

# Our Glenorchy



Glenorchy City Council trained fire fighting staff working along side the Tasmania Fire Service staff at the Goat Hills fuel reduction burn.



**Did you know?**  
One third of our municipality is reserved bushland.

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## Mitigating Bushfire Risk in Glenorchy and beyond

As summer looms, Council’s Bushfire Mitigation team has been hard at work to deliver a range of projects in recent months, aimed at mitigating bushfire risk and building resilience within our community. These projects, working with like-minded groups such as the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS), contribute to a cooperative effort, known as a tenure blind approach to mitigate bushfire risk to Greater Hobart.

To improve the safety of the local Collinsvale community, the team worked with the TFS to thin and remove neighbouring vegetation. This means in the instance of a bushfire, people who, as a last resort, need to seek shelter at the Collinsvale Hall, are better protected from an approaching fire front.

Works were also undertaken (mechanical thinning) to remove vegetation adjacent to fire trails in the municipality. This type of work means

that in the instance of a bushfire, fire fighters will have a greater advantage defending our city.

During a recent fuel reduction burn in the Goat Hills area (between Rosetta and Collinsvale) our team, who are trained in firefighting, provided on-ground support to the TFS while undertaking further mechanical works to the site, in preparation for the burn. This work, which at times can include private properties, is part of a coordinated approach through the Hobart Fire Management Area Committee, which aims to reduce bushfire fuel levels and risk at strategic locations throughout Greater Hobart.

As the Bushfire Mitigation team work into the summer months, bushfire risk will be monitored and treated. When it is deemed unsafe for recreational users to be in bushland areas, closure signs will be placed at reserve entrances to alert users not to enter for their own safety.

In 2021 the team will audit approximately 70 km of Council managed fire trails to identify priority areas for future maintenance work to support firefighting operations if a bushfire occurred. The preparation and maintenance of the trails will also benefit the recreational users who use the fire trail network to access Council reserves and Wellington Park. The team will undertake monitoring of bushfire fuel risk across the Glenorchy municipality, managing and maintaining hazard management areas, adjacent private property and surveying future work areas for natural and cultural values.

If you’d like to stay up-to-date with any fuel reduction burns or bushfires within the municipality check the Tasmania Fire Service website ([www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)) for further details. It also provides information on reducing bushfire risk in and around your own property.

**For more Council information:**  
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# Paws for Thought – Choosing the right dog for you

## SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO GET A DOG – CONGRATULATIONS!

We are a proud dog-friendly city. Our residents know all too well the lifelong benefits of dog companionship and the way these loving animals enrich our lives and our mental health.

**“Did you know Glenorchy municipality has one of the highest rates of dog ownership in Australia?”**

Council has more than nine thousand dogs registered in the city each year, and because of this, Council’s seasoned Animal Management team regularly responds to situations where it is evident the choice of dog may not suit the environment or the lifestyle of its owners.

Animals are not so different to us, they often get bored without appropriate stimulation. This results in our team continuously responding to reports of nuisance barking and behavior complaints.

So, if you’re looking to begin your quest for a four-legged friend, here are some considerations to take into account before you find ‘the one’.

Firstly, consider your living space and how much time your dog will be spending alone. Barking is natural to dogs, but persistent barking can become a nuisance and upset your neighbours, especially with more people working from home in recent months. The Animal Management team respond to many requests from people who may not choose to own a dog but find themselves affected by dogs in their local area.

In your search for a new companion, whether it’s a small, low maintenance, lap dog or an energetic exercise companion, it’s important to check out a dog’s temperament, exercise and grooming requirements and whether you can meet these needs in the long-term.

While you may have the money to cover the up-front cost of your new dog, make sure your budget covers your dog’s ongoing needs, including registration, unexpected visits to the



vet, de-sexing and vaccinations – it can become quite expensive! Contact your local vet and pet shop to gain further insight into the ongoing costs of maintaining a happy, healthy pet.

Always remember dog registration is a key part of responsible dog ownership, where, alongside Council, we can work with you to maintain a safe, responsible environment for your new furry friend.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Animal Management team **6216 6800** or email your enquiry to **gccmail@gcc.tas.gov.au**.

## Help us eliminate Hepatitis C

### ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW AT RISK OF DEVELOPING HEPATITIS C?

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus. Transmission can occur through blood-to-blood contact with increased risk from activities such as sharing injecting equipment or receiving a tattoo where equipment has not been properly sterilised. A simple test for Hepatitis C can set you on your way to becoming, and staying well—in fact modern treatments are so effective they can be life-changing.

Anglicare are offering a free test for Hepatitis C in December through to February 2021 at their Glenorchy office as part of the Tasmanian Government’s Eliminate Hepatitis C outreach program.

Testing is conducted by a trained nurse from Sexual Health

Service Tasmania in a confidential environment. Staff from Anglicare’s Needle and Syringe Program are also on hand to provide you with additional support, on request.

For more information ring Anglicare on **1800 243 242** or visit the website at **anglicare-tas.org.au**

For more information on the symptoms of Hepatitis C, go to the Hepatitis Australia website at **hepatitisaustralia.com**

**WHAT: FREE** testing for the Hepatitis C virus

**WHEN: 10.00am – 4.00pm every FRIDAY**, from 4 December 2020 – end February 2021. The clinic will be closed between 12.00pm and 12.30pm **No appointment is necessary.**

**WHERE:** Anglicare’s Glenorchy office, 436 Main Road, Glenorchy

**WHO:** Anyone who is at risk of developing Hepatitis C is welcome. You will need to bring your Medicare card and provide a contact phone number.



## 2021 IMMUNISATION CLINICS

18 January	17 May	20 September
15 February	21 June	18 October
15 March	19 July	15 November
19 April	16 August	20 December

**Salvation Army Centre, 2 Terry St Glenorchy, 9am – 10.30am**

dTpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) and Influenza (for seniors and infants) are available subject to availability.

**Please see your local doctor for travel vaccinations.**



More information? Contact Environmental Health **6216 6800** | **gcc.tas.gov.au**

# GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL



## Service arrangements during Christmas/New Year period

### GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL OFFICES

The Glenorchy City Council offices will close at 12 noon on Thursday, 24 December and re-open at 8.30am on Monday, 4 January.

### URGENT ENQUIRIES

Emergency calls only should be directed to Council's after hours emergency service on **6216 6600**.

### DOG AND ANIMAL CONTROL

For urgent calls during the office closure please call **6216 6600**.

### WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Waste, recycling and FOGO bins due to be collected on Friday, 25 December will be collected on Saturday, 26 December due to the Christmas Day Public Holiday. This includes units with weekly shared services. All other collections will occur as normal. Remember, wheelie bins must be kerbside by 6am on your collection day. During Council's Christmas closure period if you have any questions about your waste, recycling or FOGO collections please call Veolia Environmental Services on **6244 0000**.

### THE JACKSON STREET WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

The Jackson Street Waste Management Centre (the landfill) will be closed on Christmas Day. Normal opening hours will apply on all other days. Please go to the Jackson Street landfill website [jacksonstlandfill.com.au](http://jacksonstlandfill.com.au) for more information.

### RECOVERY SHOP

The Recovery Shop will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Normal opening hours will apply on all other days.

### TOLOSA PARK

Tolosa Park will continue to open every day, including Christmas Day from 10.30am to 8.00pm.

### MOONAH ARTS CENTRE

The Moonah Arts Centre will be closed from 3.00pm Saturday, 19 December and re-open at 10.00am Friday, 15 January.

### BERRIEDALE AND BENJAFIELD CHILD CARE CENTRES

The Berriedale and Benjafield Child Care Centres will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday, 24 December and will re-open at 7.30am Monday, 4 January.



Check out our new engagement platform and have your say about upcoming projects in Glenorchy – [letstalk.gcc.tas.gov.au](http://letstalk.gcc.tas.gov.au).

### EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



Wednesday, 20 January  
**Glenorchy Community Awards Presentation**

Tuesday, 26 January  
**Glenorchy Citizenship Ceremony**

Enquiries to the Events team via [gccmail@gcc.tas.gov.au](mailto:gccmail@gcc.tas.gov.au) or **6216 6800**.

## Watch Your Speed



**Above** Scott Longo of the Lions Club of Glenorchy City and Emily Burch, Council's Transport Engineer.

An average of 30 people are killed and 270 are seriously injured on Tasmania's roads each year in which speed is often a contributing factor.

The Lions Club of Glenorchy City are working in the community to raise awareness about reducing driver speed in Glenorchy. The volunteer group work with Council to regularly place a speed trailer out at various key locations on our city's road network.

The speed trailer works as a reminder to road users of the speed limits in place, a prompt to check the speed you are travelling and to raise awareness of driving for the safety of everyone on the road. The speed trailer road safety initiative is made possible through a grant from the Department of State Growth's Community Road Safety Grants program.

## New website, who dis?



**YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE A BRAND NEW COUNCIL WEBSITE** appearing in December with a new look and layout, designed to make it easier to find information about your city, and what's going on in the area and at Council. It's the same address with some exciting new features and functions! Check out [gcc.tas.gov.au](http://gcc.tas.gov.au) and keep an eye on our socials for more information.



# CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

## ROADWORKS

**Bowden Street** Windsor Street to Fairfax Road

**Cadbury Sports Ground Carpark** (Stage 2)

**Catherine Street** Kogarah Avenue to Kilpa Street

**CBD Revitalisation Project** Stage 3C (between Regina Street to Barry Street) kerb and channel, storm water and footpath construction

**Pitcairn Street Montrose Road** Intersection upgrade

**Road re-surfacing works** Various locations

## FOOTPATH WORKS

**Continental Road**  
**Cullen Street**

## STORMWATER

**Brooker Highway Goodwood** New stormwater main

## BRIDGE REPAIR WORKS

**Addison Street Reserve** Foot bridge

**New Town Rivulet** Road bridge

**Roseneath Rivulet** Foot bridge



# OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

## ROADS/STORMWATER MAINTENANCE

Footpath repairs, reinstatement works and general maintenance

Footpath pressure cleaning program

Litter trap cleaning

Road pavement repairs, reinstatement works and general maintenance

Stormwater pit cleaning, new connections, reconstructions and general maintenance

## VEGETATION CONTROL

City wide weed spraying in January

Garden beds and roundabout maintenance

Riparian reserve vegetation control

Road grading program

Rural roadside vegetation control

Signs maintenance

Urban vegetation control

## PARKS & RECREATION

City-wide new plantings parks and reserves

City-wide park landscaping and amenity clean up

## BUSHFIRE MITIGATION

Maintenance works of fire trail network in bushland areas

Planning and site preparation for planned burning program

## URBAN SERVICES

Graffiti clean-up on various sites

Park and Playground maintenance GASP, Montrose Bay and Tolosa Park

Street sweeping by schedule and reactive maintenance

Inter City Cycle Way maintenance

Tree inspections. Scheduled and reactive tree maintenance.





## Tree-mendous: how urban trees work hard for Glenorchy



Photo: Kelvin Ball - Tree at Cadburys Estate



### Did you know?

Areas that have a high number of trees are linked to lower crime rates than those without green spaces.

Most of us agree that trees make our cities much more appealing. A city without trees can look bare and harsh – sometimes called a concrete jungle. Trees add colour, shape and soften the effect of walls and hard surfaces.

Trees don't just stand around looking beautiful though, they provide a handy buffer to urban noise and cool city streets.

Extreme weather can have a real impact on people's health, especially the elderly, young children or people with existing health issues. So it's no surprise hospitals treat more patients on very hot days than they normally would. Trees cool hard surfaces by shading but also cool the air by releasing water vapour from their leaves.

We are more likely to exercise in inviting, green areas which can reduce the risk of some health conditions. Trees help us feel calm and relaxed and have been suggested as a factor linked with less crime.

Notably, one of nature's best multitaskers, trees purify the air we breathe, provide food and shelter to

wildlife and even have capacity to reduce flooding and remove pollutants from stormwater before it reaches rivers and seas.

It's true that trees can sometimes have effects we don't like so much. They can drop leaves and twigs which can be messy and slippery. Tree roots can get into weak spots in pipes and cause blockages. In severe weather conditions they can drop branches or even get blown over. However all of these risks and 'nuisance factors' can be reduced to a large extent by proper management. Well-managed trees provide us with more benefits with few disadvantages and gift us a beautiful city.

Council are in the final stages of drafting a 10 year strategy for managing trees on Council land. We will be asking the community for input to help guide the strategy. Keep an eye on our website [gcc.tas.gov.au](http://gcc.tas.gov.au) to have your say.

### NEED TO REPORT A COUNCIL TREE?

Send the details to [gccmail@gcc.tas.gov.au](mailto:gccmail@gcc.tas.gov.au) or call us **6216 6800**.

## WANTED: artists, crafters and makers of Glenorchy

Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) wants to show your work in the 2021 Glenorchy Open art exhibition and market!

Open to all artists who live, work, or have a strong connection to Glenorchy, the exhibition and makers market are a celebration our creative community.

It's free to enter your work in the exhibition and the market.

**TO APPLY FOR THE EXHIBITION OR THE MARKET, VISIT MAC'S WEBSITE [moonahartscentre.org.au](http://moonahartscentre.org.au)**

or phone **6216 6316**.



## Glenorchy Youth Task Force ready for 2021

The Glenorchy Youth Task Force (GYTF) are ready to say goodbye to 2020 (aren't we all?!). The group have spent the last few months rethinking and reenergising, and are ready to relaunch the longest-running council youth advisory group across Australia in 2021!

Long time member, Mitchell Woolley, has participated in the Task Force's activities for many years and sees multiple benefits from belonging,

"The Glenorchy Youth Task Force gives members skills to make positive changes in our world. It is also a great way to meet new people and give back to the community," he said.

The group passionately advocates for issues that affect them and other young people through raising awareness and hosting events in the community. These include highlighting the importance of mental health, physical health and wellbeing, supporting the LGBTIQ+ community and generally promoting the diversity, creativity and voices of Glenorchy's youth.

The GYTF are ready to hear from young people aged 13-23 who live, study, work or play in the City of Glenorchy! If you're interested in being more engaged in your community, learning to be a leader, meeting new people or working on the issues that matter to you, just fill out an Expression of Interest form on the Council website or contact Laurel Cuff for more details.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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**Stay in touch!**

We'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback on how we can best serve our community. Stay connected with your Council.

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