

# GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Glenorchy City Council held at the Council Chambers on Monday, 2 December 2019 at 2:30 pm**

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| <b>Present:</b>                                  | Aldermen Kristie Johnston (Mayor), Peter Bull, Jan Dunsby, Steven King, Gaye Richardson, Simon Fraser, Kelly Sims, Melissa Carlton and Bec Thomas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>In attendance<br/>(Council staff)</b>         | Tony McMullen (General Manager), Jenny Self (Director Corporate Services), David Ronaldson (Director Community and Strategy), Ted Ross (Director Infrastructure and Works), Bryn Hannan (Executive Officer), Tina House (Manager Finance and ICT), Michael Jacques (Senior Legal Counsel), Marina Campbell (Manager Community) and June King (Mayoral and Executive Support Officer). |
| <b>In attendance<br/>(members of the public)</b> | ALDERTON, Shane – 296 Main Road, Austins Ferry<br>BRYAN, James – 14 England Avenue, Montrose<br>BRYAN, Janiece – 14 England Avenue, Montrose<br>HANGAN, Michael – 19 Atherton Avenue, West Moonah<br>SMITH, Barry OAM – 21 Constance Avenue, Glenorchy<br>SMITH, Kaye – 21 Constance Avenue, Glenorchy<br>STEENBERGEN, Eddy – 128 Marys Hope Road, Rosetta                            |

The Chair acknowledged and paid respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of the land.

The Chair read the following two statements:

**Statement 1:**

In relation to work health and safety at the Council meeting.

**Statement 2:**

In relation to the Audio Recording of the Council Meeting under regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's 'Audio Recording of Council Meetings' policy.

The Chair advised that due to technical difficulties Council's audio recording equipment was not available, meaning that the meeting would not be audio recorded.

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## **1. WELCOME BY MAYOR KRISTIE JOHNSTON**

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The Mayor welcomed those present and presented her annual Mayor's Message to the Community.

The Mayor made brief comments about some of the highlights in her Mayor's Message.

The Mayor thanked Council's staff and Aldermen for their hard work and dedication during the year.

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## **2. APOLOGIES**

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Ald. Matt Stevenson

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## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**MOVED:** Ald. Dunsby

**SECONDED:** Ald. Bull

That minutes of the Glenorchy City Council Annual General Meeting held on 3 December 2018 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

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#### **4. PRESENTATION OF 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT**

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The General Manager made brief comments on some of the key points in his General Manager's Message in the Annual Report.

**MOVED:** Ald. King

**SECONDED:** Ald. Fraser

That the Glenorchy City Council Annual Report 2018-19 be accepted.

The motion was put.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

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#### **5. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE AND MOTIONS**

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**Motion Without Notice – Kaye Smith, 21 Constance Avenue, Glenorchy**

**MOVED:** Kaye Smith

**SECONDED:** Shane Alderton

That Council, at its next ordinary Council meeting, review its decision on the current opt out policy and follow the guidelines as set out by the HCC in relation to their FOGO Policy on behalf of the over 1400 signatories on the petition for an unconditional opt-out.

The motion was put.

The motion was CARRIED by 8 votes to 7.

**Question Without Notice – Jim Bryan, 14 England Avenue, Montrose**

**Q. On page 76 of the Annual Report, Council has reported that it has a land tax expense of \$466,000. The State Government is exempt from paying Council rates but still charges Council for land tax. I note that several months ago when Council was investigating selling Council properties, one of the reasons given for doing that was to save on land tax. How many properties in the Glenorchy municipality does Council own which land tax is payable on? Is it all Council owned properties or only some?**

**A.** The question was taken on notice. A written answer will be provided at the next Council meeting on 23 December 2019.

**Question Without Notice – Shane Alderton, 296 Main Road, Austins Ferry**

**Mr. Alderton raised the following questions related to Council's reporting of 'Grants, Assistance and Benefits Provided' on page 56 of the Annual Report.**

**Q. Under 'Event Sponsorships and Other Contributions' It is reported that Council made a cash contribution of \$2,180 to the Glenorchy Historical Society Inc. I have had great difficulty making contact with that organisation. They don't appear to be operating at the moment. Does Council know what those funds are being used for?**

**A.** (Mayor) The Glenorchy Historical is an important organisation for our community. They provide us with heritage advice (in-terms of the history of our community) on a number of fronts. They are a very important resource for Council's Heritage Officer, particularly on planning matters. They also work closely to catalogue some of the significant aspects of our heritage. We unfortunately only have the resources to employ a Heritage Officer part-time, but have 154 years of history in our municipality. The GHS works tirelessly to hold records that are important to the community and to also catalogue them and provide advice and information to our Heritage Officer. I am aware that they are currently going through a project to look at digitising some of their records so they will be available to the public through a website. They are a volunteer organisation, so they have limited capacity but we very much appreciate the service they provide to our community.

**Q. Under 'In-kind Contributions, Reduced or Waived Fees and/or Charges, assistance provided' the following are listed:**

- **Waiver/reduced DEC hire charges in the sum of \$21,210, and**
- **DEC ticket giveaway values in the sum of \$31,086.**

**That's a lot of money to be waiving or giving away in light of Council's financial position. Can you please explain these amounts?**

**A.** (Director Community and Customer Services) The \$21,210 for waived and reduced charges is reduced fees for community based organisations. It's where we are not charging the full rate for room or venue hire to community groups and is the total sum of discounts provided to those community groups.

As to the DEC ticket giveaway values of \$31,086, these are part of promoters' packages. When a large act comes to the DEC they provide a number of 'giveaway' tickets which are reflected in our accounts. It represents the value of those tickets, but is not an actual cash expense.

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## **6. MEETING CLOSE**

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The meeting closed at 3:08 p.m.

Confirmed,

**CHAIR**