



CITY OF HOBART

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

THE HOBART WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2026

AT 4.00PM

VENUE: LADY OSBORNE ROOM

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Lower Wellesley Park - Dog Exercise Area
Engagement Outcomes

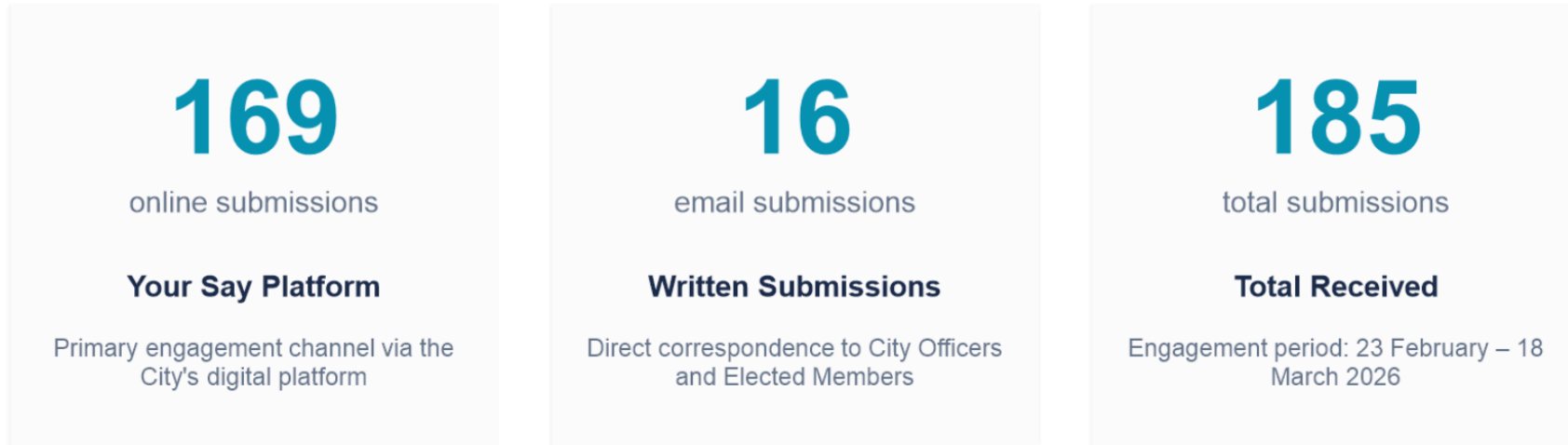
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Project Background



Lower Wellesley Park is a well-used community open space currently declared as a dog off-lead area.

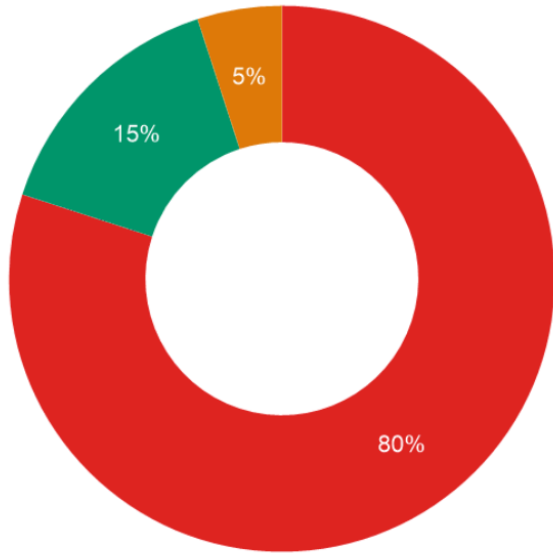
Engagement Process



Purpose of Engagement

The engagement sought community feedback on the draft design for the fenced off-lead dog exercise area. However, feedback consistently extended beyond design detail and expressed strong views about whether the project should proceed at this location at all.

Community Sentiment Overview



■ Opposed (~80%) ■ Supportive (~15%) ■ Mixed/Neutral (~5%)

- ~80% Opposed**
Strong opposition to fencing at this location under any configuration
- ~15% Supportive**
Support for a dedicated fenced off-lead area, some with design suggestions
- ~5% Mixed / Neutral**
General support for dog areas but concerns about this specific location or design

Key Issues Raised

Opposition to Fencing & Loss of Open Space

- Strong opposition to fencing Lower Wellesley Park under any configuration — the most frequently raised concern across all submissions
- Fencing would fragment an important open green space used for informal recreation, children's play, community events and passive use
- The proposed fenced area (approx. 2,000 m²) considered too small to function effectively, potentially increasing crowding and conflict between dogs
- Perception that the proposal reduces flexibility in how the park is used by the broader community, impacting events like the Kunanyi Mountain Run
- Existing off-lead arrangements already support dog exercise without the need for fencing — many respondents see no added benefit

Key Issues Raised

Access, Parking, Safety & Amenity

Parking & Traffic

- No dedicated parking; Wentworth St is narrow and dead-end
- Badminton centre car park often full; steep walk to park
- Increased traffic on residential streets already impacted by dog park use

Accessibility

- Site inaccessible for elderly, disabled, and those with limited mobility
- Steep, uneven terrain from all access points
- No nearby toilets, lighting, or shelter

Safety Concerns

- Proximity to children's playground raises safety questions
- Isolated location not visible from roads
- Concerns about inadequate security, especially after dark

Design Shortcomings

- Two narrow corridors (16m wide) unsuitable for dog exercise
- Division into two paddocks reduces usable space
- Water fountain placed outside fenced area

Community Voices

Select quotes from community submissions



Opposed

"I would like this area to remain as it is — a shared community space free of fences, where people can walk and play with their dogs and kids, sit and have a picnic, watch the wildlife... with an unimpeded view of the mountain."



Supportive

"Dedicated off-lead dog parks are great for socialising pets. I went to look at the proposed site and was very impressed. It was an open and level space with fantastic views."



Opposed

"The proposed area is too small and is not a suitable replacement for the current informal spaces. The proposal is not responding to a perceived need but rather a clumsy attempt to appease dog owners being squeezed out of shared community spaces."



Supportive

"I think this fenced-in dog area is a wonderful addition to South Hobart's amenities. The two separate areas are also an excellent feature."

Upper Wellesley Oval

Existing Alternative for Dog Exercise

Proposed Fenced Area

~2,000 m²

- ✗ No dedicated parking
- ✗ No toilets or lighting
- ✗ Steep access from all points
- ✗ Divided into two narrow corridors
- ✗ Limited shelter or shade

6x larger

Upper Wellesley Oval

~12,420 m²

- ✓ Existing car parking available
- ✓ Toilets and lighting on site
- ✓ Close walking distance to Lower Park
- ✓ Off-lead outside organised sport
- ✓ Existing fencing (improvable)

Community feedback consistently cited the availability of Upper Wellesley Oval as a reason the proposed fenced facility is not required.

Financial Considerations

\$180,000

Total Approved Budget

Total approved budget for fencing works across both Lower Wellesley Park and Upper Wellesley Oval

\$30,000

Upper Wellesley Oval Fencing

Of the \$180,000, \$30,000 is currently being used to fund fencing improvements at Upper Wellesley Oval, making the oval more secure from a fencing point of view

Questions & Discussion

Lower Wellesley Park – Dog Exercise Area
Community Engagement Outcomes

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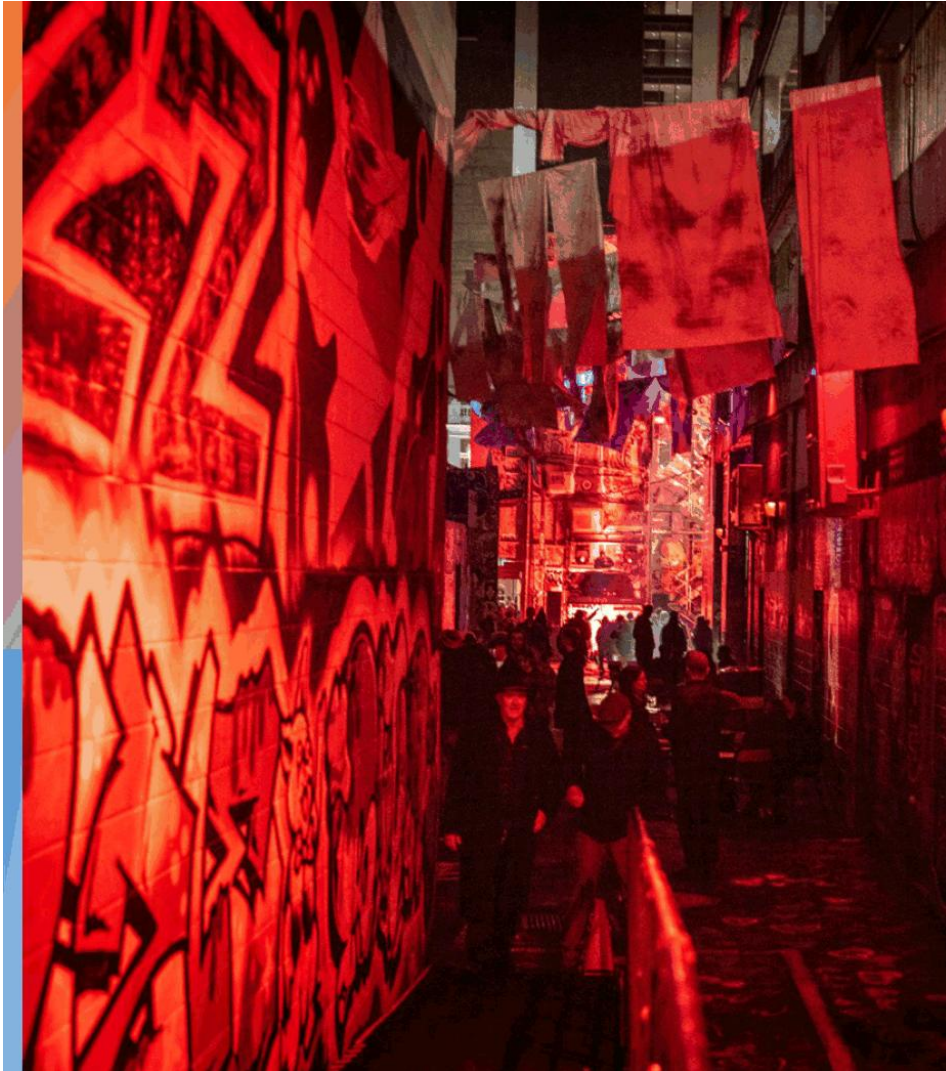
2026 Winter Events Overview



Program Overview

The 2026 Winter Events program spans May to August 2026 and includes:

- Major festivals
- City delivered events
- Event equipment provision
- City activations delivered in partnership



City Supported Major Events

The Winter Events program includes major events supported through cash contributions via grants and City Partnerships



Dark Mofo

11-22 June

\$200,000 in cash funding
\$440,000+ in-kind including:

- Event Equipment
- Open Spaces
- City Venues
- Banner bookings



Festival of Voices

3-12 July 2026

\$72,000 in Cash funding
In-kind contribution
including:

- Event Equipment
- Parks, Open Spaces & Venues



Beaker Street

6-17 August

\$82,537 in cash funding

In-kind contribution including:

- Event Equipment
- Parks, Open Spaces & Venues



Festival of Bright Ideas

3-12 July

\$20,000 in cash funding

- Promote STEM in the community, through public outreach activity and the provision of educative and inspiring experiences.

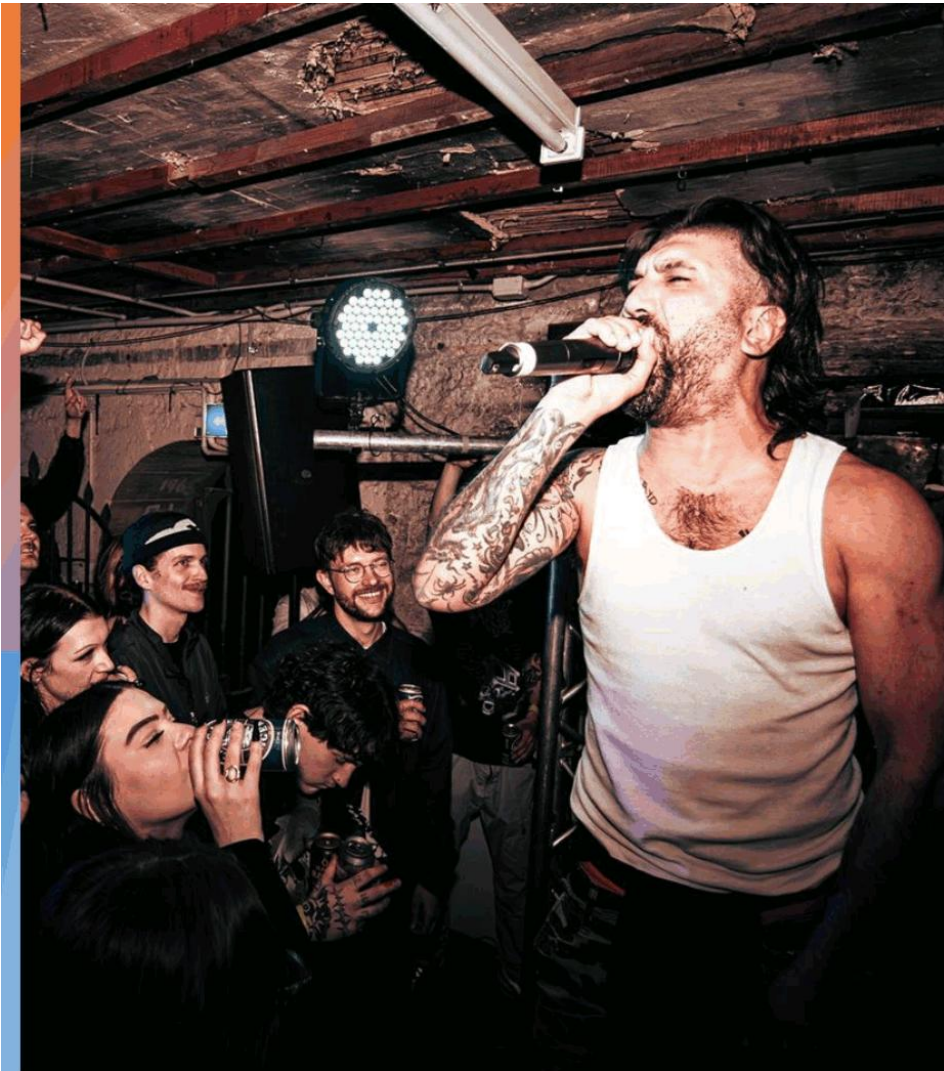


Australian Antarctic Festival

20-23 Augst

\$60,000 in cash funding

- Festival connects the community with Antarctica through ship tours, science and industry expos, school programs, exhibitions, cultural events, and family activities.



Live and Local

FY2026-27

Activating night time economy objectives.

- Commencement of agreement and internal coordination and planning
- Appointment of the Policy Consultant and Producer to support both regulatory work and on the ground delivery.
- Establishment of governance and working arrangements
- Early engagement with local venues, musicians and businesses for activations and micro festival delivery.



My Street

Community led events delivered in partnerships in Hobart neighbourhoods, activating local streets through live music, cultural and community programming.

8 applications, 4 events delivered

- 5 June Forbes Ave, West Hobart
- 28 June Wellesley Park, South Hobart
- 5 July John Doggett Park, West Hobart
- 12 July Bracken Lane fire break, Fern Tree



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Forbes Avenue West Hobart

7 June | The Long Table Picnic

Celebrating Forbes Avenues History as a rope making community via a rope and weaving inspired long table picnic.

- Local Bag Piper
- Deep South Chorus
- Heidi Bedloe
- Bubble workshop and performances | Sally Sunshine
- Community Rope Centrepiece | Australis Knots
- Neighbourhood Story-Sharing Activity
- Facilitated Games | Tuli Morris Merkel

Guest Artists: Myers and MacNamara

Wellesley Park South Hobart

28 June | Sweet Beats on My Street

A mini festival in Wellesley Park, South Hobart, themed around the sharing of home baked cakes and stories that accompany them.

- Nuria
- DJ ARUTLA.
- Rhythmz Bollywood.
- Berimbau with Dance Workshops
- Facilitated Cake Stall + Cake Stories
- Circus Zone | Sands Family Circus
- Mud Kitchen | Ruby Peppa
- Cake Painting | Moving Creature Studio
- Henna / Community Stalls

Guest artists: Bocce

John Doggett Park West Hobart

7 July | Winter in the West

A mini festival at John Doggett Park, West Hobart, themed as a warming winter gathering for the community.

- Willow Nischler
- Steve Bentley
- Primavera
- Bug Hotels | Jess Fodor
- Sock Puppet Play | Georgia Lucy
- She Shreds Social Skate
- DIY Customising Clothing, Patches & Stickers
- Community Stalls
- Facilitated Community Items Swap

Guest Artists: A Swayze and the Ghosts

Bracken Lane Fire Break Fern Tree

12 July | Highest Altitude Garden Party

A 1920s inspired garden party hosted by the Fern Tree community.

- Pillinger String Quartet
- Emile Robin (piano)
- Handsome Molly
- Bush Adventures | Rob Armstrong
- Kids Workshops | Edith Perrenot
- Aurora Australis Ribbon Twirling | Georgia Lucy
- Lawn games
- Costumes / Community Stalls
- Facilitated Community Items Swap

Guest Artist: DENNI (acoustic storytelling set)



Floral Shows

Spring 11–12 September
Orchid 24–25 September

- Long standing community event presented by the Hobart Horticultural Society/Tasmanian Orchid 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.



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Event equipment

- 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.
- Targeted investment is being made in priority event infrastructure to support City delivered and community events.



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City Activations

- City activations are delivered through a mix of scheduled 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.



Transition to Summer Events

- Summer event delivery will place a stronger emphasis on quality rather than scale.
- Using new equipment such as the "gig in the box" will deliver well-designed, well-resourced experiences, rather than spreading activity across a broad footprint.
- Seeking clearer support for artists, while improving production quality, operational efficiency and public participation in events.



Moving to a future state of carparking

Elected Member update

1 June 2026



Background

- A review of current state of parking completed in 2025, and outcomes presented at Hobart Workshop Committee in early 2026.
- Recommend moving to a Future State of parking.
- Drivers for change:
 - Non-leading-edge technology.
 - Certain contractual, and assets life arrangements expire in 2026 to 2027.
 - Missed opportunities in customer experience, compliance and operational efficiency.



Release of public tender

Five (5) separate tender packages will cover:

- On-street parking technology (upgrade)
- Off-street parking technology (upgrade)
- Permit management systems (upgrade)
- Enforcement technology (**new** and upgrade)
- Sensor technology (upgrade)
- Infringement and compliance management (upgrade)
- Data analytics platform (**new**)
- Digital wayfinding systems (**new**)
- Retail activation technology (**new**)



Indicative time frames

- Tenders released within a month and be open for **4 weeks**.
- Tender assessment will take **3 months**, including;
 - assessment against various value for money criteria and alignment with Council requirements
 - onsite demonstrations by shortlisted vendors
 - clarifications and negotiation with preferred tenderer
- Recommendations to award tender/ s may occur before end of **2026 or early 2027**.
- Installation of new technology may take **3 months**.
- Elected Members will be briefed prior to installation of any new or upgraded technology.

Key messages for Elected Members

1. During the tender process,
 - Council is seeking to modernise essential infrastructure to better serve Hobart now and into the future.
 - It's about a simpler, smarter and more customer-focused parking system.
 - No change will be made until completion of the tender process.

2. Once future technology is known, Council will communicate any proposed changes with the community to ensure transition is as smooth as possible.