

MINUTES

Glenorchy City Council Meeting

held at the Council Chambers

on Monday, 28 September 2026

at 3:30 pm

Present (in Chambers):	Alderman Sue Hickey (Mayor), Aldermen Shane Alderton, Josh Cockshutt, Steven King, Tim Marks, Stuart Slade, Justin Stringer, Russell Yaxley (Deputy Mayor), and Councillor Molly Kendall.
Present (by video link):	None
In attendance (in Chambers):	Emilio Reale (Chief Executive Officer), Tracey Ehrlich (Director Community and Corporate Services), Luke Chiu (Director Environmental Services), Patrick Marshall (Director Infrastructure and Development), Christine Lane (Manager Stakeholder and Executive), Tim Douglass (Acting Coordinator Executive and Strategy)
In attendance (by video link):	Mandy Henderson (Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor)
Leave of Absence:	Alderman Peter Ridler

Workshops held since last Council meeting:

Date: Monday, 7 September 2026

Purpose: To present and discuss in an Open workshop:

- Tasmanian Transport Museum (TTM) - President Jeff Bronstein, provided details about TTM activities.
- Tasmanian Bike Collective (TasBC) - Anthony (Ant) Edler, provided details about TasBC activities.

Date: Monday, 14 September 2026

Purpose: To present and discuss at a Closed workshop:

- Tolosa Park opening hours.
- Glenorchy Pool opening celebrations.
- Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor (NSTC) – Building Tasmania provided a briefing on the detailed business case for the NSTC.

Date: Monday, 21 September 2026

Purpose: Site visit - tour of old Merton site within Wellington Park

- Discussed the history and how we work with the Bushfire and Environmental teams to plan fuel reduction burns and weed control, ensuring heritage values are appropriately considered and managed.

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 27 viewers and five 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 Islanders.

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

Ald. Peter Ridler was noted as an apology in accordance with an approved leave request.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (OPEN MEETING)

Resolution:

Ald. Yaxley / Ald. Cockshutt

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 31 August 2026 be confirmed.

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Council Elections

- Ballot papers for the election will be sent to all eligible voters from next Monday, 5 October 2026.
- If you haven't received your ballot papers by Monday, 12 October, or if they have been damaged or misplaced you can request a replacement supplementary pack from the TEC or come into Council and collect a new pack.
- Ballot papers can be posted in Australia Post mailboxes or dropped into Council at Customer Service where we will have a ballot box available.
- Polls will close at 2pm on Tuesday 27, October and counting will start from 9am Wednesday, 28 October with results known soon after that.

Campaigning on Council land or at Council events

- Candidates are reminded that they are not permitted to campaign on Council property or at Council events.
- This applies to the pool opening events this week, and includes
    - wearing clothing displaying campaign messages or "how-to-vote" material
    - distributing election, voting, campaign, or self-promotion material
    - displaying campaign signs, banners or other promotional material
    - canvassing attendees or seek votes
    - using Council staff, facilities, branding, photographs or the event itself for campaign purposes.
- Council officers have been asked to apply these arrangements consistently across all Council properties and events.
- If campaign activity occurs, the person concerned will be asked to stop the activity or remove the relevant material.
- If that does not occur, they will be asked to leave the property or event area.

Pool:

Site works

- The site works are now done with the team cleaning up the pool in readiness for the opening the Thursday at 6.30am.
- I think you will agree the murals on the pool building are a wonderful addition to the refurbished pool.
- We have had a history interpretation installed in the foyer of the building, which looks incredible.

Opening celebrations

- The First Splash event winners have been drawn and contacted.
- Following the first splash we will host an official opening ceremony at 10.30 on Thursday, 1 October, with key community members invited to attend this event.
- The celebrations continue on Saturday, 3 October, with a community pool party between 10am and 2pm featuring fun activities, entertainment, a free BBQ and plenty of reasons to celebrate the pool's return.
- Special guest Max Giuliani will be making a splash at the Pool Party. Come along to meet one of Tasmania's sporting stars, grab an autograph and photo as a keepsake of the pool opening.
- Pool entry will be free across the opening weekend, and we will be inviting visitors to make a gold coin donation if they can, with Council matching every dollar raised to help local children access swimming lessons.
- This is an exciting milestone for Glenorchy, and we can't wait to welcome the community back to the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool.

Pool slide

- I know many people have fond memories of the pool slide, and its removal has been disappointing for some in our community.
- The slide was removed because it had reached the end of its serviceable life and no longer met current safety requirements.
- The works completed at the pool are designed to extend the life of this much-loved facility while Council plans for its longer-term future. While these upgrades will keep the pool operating for years to come, they are not a full redevelopment of the site.

- Given the age of the facility and the significant investment required to install a replacement slide, Council does not believe it would be a responsible use of ratepayer funds for a facility that is expected to be replaced in the future.

- The good news is that plans for a future regional aquatic centre include a new waterslide, along with other family-friendly features such as a splash pad and expanded aquatic recreation opportunities.

- Council remains committed to advocating for the funding needed to deliver this vision and provide the modern aquatic facilities our community deserves.

Youth Hub

- Since commencing full-time operations on 1 July, the Youth Hub has established a strong daytime program, welcoming 2775 young people to participate in sessions that are run throughout the day.

- The average number of young people who attend our after-school sessions is 51 with an average age of 14.6 years.

- The strongest partnerships we have are with Cosgrove and Montrose Bay High schools, with a significant local participation from the 7010 postcode.

- The Hub is becoming an important pathway for vulnerable young people in our community, facilitating 33 referrals and service connections and supporting outcomes such as five Youth Justice participants completing the Full Gear Motorcycle Program, in partnership with education, health and community organisations.

- Continuous improvements are being made to support safe operations, including extending security coverage later into the afternoon.

- The positive impact of the Hub has been recognised by partners and Glenorchy Police, with Inspector Klug highlighting its contribution at the Safer Cities Working Group.

Advocacy

Glenorchy Jobs Hub

- With jobs hub funding due to run out in September next year, we have been strongly advocating to ensure that each of the seven state-wide hubs stay open.

- The results for the Glenorchy Jobs Hub alone are very impressive with over 2200 local people placed into employment and 1716 supported into training since it opened in July 2021. This represents over $76 million into the local economy with a return on investment of over 13:1.

- Funding advocacy has seen a number of State and Federal politicians visit the Jobs Hub over the past few weeks, a discussion with the Premier, and a delegation of Regional Jobs Hub representatives travel to Canberra to lobby the Federal Government for matched funding with the State Government.

Priority Projects

- Last Wednesday the CEO and I met with Federal Member for Lyons, Assistant Minister Bec White.
- With the imminent redistribution of Federal electoral boundaries, Glenorchy will make up 42% of the Lyons voting base, therefore this meeting provided us with a great opportunity to familiarise the Assistant Minister with our municipality and our funding priorities.
- We discussed the development of a regional aquatic centre, Tolosa Park, Humphrey's Rivutlet, housing and the Glenorchy Jobs Hub.
- We agreed to establish a regular monthly meeting with the Assistant Minister's office to deepen our relationship and stay up to date with Federal funding opportunities.

Media and Events

Northern Magpies Launch

- Last Thursday Elected Members attended the launch of the Northern Magpies Cricket Club where the club's new identity and outline the broader regional vision to connect top tier cricket with community were unveiled.
- The establishment of the Northern Magpies follows approval from Cricket Tas for the Northern Magpies to enter the Premier League.
- The Northern Magpies will represent Glenorchy, Brighton, Derwent Valley, Central Highlands and Southern Midlands.

Grow it Local

- This morning, I met with Grow It Local representatives Paul West and Darryl Nichols at the Chigwell Community Garden to discuss the Grow It Local initiative ahead of next week's launch.
- At this meeting we explored how the initiative can encourage more people to grow, share and celebrate fresh, local food.
- The Chigwell Community Garden showcased the important role community gardens can play in connecting people and building stronger local communities.

- We encourage the community to come along to next week's free event, on Wednesday, 7 October 2026, from 11am, to learn more about this free initiative – Grow It Local

Conservation Volunteers Australia Nature Hub

- Whist at the Chigwell Garden I also attended the launch of the CVA Nature Hub, a new nature-based program that will support people living with dementia, their carers and community volunteers to spend time outdoors and connect with nature and with others.

- Delivered by CVA in partnership with the Venture Out Living Lab at the University of Tasmania, and Glenorchy City Council, the Nature Hub will start next Monday, 5 October and run weekly on Mondays from 10am to 1pm at Chigwell Community Garden and nearby natural areas.

From the Shadows Sculpture Unveiling

- On Saturday world-renowned sculptor Rowan Gillespie's Orphan School Children Sculpture will be unveiled at St John's Park.

- The installation of this sculpture commemorates the untold story of 13,000 convict women and 6,000 Orphan School children in the early 19th century.

Moonah Nature Mates

- This Sunday the Moonah Nature Mates will meet at Jim Bacon Memorial Reserve between 2 and 4.30pm. Anyone who is interested in attending is most welcome.

- All tools are provided, you just need to bring gloves and wear sturdy footwear.

Glenorchy City Bowls & Community Club Open Day

- Glenorchy City Bowls Club will officially open their green for the coming season this Sunday.

- This event will include a challenge game between St Johns Park and Glenorchy City clubs.

Next Open Workshop

- Community are invited to attend our next Open Workshop next Monday, 5 October at 3.30pm.

- The two sessions will include briefings on the No Interest Loans Scheme and an update on the Glenorchy Sport Centre.

4 PECUNIARY INTEREST NOTIFICATION

The Chairperson asked if any Elected Members 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

Regulation 36, 37 and 38 *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*.

Question without Notice - Deanne Gillie-Shaw, Granton

Q1: **Can Council tell me what are the plans for the hydrotherapy pool since St Giles have stepped away from their agreement with Revive and the pool is sitting unused? Will the pool ever be open to the public and the people of Glenorchy?**

A1: [CEO] This question was taken on notice. I am not aware that St Giles have stepped away from their agreement because they have a contractual obligation to operate this facility.

Response: We have checked with Revive and St Giles and the above is not correct. The agreement is still in place, the hydrotherapy pool is open, and St Giles is providing warm water programs. General and booking enquiries should be directed to St Giles on phone at 6238 1888.

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 36, 37 and 38 (Public question time) Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, 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 - Eddy Steenbergen, Rosetta

Q1: **Trees between the pool and the rivulet have been cleared. Why were they removed and will they be replaced?**

A1: [CEO] The trees were removed to allow clear access for the installation of a new vertical steel boundary fence. Council intends to plant shade trees within the pool grounds; however, there are currently no plans to replant trees along the boundary. This is due to providing passive surveillance considerations, as the former vegetation provided cover for people outside the pool area being able to look in without being noticed. The removal of the trees improves visibility and allows any persons looking into the pool area to be more readily identified.

Q2: **What can you tell me about the tender for current review of planning processes and what are the resource constraints referred to in the project brief?**

A2: [CEO] Professional planning staff are difficult to recruit as they are in demand. Recent staff turnover has reduced planning resources and created resourcing challenges within the department. The review is focused on improving planning processes and service delivery, including how Council works with developers and the construction industry, and identifying opportunities to improve efficiency.

Q3: **The project brief refers to consultation with stakeholders. Why is the public not included in that consultation process?**

A3: [Director Infrastructure and Development] Council previously commissioned a consultant to undertake extensive engagement with community members and developers, and information from that process is already available. The current review is focused on internal processes and identifying opportunities to improve efficiency and reduce processing times, rather than undertaking further public consultation.

Question without Notice - Deanne Gillie-Shaw, Granton

Q1: **There are reportedly 22,988 copies of the *Gazette* printed; however, after speaking with a number of Glenorchy residents, many advise they do not receive a copy. Does Council contribute to the delivery costs of the *Gazette* and, if so, how much does Council spend on this each year?**

A1: [CEO] The *Gazette* is a privately owned publication. Council does not contribute to its distribution costs and only pays for advertising.

[Manager Stakeholder and Executive] Council purchases a small number of advertisements each month. The *Gazette* is distributed through the IVE Distribution delivery network, and properties displaying a "No Junk Mail" notice will generally not receive a copy.

Q2: **I was concerned that the messaging around no campaigning at the Glenorchy Pool Opening was directed at me, is this the case?**

A2: [Mayor] No. The communication was a standard message issued to all relevant parties and was not directed at you specifically.

Question without Notice - Suzie Shultz, Moonah

Q1: **The recent McKell Institute report, *Connecting Macquarie Point: The Business Case for Light Rail for Hobart's Future*, recommended that the Federal Government commission a business case for a light rail link, protect the northern rail corridor from road and administrative encroachment, integrate light rail planning into the Macquarie Point Precinct Master Plan, undertake a value capture feasibility study, and release unspent Hobart City Deal funding for light rail planning.**

Has Council considered these recommendations in the context of the proposed rapid bus business case, and does Council have any commitment to pursuing the development and consideration of a business case for light rail in the Northern Transport Corridor?

A1: [CEO} The business case for the transport corridor is currently underway. The State Government's Building Tasmania considered a light rail option some time ago and used strategic-level costings based on the Brisbane Light Rail project. Council has been advised that the estimated costs were relatively high, particularly in the Tasmanian context.

Building Tasmania has therefore identified rapid bus as the preferred option at this stage. It has indicated that infrastructure developed for the rapid bus network could potentially be converted to light rail in the future if circumstances and demand warrant it.

The report presented on this agenda notes that the current cost-benefit ratio for a stand-alone light rail project is relatively low. While the ratio improves if development occurs along the corridor, increasing economic activity in the area, it remains below the level generally required to support such an investment.

The preference for rapid bus also reflects its greater flexibility, particularly due to dealing with topography issues along future public transport corridors proposed to be developed to the eastern and southern suburbs, as services can be expanded through the addition of buses to the network.

Q2: **What is the cost benefit ratio? We often spend money in the short term that then gets wasted in the long term.**

A2: [CEO] The cost-benefit ratio for the light rail option is approximately 0.3 without the uplift associated with future development along the corridor. When the anticipated development uplift is included, the ratio increases to approximately 0.5 to 0.6. While this improves the project's economic performance, it remains below a ratio of 1.0 which the Australian Government would be looking for to provide 80% of the funding for this project.

Question without Notice - Pam Harvey, Montrose

Q1: What is the minimum size for a house on a block of land before it can be approved?

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

A response will be provided and emailed out, then added to the October 2026 agenda.

7 PETITIONS/ADDRESSING COUNCIL MEETING

None.

8 COMMUNITY

Community Goal – Making Lives Better

8.1 ACTIVITIES OF THE MAYOR

File Reference: Activities of the Mayor

Resolution:

Ald. Alderton / Ald. Slade

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the report about the activities of Mayor Hickey.

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

9 ECONOMIC

Community Goal – Open for Business

9.1 POLICY UPDATE: PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

File Reference: Policies by Directorate

Executive summary

The Public Open Space Contribution Policy and Enforcement Policy were last adopted by Council on 29 August 2022 and have been reviewed as part of Council's four-year policy review cycle. The responsible officers consulted with relevant Council staff, and feedback received through the consultation process has been incorporated into the revised policies.

The revised policies are presented to Council for consideration and adoption following completion of the scheduled policy review process.

Resolution:

Ald. Stringer / Ald. Marks

That Council:

1. ADOPT the Public Open Space Contribution Policy in the form of **Attachment 2**.
2. ADOPT the Enforcement Policy in the form of **Attachment 4**.

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

10 ENVIRONMENT

Community Goal – Valuing our Environment

No reports were on the agenda this month for this topic

11 GOVERNANCE

Community Goal – Leading our Community

11.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2026

File Reference: Corporate and Financial Reporting

Executive summary

This report provides an overview of Council's financial performance for the year to date ending 31 August 2026**.** The reported operational result is $194,000 favourable against budget.

The financial position can be influenced by several factors. This includes timing between the budget expectation and the actual occurrence of a financial transaction, as well as more permanent variations.

The operating revenue and expenditure position at the end of the current reporting period follows. It is important to note these figures are not cash but are based on accrual accounting as required by the accounting standards.

- Revenue is $70.384 million, recording a $34,000 unfavourable variation to budget.
- Expenditure is $14.736 million, recording a $229,000 favourable variation to budget.

As actual revenue and expenditure is tracking generally in line with the budget allocation, there are no budget adjustments proposed this month.

In relation to non-operating items that primarily relate to assets, the variation to budget can vary in scale as it is difficult to budget in advance of the source event:

- Capital grant revenue is $173,000 against the annual $1.278 million budget
- No non-monetary assets have been recorded against the annual budget of $2.625 million.
- Gain on disposal of assets / derecognition of assets is $63,000 against the annual loss of $1.375 million
- No assets have been written off against the annual budget of $700,000.
- There have been no monetary contributions received to date.

Disposal or writing off assets is not necessarily cash related but rather depends on the relationship between sale price (if applicable), book value, residual value and timing of the derecognition.

Year-to-date expenditure on the capital works program totals $1.940 million compared to the budget allocation of $1.289 million.

The Glenorchy War Memorial Pool has approximately 99% of the contract works completed as at mid-September. Final works under the head contract are being completed over the final week followed by commissioning and site clean-up.

Total project expenditure of $6.686 million has been incurred to date against the overall project budget of $6.500 million. Project expenditure remains on track, with approved contractual variations totalling $162,932 incurred to date representing 2.6% of the contract value.

The project remains on budget and largely on track for the 1 October opening, although the timelines are weather & operationally dependent as per previously mentioned.

Further details on financial performance, capital works, and variance analysis are provided in **Attachment 1** to this report.

Resolution:

Ald. Cockshutt / Cr. Kendall

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE the attached report on Council's financial performance to 31 August 2026.

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

11.2 POLICY UPDATE: GRIEVANCES INVOLVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

File Reference: Policies by Directorate

Executive summary

The Grievances Involving the Chief Executive Officer Policy has been reviewed following the completion of its four-year review period. The Policy remains fit for purpose, with only minor administrative and formatting amendments proposed. It is recommended that Council adopt the updated Policy.

Resolution:

Ald. Marks / Cr. Kendall

That Council:

1. ADOPT the Grievances involving Chief Executive Officer Policy in the form of **Attachment 2.**

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

11.3 NORTHERN SUBURBS RAPID BUS PROJECT ENGAGEMENT SUBMISSION

File Reference: Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project

Executive summary

The Tasmanian Government is undertaking community engagement on the proposed Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project from 8 September to 9 October 2026.

The proposal is for a rapid bus route between Claremont and the Hobart city centre, using existing roads and part of the former rail corridor between New Town and Glenorchy. The current proposal includes twelve accessible stations, with services every 10 minutes during peak periods and every 30 minutes during off-peak periods. The project remains in early planning and is subject to approval and funding.

The Greater Hobart Councils Partnership has prepared a joint submission for endorsement by Glenorchy City Council and the City of Hobart, as the two municipal areas directly affected by the proposed northern route. An accompanying executive summary has also been prepared.

The submission supports rapid bus for the northern corridor in principle and positions the councils as willing delivery partners. It also seeks:

- better public information and direct engagement with affected residents
- transparency about capital and recurrent costs
- a funded and sequenced land-use delivery program
- clarity about council resourcing and asset interfaces
- a defined role for local government in project governance.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the full submission and accompanying executive summary for lodgement by the Greater Hobart Councils Partnership before the engagement period closes.

Resolution:

Cr. Kendall / Ald. Cockshutt

That Council:

1. RECEIVES and NOTES the report on the Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project.
2. ENDORSES the Greater Hobart Councils Partnership Northern Suburbs Rapid Bus Project submission and accompanying executive summary, included as **Attachments 1 and 2**, for lodgement with the Tasmanian Government.
3. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to approve minor administrative, formatting and factual corrections that do not materially alter the endorsed policy position prior to lodgement.
4. NOTES that the Greater Hobart Councils Partnership will seek a briefing for the Partnership and elected members of Glenorchy City Council and the City of Hobart on the Detailed Business Case work program before the end of 2026.

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

11.4 NOTICES OF MOTION - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE / WITHOUT NOTICE

Question without Notice - Alderman Alderton

Q1: What protocols do we have in place for dealing with birds that may have passed away from the bird flu virus?

A1: [Director Environmental Services] Public advice is currently the State Government's responsibility and is given by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE). Violia and Southern Waste Solutions have proposed a dedicated bio-hazard bin to be placed at landfills and transfer stations for residents to dispose dead animals into, Violia would then dispose of the deceased animals via deep burial at Copping landfill, and discussions are underway with NRE about encouraging residents to use this service. Council has internal processes in place for bird flu carcass collections which includes reporting them and safe handling and disposal of them. Members of the public are told to follow NRE's advice - H5 Bird Flu | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania.

Q2: Are we equipped to deal with a mass bird event?

A2: [Director Environmental Services] Biosecurity/NRE will step in and provide the direction in the instance of mass bird flu mortality event. Disposal would most likely be directed to deep burial at Copping landfill.

Resolution:

Ald. Marks / Ald. Slade

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 2025.

The motion was put.

FOR:	Aldermen Hickey, Yaxley, Alderton, Cockshutt, King, Marks, Slade, Stringer and Councillor Kendall
AGAINST:	Nil
ABSTAINED:	Nil

The motion was carried.

CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETING BY THE CHAIR

The meeting was closed to members of the public and the live stream was terminated at 4:27 PM

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short break and members of the public left the meeting.

12. CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The closed session commenced at 4:29 PM.

12.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (CLOSED MEETING)

12.2 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

12.3 FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS PROCESSING TENDER 1060

This item is to be considered at a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, in accordance with the following reason(s):

17(2)(e) Contracts and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal

12.4 CONTRACT NO. 1061 FOOTPATH SWEEPING

This item is to be considered at a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, in accordance with the following reason(s):

17(2)(e) Contracts and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal

12.5 CONTRACT NO. 1407-A - MUNICIPAL PAVEMENT RESEALING PROGRAM 2026/2027

This item is to be considered at a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, in accordance with the following reason(s):

17(2)(e) Contracts and tenders, for the supply and purchase of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal

12.6 AUDIT PANEL MEETING MINUTES

This item is to be considered at a Closed Meeting of Council by authority of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025, in accordance with the following reason(s):

15(2)(g) (Information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the Council on the condition it is kept confidential)

12.7 NOTICES OF MOTION - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/ WITHOUT NOTICE

The meeting was moved from Closed back into Open Council.

The Open Council Meeting recommenced at 4:55 PM.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:55 PM.

Confirmed:

Chair