

Media release

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Glenorchy Acting Mayor Sue Hickey today said she was sickened and appalled to hear of a racially motivated attack against a woman in Glenorchy this week.

“I’m sure every decent resident of Glenorchy shares my outrage that this type of behaviour exists in our community.

“It is disgraceful, cowardly – the lowest of the low. To taunt and verbally abuse a young woman simply going about her business – it is completely unacceptable.

“Our community should be a safe and welcoming place. Incidents like this show we have work to do, in conjunction with Tasmania Police and other government agencies, to stamp out this type of thing happening on our streets.

“To have a person so traumatised that they fear going to work and feel the need to carry an umbrella for personal protection, is mortifying. I, like many other people who are aware of this incident, am simply sad and sorry – sorry for this poor woman and what she has experienced.

“I urge anyone who experiences or witnesses incidents like this – whether it be racial abuse or other acts of anti-social behaviour – to contact Tasmania Police immediately. This type of behaviour is against the law, and it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure we are doing whatever we can to stamp it out.

“Glenorchy must stand up and say loudly that this wretched behaviour has no place in our community and won’t be tolerated by anyone.”

Acting Mayor Hickey said she would be raising the matter with Tasmania Police and the council.

“While it seems extraordinary in this day and age that we have to work so hard to instill simple common decency, that is the task ahead of us. It is a task Council takes seriously and one we want to work with the community to solve,” she said.

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