

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the
on Monday, 18 May 2020 at 12.00 noon**



NOTE: Due to social distancing restrictions around COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by video link, with the open portion streamed live on Council's Facebook page.

Present: Aldermen Kristie Johnston (Mayor), Bec Thomas (Deputy Mayor), Peter Bull, Jan Dunsby, Simon Fraser, Steven King, Gaye Richardson, Angela Ryan and Kelly Sims.

In attendance: Tony McMullen (General Manager), Jenny Richardson (Director Corporate Services), David Ronaldson (Director Community and Strategy), Sam Fox (Director Development and Customer Service), Ted Ross (Director Infrastructure and Works), Bryn Hannan (Executive Officer), Tina House (Manager Finance and ICT),

Leave of Absence: Ald. Melissa Carlton

Due to COVID-19 no members of the public attended the open part of the Council Meeting, instead it was livestreamed on Facebook.

The Chair opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Ald. Carlton (currently on leave of absence).

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chair asked if any Aldermen had or were likely to have a pecuniary interest in any items on the Agenda.

The Mayor noted all aldermen of Glenorchy City Council are keen supporters and are involved with many community organisations and groups throughout the municipality. The COVID-19 package does not create a conflict of interest to the aldermen unless they have a specific interest. The package itself takes a broad approach which assists all of our community.

No interests were declared.

GOVERNANCE

Community Goal: "Leading our Community"

3. COVID-19 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR

File Reference: COVID-19

Reporting Brief:

To seek Council's approval of a COVID-19 community assistance package for the 2020/21 financial year to enable the package to be announced and to inform the finalisation of the 2020/21 budget estimates for Council consideration in mid-June.

Resolution:

THOMAS/RICHARDSON

That Council:

1. APPROVE a COVID-19 community assistance package for the 2020-21 year comprising the following measures detailed in this report:
 - a) No total bill increase on 2020/21 rates bills through introduction of a COVID-19 relief rebate for the 2020/21 year
 - b) Use of COVID-19 Financial Hardship Guidelines (Attachment 1) to streamline applications for relief on rates and charges under Council's hardship policy
 - c) Deferral of penalties and interest on overdue rates incurred during the COVID-19 emergency period
 - d) Waiver of rent for grassroots community and sporting organisations
 - e) Partial waiver and/or deferral of commercial rents for eligible commercial tenants in accordance with the Covid-19 Rent Relief Guidelines for Tenants of Council Properties (Attachment 2)
 - f) Additional business support measures
 - g) Stimulus projects, and
 - h) Faster payment cycle for supplier accounts, and

2. DIRECT the General Manager to reflect the projected financial impact of the community assistance measures in the draft 2020/21 estimates to be considered by Council at a Special Council meeting on 15 June 2020.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Bull, Ryan, Dunsby, King, Thomas, Johnston,
Richardson, Fraser and Sims

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 12:33 p.m.

Confirmed,

CHAIR