Following this decision, City Officers commenced further design development for the fenced off-lead dog exercise area to support project delivery and inform community engagement.
- 3.6. Lower Wellesley Park is a well-used community open space supporting a broad range of recreational, sporting and informal activities, including children's play, dog exercise, walking, community events and casual use by local residents.
- 3.7. Lower Wellesley Park is currently declared as a dog off-lead area.
- 3.8. Community engagement was undertaken to seek feedback on the proposed design for the approved project.
- 3.9. Feedback received through the engagement process consistently extended beyond design detail and raised broader concerns about the suitability of the project proceeding at this location.
- 3.10. The engagement process generated a substantial volume of feedback that focused on the appropriateness of Lower Wellesley Park as a location for a fenced facility, rather than solely on matters of design or amenity.
- 3.11. Feedback varied in tone and detail, with many submissions expressing strong views regarding the proposal and its proposed location.
- 3.12. Collectively, the engagement outcomes have provided the Council with new and material information regarding community sentiment that was not fully evident at the time of the original project approval.
- 3.13. This report relates solely to the delivery of the Council-resolved project and does not revisit or reconsider broader dog access arrangements within the South Hobart precinct.
- 3.14. The purpose of this report is to summarise the key findings of community engagement undertaken for the proposed Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area at Lower Wellesley Park.
- 3.15. Engagement feedback was reviewed at an officer level to identify common themes and concerns relevant to the proposal. The report does not seek to respond to individual submissions.
- 3.16. Key issues raised through engagement included:
 - 3.16.1. Strong opposition to fencing Lower Wellesley Park.
 - 3.16.2. Concerns about the loss of open, unfenced green space.
 - 3.16.3. Impacts on park amenity and the ability for the space to function as a shared community resource.
 - 3.16.4. Proximity to the playground and perceived safety risks.

- 3.16.5. Impacts on wildlife.
- 3.16.6. Traffic, parking and access constraints.
- 3.16.7. Accessibility, including access and provision of accessible parking.
- 3.16.8. General support for off-lead dog exercise areas, but opposition to this location or the proposed design.
- 3.17. Feedback demonstrated a clear preference among many submitters for retaining Lower Wellesley Park as informal, unfenced open space.
- 3.18. Upper Wellesley Oval plays an important role in supporting dog exercise in the South Hobart area. The oval is available for off-lead dog use outside of organised sporting activities and is well used by dog owners. It is located within close walking distance of Lower Wellesley Park and is supported by existing amenities including parking, toilets, lighting and improved accessibility. Feedback received through community engagement indicated that the availability of Upper Wellesley Oval influenced views that an additional fenced off-lead facility at Lower Wellesley Park was not required.
- 3.19. In addition, Upper Wellesley Oval provides a substantially larger area for off-lead dog exercise than the proposed fenced facility at Lower Wellesley Park. The oval is approximately 12,420 m² in area, compared to the proposed fenced area at Lower Wellesley Park of just over 2,000 m². Feedback received through engagement indicated that the limited size of the proposed fenced area was a concern for some respondents, with views that it may not function effectively for off-lead dog exercise and could increase crowding and conflict. The availability of the larger Upper Wellesley Oval was frequently cited as influencing views that an additional fenced facility at Lower Wellesley Park was not required.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. Other than normal project delivery and reputational considerations associated with a publicly visible project, no specific legal or legislative risks have been identified in relation to the proposed Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area at Lower Wellesley Park.
- 4.2. Personal information and limited content assessed as legally inappropriate for publication have been redacted from the attached community engagement submissions, in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The engagement process and consideration of outcomes align with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2023, particularly:

Pillar 6 – Natural Environment

Outcome 6.1: The natural environment is part of the city, and biodiversity is conserved, secure and flourishing.

Outcome 6.5: Hobart's bushland, parks and reserves are places for sport, recreation and play.

Pillar 7 – Built Environment

Outcome 7.3 Infrastructure and services are planned, managed and maintained to support community wellbeing.

Outcome 7.4: Community involvement and understanding of future needs help guide changes to Hobart's built environment.

Pillar 8 – Governance and Civic Involvement,

Outcome 8.1, Hobart is a well-governed city that recognises the community as an active partner that informs decision-making.

Policy Context

- 5.2. The project has been considered within the framework of the Council's adopted policies and strategies, including:
- Open Space Strategy.
 - Dog Management Policy.
 - Community Engagement Policy.

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

6.1.1. Funding for fencing works at Lower Wellesley Park and Upper Wellesley Oval was previously approved through separate Council allocations, with a combined budget of approximately \$180,000 (\$150,000 for the proposed fenced Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area at Lower Wellesley Park and \$30,000 for fencing works at Upper Wellesley Oval).

6.1.2. As both projects involved fencing works within the same precinct and a similar delivery timeframe, City Officers proposed that implementation be considered together to achieve efficiencies in procurement and construction. Combining the works was intended to reduce contractor mobilisation costs, streamline procurement and improve overall value for money.

6.1.3. Should the Council resolve not to proceed with the fenced Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area at Lower Wellesley Park, the funding previously allocated for those works (approximately \$150,000)

would not be expended and would be returned to the capital contingency as part of the broader capital program.

- 6.1.4. The \$30,000 previously allocated for fencing improvements at Upper Wellesley Oval would be retained and progressed independently, consistent with its original purpose of reducing wildlife access to the playing surface and associated damage.
- 6.1.5. Any future costs associated with alternative dog management measures or park improvements would be subject to separate Council consideration and budget approval.

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue				
Expenditure				
Operating				
Capital		-150		
Total Expenditure				
Net Cost				
FTE Impact				
	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE	nil	nil	nil	nil

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

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

- 7.1. Sustainability issues raised through engagement primarily related to:
- 7.1.1. Environmental impacts on parkland and wildlife.
- 7.1.2. The resilience of green spaces under increased use.
- 7.1.3. Maintaining flexible, informal open space for diverse community use.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

- 8.1. Community engagement for the proposed Dog Off-Lead Exercise Area has been completed and is summarised in this report.
- 8.2. Should the Council resolve to reconsider, modify or pursue alternative approaches, further engagement may be undertaken as appropriate.

- 8.3. In addition, should Council resolve not to proceed with construction of a fenced off-lead dog exercise area at Lower Wellesley Park at this time, appropriate communications will be prepared and issued to inform the community.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 9.1. Not applicable.

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.



Sean Black
MANAGER OPEN SPACE



David Reeve
**DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND
ASSETS**

Date: 21 May 2026
File Reference: F26/26724

7.2 Winter Events 2026
File Ref: F26/24263; 24/47

Report of the Director Community and Economic Development and
Manager Creative City of 21 May 2026.

REPORT TITLE: WINTER EVENTS 2026

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Director Community and Economic Development
Manager Creative City

1. Report Summary and Key Issue

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members with an overview of the proposed 2026 Winter Events program for feedback.
- 1.2. The City's 2026 Winter Events program, delivered under the brand City of Warm Hearts and Cool Adventures, activates Hobart during winter through a mix of City delivered and City supported events.
- 1.3. The program supports social connection, wellbeing and vibrancy at a time when colder weather, reduced daylight and cost of living pressures can heighten isolation.
- 1.4. Events such as Dark Mofo, Beaker Street, and the Australian Antarctic Festival continue Council's strategic support for major winter festivals that contribute to economic activity, visitation and Hobart's cultural reputation.
- 1.5. My Street plays a critical role in delivering accessible, low barrier opportunities for residents to connect locally and engage with their neighbourhoods.
- 1.6. The event equipment program supports City and community events through coordinated equipment provision, with a review underway to ensure assets support safe winter delivery.
- 1.7. City activations encompass the planning and delivery of key cultural events, park openings, city mobility initiatives, and new responsive activations as they arise, alongside the ongoing coordination and administration of the Hobart Events Coordination group.
- 1.8. The Winter Events program is also designed to support transition into the Summer Events program, using winter delivery as an opportunity to test infrastructure, governance and delivery models that inform future seasonal programming.

2. Workshop Purpose

That the Hobart Workshop Committee receive the report titled '*Winter Events 2026*' and provide feedback on the proposed program.

3. Discussion and Background

- 3.1. The 2026 Winter Events program spans May to August 2026 and includes a combination of:
- 3.1.1. Major festivals supported through grants and City Partnership funding agreements.
 - 3.1.2. City delivered events, including the Live and Local program, My Street, and Floral Shows.
 - 3.1.3. Event equipment provision and coordination of City owned event equipment to support City delivered and community led winter events.
 - 3.1.4. City activations delivered in partnership by the Events and Activation team, including Japanese Children's Day, Paint the Town Red, park openings, city mobility activations and new initiatives as they arise.
- 3.2. Together, these events contribute to social connection, community wellbeing, economic activation, and continued use of public spaces during winter.

City Supported Major Events

- 3.3. The Winter Events program includes major events supported through cash contributions via grants and City Partnerships, as outlined below.

EVENT	DATES (2026)	COUNCIL SUPPORT	Amount
Island Readers & Writers Festival	28 May	Create Hobart Medium grant	\$ 5,381
Dark Mofo	5–21 June	City Partnership funding	\$200,000
Festival of Voices	3–12 July	Event Partnership grant	\$ 72,000
Beaker Street Festival	6–17 August	Event Partnership grant	\$ 82,537
Festival of Bright Ideas	15 August	Event Grant	\$ 20,000
Australian Antarctic Festival	20–23 August	Event Partnership grant	\$ 60,000
Total Support			\$439,918

- 3.4. The City also delivers a range of City delivered initiatives including Live and Local program, My Street, Floral shows, City activations, event equipment review and preparation for the transition to summer events.

Live and Local Program

- 3.5. Following Council direction at the Hobart Workshop Committee meeting on 13 April 2026, officers will commence activation of the Live and Local program from July 2026, aligning with the City's winter events calendar and broader night time economy objectives.

- 3.6. The initial focus in the first quarter of delivery will be on establishing the operational foundations of the program, including the engagement of key contract roles and development of program infrastructure, to support delivery across the 2026–27 financial year.
- 3.7. Priority actions from July will include:
 - 3.7.1. Commencement of working ground activities, including internal coordination, stakeholder engagement, and detailed planning for activations and sector development initiatives.
 - 3.7.2. Appointment of the Policy Consultant and Producer contract positions, as endorsed by Council, to support both regulatory work and on the ground delivery.
 - 3.7.3. Establishment of governance and working arrangements, including internal briefings and formation of an industry working group.
 - 3.7.4. Early engagement with local venues, musicians and businesses to prepare for winter activations and subsequent micro festival delivery.
- 3.8. While the Live and Local program includes public facing activations, the July commencement period will prioritise capacity building, regulatory groundwork and relationship development, ensuring that winter activations are well prepared to deliver longer term strategic outcomes beyond the events themselves.
- 3.9. This staged approach reflects Council's direction that the program operates as both an events program and a strategic platform.

My Street (Community Street Events)

- 3.10. My Street is a community led event series delivered across Hobart neighbourhoods, activating local streets through live music, cultural programming, and community participation.
- 3.11. The 2026 program continues the evolution of My Street as a flexible, place-based model that responds to local context while progressively aligning with new strategic directions for events delivery, live music, and community engagement at the following dates and locations.
- 3.12. The 2026 My Street program will be delivered at the following locations:

Forbes Avenue, West Hobart — 5 June 2026
- 3.13. This neighbourhood-scale activation focuses on strengthening local connection and participation.

- 3.14. The event will temporarily repurpose the street as a shared community space, combining small scale live music with facilitated creative activities and informal storytelling elements.
- 3.15. Programming will include performances by community and invited artists alongside accessible workshops such as weaving, rope making, bubble play, chalk drawing, and neighbourhood story sharing activities.
- 3.16. Delivered in collaboration with Forbes Avenue residents, local community performers, and workshop facilitators, there is a strong focus on encouraging participation from surrounding households.

Wellesley Park, South Hobart — 28 June 2026

- 3.17. This event focuses on intergenerational participation through live music, youth performance, and shared food experiences.
- 3.18. Performances by youth and emerging artists and local bands will include groups with facilitated cultural dance workshops, children's creative activities, and community led cake stalls that support storytelling and cultural exchange.

Delivered in collaboration with the South Hobart Sustainable Community, including its Green Team, it integrates sustainability practices and waste education support into the event delivery.

John Doggett Park, West Hobart — 5 July 2026

- 3.19. This event will activate the park as a winter community gathering space, combining live music with hands on creative and skill sharing activities.
- 3.20. Performances by community and guest artists complemented by facilitated activities including clothing swaps, repair café sessions, zine making, screen printing, and creative workshops.
- 3.21. Multiple areas of the park will be activated, including youth-oriented spaces such as the skate park, and delivered in collaboration with local hosts, youth artists and makers.

Bracken Lane fire break, Fern Tree — 12 July 2026

- 3.22. This event will activate the Bracken Lane fire break as a temporary community gathering and performance space within a bushland setting.
- 3.23. Small scale live music will include string, acoustic, and folk based performances alongside facilitated swap activities, informal games, and creative workshops suitable for a daytime winter program.
- 3.24. Delivered in collaboration with Fern Tree community hosts, local performers, and stallholders, the event is designed to respond to the site's landscape, scale, access conditions, and environmental context.

Floral Shows

- 3.25. Spring 11–12 September
- 3.25.1. The Spring Floral Show is a long standing community event presented by the Hobart Horticultural Society at the Hobart Town Hall Ballroom. The show features professionally judged floral exhibits, including amateur and novice categories, and celebrates early spring blooms and horticultural skills.
- 3.26. Orchid 24–25 September
- 3.26.1. The Orchid Floral Show is delivered by the Tasmanian Orchid Society in partnership with the Hobart Horticultural Society. Held at the Hobart Town Hall Ballroom, the event showcases a wide variety of orchids through competitive displays, educational activities and plant sales.
- 3.27. Together, the Spring and Orchid Floral Shows support activation of a key City venue, continuation of a long running floral show tradition, and delivery of accessible community events that provide cultural, educational and modest economic benefits to the City.

Event equipment review

- 3.28. The City is undertaking a review of event equipment to confirm asset condition, location and remaining useful life. End of life or surplus items are being assessed for disposal in line with City asset and financial management requirements, improving accuracy and reducing storage and maintenance costs.
- 3.29. Targeted investment is being made in priority event infrastructure to support City delivered and community events. Current equipment includes crowd control fencing, tables and seating, power and PA systems, radios, and event amenities such as bins and mobile hand wash units.
- 3.30. Equipment hire booking and management processes are also being streamlined to improve consistency, tracking and coordination, with future alignment planned with the City's broader booking and asset systems.
- 3.31. To support more consistent and efficient delivery of small scale live music and community activations, the City is progressing the development of a "Gig in a Box" modular micro stage. The unit will be trialled through the My Street program before being used to support ongoing events including the Summer Sounds series.
- 3.32. Gig in a Box is a transportable, weather resistant stage and equipment storage unit, constructed within a 20 foot open side, high bay shipping container. When deployed, the container converts into a small

performance stage suitable for local musicians, community performances, and low impact public space activations.

City Activations

- 3.33. City activations are delivered through a mix of scheduled cultural initiatives and responsive opportunities throughout the year. These include themed celebrations such as Japanese Children's Day (17 May) and Paint the Town Red (11–23 June), which activate public spaces through creative programming, partnerships and community participation.
- 3.34. Activations also support park openings and upgrades, city mobility initiatives that encourage alternative transport and active movement, and new or emerging activations that arise in response to opportunities, partnerships or civic priorities.
- 3.35. In addition, this program includes the administration and coordination of the Hobart Events Coordination Group, ensuring alignment across stakeholders, efficient use of city spaces and a cohesive annual calendar of events and activations.

Transition to Summer Events

- 3.36. At the 23 March 2026 Hobart Workshop Committee meeting, Elected Members provided feedback on the Summer Series program related to scope and scale of this series.
- 3.37. Following this, the City is shifting its approach to summer event delivery to place a stronger emphasis on quality rather than scale. The revised direction focuses on delivering well-designed, well-resourced experiences, rather than spreading activity across a broad or difficult to navigate footprint.
- 3.38. The revised model also supports clearer expectations for artists, partners and the community, while improving production quality, operational efficiency and public recognition of the program.

4. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 4.1. The City carries statutory and common law obligations to ensure safe, well managed public events, including;
 - 4.1.1. Safety Management Requirements for events which require an Emergency Management Plan, developed with Tasmania Police, St John Ambulance, paramedics, the City's security contractors and crowd control officers.
 - 4.1.2. Weather response plan, event operations forms, and strengthened road closure integrity measures were introduced to meet operational risk and safety obligations.

- 4.1.3. Road closures are determined and implemented following consultation with Tasmania Police, TasPorts, emergency services, Metro Buses, taxi services, and businesses, ensuring compliance with local traffic regulations and safety standards.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

5.1. Capital City Strategic Plan 2023

Pillar 1: Sense of Place

- 1.1 Hobart keeps a strong sense of place and identity, even as the City changes.

Pillar 3: Creativity and culture

- 3.1.5 Support and deliver events, festivals and markets.
- 3.4.1 Support the activation of City owned spaces for creative, cultural and commercial initiatives.

6. Financial Viability

6.1. Financial Considerations:

- 6.1.1. The Winter Events program, consisting of the Live and Local program, My Street, Floral Shows and the event equipment review, is delivered within the Council approved operational budget.

- 6.1.2. The total budgeted amount is \$594,618, including major supported events (\$439,918), Live and Local program (\$32,000), My Street (\$65,000), Floral Shows (\$7,700), event equipment delivery, and city activations (\$50,000 approximately).

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Existing Revenue				
Additional Revenue				
Total Revenue				
Expenditure				
Operating		595		
Capital				
Total Expenditure		595		
Net Cost		595		

FTE Impact

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Change in FTE		-		

6.1. City Economy Strategy:

6.1.1. The Winter Events program aligns to the following strategic priorities listed in the City of Hobart City Economy Strategy 2023 – 2028:

1. Plan for our collective social, economic, and environmental prosperity.

1.1 Advocate for City's lead role in harnessing the opportunity presented by the visitor economy.

2. Attract responsible investment to unlock an inventive and inclusive economy.

2.5 Partner with stakeholders to develop initiatives that attract, retain, and develop Hobart's workforce.

3. Position Hobart as an enviable place to visit, live and do business.

3.5 Deliver programs to foster night time economy, cultural and creative activity that enhances the visitor experience and supports business in the City.

7. Climate and Sustainability Considerations

7.1. Events or activities that the City delivers are required to align with the objectives of the City of Hobart Waste Management Strategy 2015-30.

7.2. Sustainability will be considered with the sponsorship agreement, with both parties required to comply with the City of Hobart Single-use Plastic By-Law 2020.

7.3. In particular, participants and contractors must outline their commitment to sustainable events, certified compostable food packaging and reducing waste to landfill.

8. Community and Business Engagement and Collaboration

8.1. The Winter Events program is delivered through a mix of City led, community led and partner supported activities, requiring close collaboration with residents, businesses, venues, and sector partners.

- 8.2. Engagement during winter focuses on:
 - 8.2.1. Place-based collaboration with neighbourhood hosts, community associations and local creatives through the My Street program.
 - 8.2.2. Early engagement with venues, musicians and hospitality businesses through the Live and Local program to support winter activations and inform summer delivery.
 - 8.2.3. Ongoing liaison with major festival partners to align City operations, infrastructure and communication.
- 8.3. Feedback from residents, performers and local businesses during Winter Events program are used to inform event design, site selection and operational approaches for the Summer Events program, strengthening continuity across seasonal delivery.

9. Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- 9.1. The 2026 Winter Events program continues Council's incremental and evidence-based approach to innovation, using winter as a lower risk delivery period to test and refine systems, infrastructure and models that inform future endeavours.
- 9.2. Key areas of innovation and improvement include:
 - 9.2.1. Trialling new event planning and management software (Event Lab) to improve workflow efficiency, documentation consistency and data capture.
 - 9.2.2. Strengthening governance, safety and operational documentation, including improved weather response planning and event operations forms.
 - 9.2.3. Testing scalable, place-based delivery models to support neighbourhood engagement and adaptable programming.
 - 9.2.4. Progressing the design and trial of the "Gig in a Box" modular micro stage to improve production consistency, reduce setup time and support repeatable delivery across winter and summer programs.
- 9.3. Learnings from the Winter Events program trials will be embedded into the planning and delivery of the 2026–27 Summer Events program, supporting a more resilient, streamlined and audience focused approach to City events.

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.



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
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Justyne Wilson
MANAGER CREATIVE CITY

Date: 21 May 2026
File Reference: F26/24263; 24/47

7.3 Future State of Parking
File Ref: F26/27089

Report of the Director Community and Economic Development of 21 May 2026.



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE

Future State of Parking

This memorandum provides Elected Members with a brief update on the Future State of Parking project. Elected Members may recall previous briefings they have received on this project in early 2026.

Elected Members will be aware that a review the Council's parking business was conducted in 2025. This review, among other things, identified the opportunity to upgrade the business's technology to the leading edge.

It is anticipated that by upgrading technology a wide range of operational, strategic and economic benefits will be created for the City of Hobart.

With the expiry of Council's existing contractual arrangement with its major 'integrated parking solution' provider in late 2026, opportunity exists to run a public tender process to procure new and upgraded technology solutions for the business.

This public tender process is expected to commence in June to July 2026 and close by September to October 2026. Results of the tender process, including what new technology may be installed across the business, will be the subject of a further briefing to Elected Members.

Through five (5) separate tender packages, technology solutions will be sought across the following areas of the business:

1. On-street parking payment technology (meters and phone and app-based payment methods)
2. Off-street parking technology (ticketless entry and payment methods for Council managed car parks)
3. Permit management systems (non-paper-based systems)
4. Enforcement technology (fixed and mobile licence plate recognition)
5. Sensor technology (new sensors)
6. Infringement and compliance management (new tools)

7. Data analytics and insights (new business intelligence platform)
8. Dynamic pricing functionality (optionality for dynamic pricing)
9. Digital wayfinding information system (tools to improve experience)
10. Retail reward and economic activation technology (to promote retail activity)

The Council tender process will seek the best offers from suppliers and will be assessed against a range of selection criteria. The tender process will invite technology options delivered under a range of commercial models, namely purchase and own (CAPEX), lease (OPEX) or parking as a service (PaaS).

Communications and engagement

Given the release of a major public tender process, a staff and community engagement and communications plan will be developed prior to tender release.

This will include informing parking services staff and the broader community of the proposed changes to the parking business, should Council accept tenders and enter new supplier arrangements with technology providers. It should be noted that parking services staff were previously engaged at commencement of the project, in 2025.

The engagement and communications approach will reflect the status of the project, including that no new contractual arrangements have yet been considered or entered into by the Council.

Implementation of the necessary community engagement and communications will commence in coordination with the release of the public tender process.

Elected Members will be provided regular updates on the release of the public tender release and the outcomes of any community engagement undertaken for the project.

Financial implications

Following conclusion of the tender process, any additional financial implications to the Council will be considered through annual budgeting and approval processes.

WORKSHOP PURPOSE

For the Hobart Workshop Committee to receive and note the report titled "*Future State of Parking.*"

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.



Ben Artup
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND
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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 Portion of the Committee Meeting
- Confidential Information
- Closed Questions Without Notice

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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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 | Draft 2026-27 Annual Plan and Budget
LG(MP)R 17(2)(h)(ii) |
| Item No. 5 | Questions Without Notice |