

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Glenorchy City Council
held at the Council Chambers
on Monday, 26 May 2025 at 3:30 PM**



**Present
(in Chambers):**

Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Tim Marks, Peter Ridler, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer and Russell Yaxley (Deputy Mayor)

**In attendance
(in Chambers):**

Tony McMullen (Chief Executive Officer), Luke Chiu (Acting Director Infrastructure and Development), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Emma Watkins (Coordinator Executive and Strategy)

**In attendance
(by video link):**

Mandy Henderson (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer), Melanie Burk (Executive Assistant to the Mayor)

Leave of absence:

Councillor Molly Kendall

Workshops held since last Council Meeting:

Date: Monday, 5 May 2025

Purpose: To present and discuss:

- Animal Management/Dog Parks
- CEO Recruitment Shortlist

Date: Monday, 12 May 2025

Purpose: To present and discuss:

- FY26 Draft Operating Budget and Long Term Plan

Date: Monday, 19 May 2025

Purpose: Site tour:

- North Chigwell Soccer Ground
- Windermere Bay

The Council meeting was live streamed on Council's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. The peak number of viewers watching the live stream was 22 viewers and 3 members of the public attended in person.

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.30pm.

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

We acknowledge the muwinina people as the traditional owners of this land. We recognise the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the original owners and continuing custodians of the land, sky and country and waters of this island, lutruwita. We pay our respect to Aboriginal Elders, past and present. We commit to working in a way that welcomes and respects all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Chair read a statement noting that the meeting would be recorded and live streamed to members of the public, and about work health and safety at the Council meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution:

SLADE/MARKS

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 28 April 2025 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

The Pool

Repair and reopen

- We are in final stages of contract negotiations with the preferred contractor for the repair of the pool.
- The final designs and costings have been agreed upon and we are expecting to receive the signed contract in the next few days.
- I commit to making a public announcement about who the contractor is, the final scope of works and costings once the contract is signed.

Redevelopment

- Following the recent Federal election we unfortunately didn't receive a commitment to fund the redevelopment of the pool.
- This doesn't mean that we are giving up on getting the \$83.8 million.
- An advocacy plan has been prepared outlining steps to:
 - continue lobbying for Government funding
 - encourage and support community to continue its grassroots advocacy campaign
 - keep community informed about funding advocacy progress.
- We are determined to keep the pool at top of mind for politicians and candidates in future State and Federal elections.

Golden Years Club

- Negotiations with the preferred tenant for the Golden Years Club building are ongoing.
- We are committed to making an announcement on who the new tenant is once these negotiations are finalised.

Transparency

- I want to stress that Council aims to be as transparent as possible.
- As a rule we do not aim to keep anything a secret from the community.
- We are however, required to apply proper commercial negotiation procedures and practices when dealing with contractual discussions and/or arrangements.
- Our practice is to make public announcements as soon as possible once commercial arrangements are finalised.

Glenorchy Sports Centre

- I can confirm that the State Government have lodged the Development Application for the sports centre on the Claremont College site.
- Council officers are waiting for feedback from TasWater before advertising the DA for public comment.
- Here is a short video of the proposed development.

North Chigwell Soccer Hub

- The North Chigwell project has seen the construction of new clubrooms that include change rooms, amenities and a clubroom function space.
- The works are now completed and we are working with Andrew Wilkie and Carol Browns offices to find a suitable date for an official opening in July.

Glenorchy CWA

- I was thrilled to read about the revival of the Glenorchy Branch of the Country Women's Association at 16 Albert Street, Moonah.
- I am particularly thrilled that the CWA are aiming to be inclusive of women from diverse backgrounds and engage closely with recent arrivals.
- As one of the most multi-cultural Councils in Tasmania, it is important that all clubs and community organisations in Glenorchy promote inclusion and multicultural participation to strengthen community ties.

4. PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Question without notice – Manfred Gutmann, West Moonah

Q1: Can Council provide the local numbers for COVID-19 injuries and deaths as indicated in the Department of Health Document D24/155352 sent in to Council?

A1: [Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

Response: The document D24/155352 states, "In Tasmania, adverse events following immunisation are submitted to the Tasmanian Department of Health". Council is not the primary agency in this matter, does not carry out Covid 19 vaccinations, and does not collate or collect these statistics. Council receives only advice from the Department of Health of a general nature, such advices do not contain the particulars that you have requested.

Q2: Has Council sent my second updated document asking for additional testing and a Royal Commission into the COVID-19 response due to Therapeutic Goods Administration fraud?

A2: [Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

Response: Members of the public are at liberty to make a request for a Royal Commission at any time. Covid 19 vaccinations are not carried out by Councils. Council is obliged to rely upon advice from the Department of Health that "COVID-19 vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of death and severe illness from COVID-19"

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Please note:

The Council Meeting is a formal meeting of the Elected Members elected by the Glenorchy community. It is chaired by the Mayor. Public question time is an opportunity in the formal meeting for the public to ask questions of their elected Council representatives about the matters that affect ratepayers and citizens.

In accordance with regulation 31(2) and (3) (Public question time) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council will allocate 15 minutes during each Council Meeting to invite members of the public to ask questions relating to the activities of Council.

The following rules and procedures apply to Public Question Time:

1. questions must relate to the activities of Council
2. members of the public are to announce their name and residential address before asking a question (which will be recorded in the minutes)
3. questions are to be put succinctly and in the form of a question, not a comment
4. questions must not be inflammatory, abusive, defamatory, contain a personal attack or otherwise breach any rules of the meeting which have been explained by the Chairperson
5. the Chairperson may limit the number of questions asked by each member of the public in order to ensure that all members of the public wishing to ask questions are given the opportunity within the allocated time
6. the Chairperson will decide the order in which questions are to be asked and may rotate the order between different members of the public if individuals have more than one question to ask
7. the Chairperson may, in their absolute discretion:
 - a) refuse to answer a question if the Chairperson deems that it is inappropriate or does not comply with these rules or the rules of the Council meeting, or
 - b) take a question 'on notice', in which case the answer will be provided in writing prior the next Council meeting and included on the agenda for the next Council meeting
8. if a question is taken on notice, the Chairperson may request that the member of the public submit their question in writing and may refuse to provide a response if the question is not provided as requested, and
9. the 15 minutes allocated for Public Question Time may be extended at the discretion of the Chairperson at the conclusion of the time period. Council is to publish information relating to Public Question Time, including any additional rules and procedures, on Council's website.

Question with notice – Chris Leamey

Q1: How long are the repairs to the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool expected to take to complete and at what costs?

Response: Whilst Council has selected a preferred tenderer, contract negotiations with that tenderer are not yet finalised. Once the contract is finalised the information on who the tenderer is, and the contract sum can be released to the public. As has been previously announced however the works are anticipated to be completed by the middle of 2026.

Q2: Is the contract fixed price or are council anticipating additional expenses to complete repairs?

Response: The contract will be fixed price, however the final expenditure will be subject to any potential variations or additional works that may present, noting the works involve the upgrading of a 61-year-old facility.

Q3: What is the total cost of Council administration of the 5 million allocated for repairs of the pool? How much of this fund is left after this delayed process

Response: The full \$5M grant is allocated to the repairs of the pool.

Q4: Are the Council just stalling repairs, until a federal grant for the proposed new aquatic facility is allocated, so as not to repair and reopen of the existing pool?

Response: No. As detailed above Council has selected a preferred tenderer, however contract negotiations with that tenderer are not yet finalised. Once the contract is finalised the information on who the tenderer is, and the contract sum will be released publicly.

Question with notice – Angela Strk, Rosetta

Q1: Given the Moonah Art Centre is, according to the Australian Building Code, a Class 9b building 'an assembly building', is the Moonah Art Centre acting illegally by no longer providing single sex toilets for women (and men)? Currently, all toilets at the Moonah Art Centre have been changed to be labelled 'all gender' despite the one , large singular hand-washing sink being outside the set of toilet cubicles? When originally opened, this was not the case at the MAC. If found to be acting illegally, will council make the MAC comply with the law and provide single sex toilets and label them as such? Given Glenorchy's multicultural and multi-faith make up, it's prohibitive for women wanting to use and attend the Moonah Art Centre with no privacy given to women and their children to access single sex toilets , making it more likely they will self-exclude from using the Moonah Art Centre. Further to this, because all the toilets are now 'all gender' , only some of these 'all gender toilets' have a bin inside the cubicle for women to place menstruation biproducts in. Those 'all gender' toilet cubicles with a menstruation bi-product bin inside are only labelled in writing, with small written signs in English on random toilet doors. These particular toilets have no symbol for 'woman' on the door, to indicate the bin is inside, which therefore again discriminates against and is prohibitive to non-English speaking/reading women who can no longer just see a female symbol and go in confidence to a toilet section, where they would know - regardless of if they can read English or not , that the toilet cubicle would provide a bin for their menstrual products which these public amenities by law, and for women's privacy and dignity necessitate.

Response: Thank you for raising this concern. Council's Building Officer will undertake a compliance inspection and will notify you of the outcome in due course.

Question without notice – Manfred Gutmann, West Moonah

Q1: Will Council retract the false medical and scientific claims CEO Tony McMullen used on 24 February 2025 in his attempt to clear Council from responsibility and liability over the continuation of COVID vaccines in our community since I provided ample evidence to the contrary?

A1: [Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

Q2: Will Council in light of the TGA FOI 25-0058 showing TGA internal communication and their knowledge of contamination and integration risks, ask for additional independent testing of the COVID vaccines to ensure the safety of the constituents?

A2: [Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

Q3: Will Council seek a full financial audit into contracts that involved CEO McMullen in light of the grotesque oversights to ensure the community has not been defrauded by third parties?

A3: [Mayor] This question was taken on notice.

7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

Ms Mala Crew, Glenorchy

Subject of positive youth pathways.

The address included potential positive pathways apropos of addressing the issue with a belief that a joint effort will achieve a good outcome for the City of Glenorchy.

COMMUNITY

Community Goal – Making Lives Better

8. ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Mayoral Announcements

Reporting Brief:

To receive an update on the recent activities of the Mayor.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/SLADE

That Council:

1. RECEIVE the report about the activities of Mayor Hickey during the period from Monday, 21 April 2025 to Sunday, 18 May 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

9. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

File Reference: Community Safety & Crime Prevention Projects

Reporting Brief:

To seek Council's adoption of a Statement of Commitment on Community Safety in the form set out in **Attachment 1**.

Resolution:

SLADE/ALDERTON

That Council:

1. ADOPT a Statement of Commitment on Community Safety in the form set out in **Attachment 1**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

ECONOMIC

Community Goal – Open for Business

10. WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES & CHARGES 2025/2026

File Reference: Waste Fees and Charges

Reporting Brief:

This report recommends the schedule of Waste Management and Landfill fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year as required under Section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Early consideration of fees and charges allows for reasonable communication to the public and businesses for the 2025/26 financial year. It also allows for signage to be prepared and ready (e.g. waste management signs) and for receipting systems to be adjusted.

Resolution:

STRINGER/COCKSHUTT

That Council:

1. APPROVE the following Kerbside Fees for 2025/2026 financial year:

Service Type	2024/2025 Fees	Increase %	Increase Amount	Final Rounded Charge 2025/2026
Standard Services				
Residential Garbage - 140L F/N	\$117.70	5%	\$5.90	\$123.60
Residential Recycling Services 140L/240L F/N	\$115.50	5%	\$5.80	\$121.30
Residential FOGO 140L/240L F/N	\$89.30	5%	\$4.50	\$93.80
Change bin from 140L to 240L	No Charge	-	-	No Charge
Residential Garbage - 240L F/N (increase in bin size from 140L)	\$206.80	5%	\$10.35	\$217.15

Shared Services				
Residential Garbage Shared Service	\$117.70	5%	\$5.90	\$123.60
Residential Recycling Shared Services	\$115.50	5%	\$5.80	\$121.30
FOGO Shared Services	\$89.30	5%	\$4.50	\$93.80
Other Services				
Commercial Garbage – 140L F/N	\$204.60	5%	\$10.25	\$214.85
Group Home Garbage – 140L W (W140LCG)	\$357.50	5%	\$17.90	\$375.40
Commercial Garbage – 240L F/N	\$350.90	5%	\$17.55	\$368.45
Group Home Garbage – 240L W (W240LCG)	\$609.40	5%	\$30.50	\$639.90
Commercial Recycling – 140L & 240L F/N	\$115.50	5%	\$5.80	\$121.30
Group Home Recycling – 140L & 240L W (WLCR)	\$228.90	5%	\$11.45	\$240.35
Commercial FOGO – 140L & 240L F/N (New Service)	\$89.30	5%	\$4.50	\$93.80
Special Garbage – 140L F/N	\$235.40	5%	\$11.80	\$247.20
Special Garbage – 240L F/N	\$404.80	5%	\$20.25	\$425.05
Special Recycling – 140L & 240L F/N	\$228.90	5%	\$11.45	\$240.35
Special FOGO – 140L & 240L F/N	\$231.00	5%	\$11.55	\$242.55
Notes: 1. W – weekly, F/N – fortnightly. 2. All Residential tenements may upgrade their garbage service type from a 140 litre service to a 240 litre service fortnightly by paying the relevant charge listed above. There is no minimum number of residents required to utilise this service. Upgrades are required to be applied for by the resident/ratepayer for the property.				

3. Weekly collections are for unit complexes only. However, all individual bin service residents have the option to upgrade to weekly collection by arrangement directly with Council's kerbside garbage collection provider, (Veolia).
4. Special circumstance garbage, FOGO and recycling is a fortnightly service that manages a number of existing circumstances.

2. APPROVE the following disposal charges for the Jackson Street Waste Management Centre for 2025/2026 financial year:

Waste Service Type	2024/2025 (including GST & rounded)	Increase % (excludi ng GST	Proposed Final Charges Rounded 2025/2026 (Including GST & Levy)
Minimum gate fee	\$17	-	\$17
Passenger tyres	\$12	10%	\$14
Passenger tyres with Rims	\$21	15%	\$24
Light truck / 4wd tyres	\$22	9%	\$24
Light truck / 4wd tyres with Rims	\$42	12%	\$47
Clean fill (conditions apply)	\$77	5.7%	\$82
Brick / concrete / rubble	\$136	5.1%	\$143
Timber & Wood Waste	N/A	-	\$130
Green waste / vegetation (domestic)	\$134	5.1%	\$141
Green waste / vegetation (commercial)	\$157	5.1%	\$165
General waste – domestic GCC residents* (cars and single axle trailers only), and community groups	\$151	6%	\$160
General waste – Non GCC residents	\$196	6%	\$207
Mattresses	\$27	30%	\$35
Mixed waste – commercial / industrial / demolition / construction	\$285	5%	\$300

Metal	\$121	5.5%	\$128
Recycling	No Charge	-	No Charge
Domestic quantity of double wrapped asbestos	\$55 / boot load \$110 / small trailer load (levy N/A)	7%	\$59 / boot load \$116 / small trailer load (levy N/A)
Controlled waste / special burial – (Tas Police & State Health Only)	\$165 / special waste handling fee plus \$285 / tonne	7%	\$174 / special waste handling fee plus \$350/ tonne
* A driver's licence or valid ID would need to be presented to the tollbooth operator to receive the discounted general waste rate. Dual axle/Tandem trailers will only be accepted as residential loads that do not exceed 1 tonne, load exceeding this limit will be charged at a non-residential fee.			

Waste type (only when weighbridge is non-operational)	Charges 2024/2025 (including GST & rounded)	Increase % (excluding GST)	Proposed Charges 2025/2026 (Inc GST & Levy)
Boot Load (up to a maximum of 0.25m ³)	\$17	-	\$17
Green Waste Boot Load	\$17	-	\$17
Trucks GVM > 3 tonne to 7 tonnes	\$90.30	5%	\$96
Trucks GVM > 7 tonne to 12 tonnes	\$205.50	5%	\$217
Trucks GVM >12 tonne Single Axle	\$295.70	5%	\$312
Trucks GVM >12 tonne Dual Axle	\$364.20	5%	\$383
Dual axle trailers (behind trucks)	\$364.20	5%	\$383
Skip/Bin up to 4m ³	\$122.90	5%	\$130
Skip/Bin > 4m ³ to 8m ³	\$237.10	5%	\$250
Skip/Bin > 8m ³ to 12m ³	\$384.80	5%	\$405
Skip/Bin > 12m ³ to 15m ³	\$484.80	5%	\$510

Skip/Bin > 15m ³ to 20m ³	\$632.60	5%	\$665
Skip/Bin > 20m ³ to 25m ³	\$747.80	5%	\$786
Skip/Bin > 25m ³ to 30m ³	\$861.90	5%	\$906
Skip/Bin > 30m ³	\$1092.30	5%	\$1148
Compactors < 7m ³	\$290.30	5%	\$306
Compactors > 7m ³ to 15m ³	\$619.60	5%	\$652
Compactors < 15m ³ half full	\$461.90	5%	\$486
Compactors > 15m ³ full	\$1044.50	5%	\$1098
Compactors > 15m ³ half full	\$659.80	5%	\$693

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

GOVERNANCE

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11. COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES 2025/26

File Reference: Fees and Charges 2025/26

Reporting Brief:

To present the recommended Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year.

Resolution:

MARKS/ALDERTON

That Council:

1. NOTE the variation to fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year as detailed in **Attachment 1**
2. APPROVE the fees and charges for the 2025/26 financial year as detailed in the in **Attachment 2**
3. NOTE that fees and charges for Waste Management and Landfill are subject to approval as part of a separate report to this Council meeting.
4. AMEND the Schedule of Fees and Charges, if necessary, to reflect any changes to the recommended fees and charges for Waste Management and Landfill arising from Council's consideration of the separate report referred to in item 3.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

12. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2025

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Reporting Brief:

To provide Council with the monthly Financial Performance Report for the period ending 30 April 2025.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 30 April 2025 as set out in **Attachment 1**.

Resolution:

MARKS/STRINGER

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the Financial Performance Report for the year-to-date ending 30 April 2025 as set out in **Attachment 1**.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

13. PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS REPORT

File Reference: Governance

Reporting Brief:

To inform Council of procurement exemptions from Council's legislated procurement requirements.

Resolution:

COCKSHUTT/KING

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the abridged quotation process for the Additional Water Level Sites for Flood Monitoring Network project. The expenditure on the relevant project was \$63,258.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

Question without notice – Alderman Alderton

Q1: I have noticed that the shrine for the young fellow who passed away tragically at Main Road, Austins Ferry, it looks like everything has been cleaned up and returned to how it was originally. Have the items been relocated and have Council found another space for them?

A1: [Acting Director Infrastructure and Development] Yes, all items were collected a few weeks after the funeral and returned to the family with their consent.

Question without notice – Alderman Slade

Q1: It came up recently at our Safer City Committee that these type of monuments is very important to families and those grieving. We have had a number of them over the years. I am hoping the CEO can direct me a little bit more, but perhaps we are looking at a potential place of remembrance?

A1: [CEO] I think there was a general discussion around the potential for a place of remembrance to be identified in the City. This will require further investigation.

Resolution:

SLADE/RIDLER

That the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion of matters that are described in Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 4:08pm.

CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Closed session commenced at 4:08pm.

15. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

16. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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17. AUDIT PANEL MINUTES

This item is to be considered at a closed meeting of the Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Regulation 15(2)(g) (Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential).

18. NOTICES OF MOTIONS – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE (CLOSED)

Resolution:

ALDERTON/SLADE

That the meeting be moved back into open Council.

The motion was put.

FOR: Aldermen Alderton, Cockshutt, Hickey, King, Marks, Ridler, Slade, Stringer and Yaxley

AGAINST:

The motion was CARRIED.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:23pm.

Confirmed,

CHAIR