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The Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP
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Dear Premier

FUNDING TO REPAIR AND REOPEN THE GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL POOL

Congratulations on your re-election as Premier.

On behalf of Council, I look forward to continuing the excellent working relationship enjoyed with your previous State Liberal Government for the mutual benefit of our shared communities.

A key example of this strong relationship is the \$200,000 grant that your government provided for the Council-led project to investigate pool redevelopment and alternative options for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool (the pool) site.

I am pleased to advise that this project is progressing well, with extensive community consultation undertaken by the consultants. Council looks forward to exploring potential options for the pool site, leading to a concept design and robust business case for a future facility. This project will assist Council to identify the community's preferred outcome and support advocacy to governments for a long-term solution at the end of the useful life of the current facility.

As you would understand, since last year's closure of the pool for safety reasons, Council has received strong feedback in support of the urgent repair and reopening of the pool from pool users and community members within and outside of the City of Glenorchy. Many people have expressed their distress and disappointment at the closure of the pool and the uncertainty surrounding its future.

During the recent State election campaign, Council was pleased to hear of the Liberal Party's announcement of \$5 million in funding to support the repair and reopening of the Glenorchy pool. This announcement has given community members hope and an expectation that the pool will now be repaired and reopened.

I am advised this funding is sufficient to repair and reopen the facility and effectively extend the facility's life by an additional five plus years.

At its meeting on 26 February 2024, Council unanimously resolved to direct the General Manager to identify priority works required and start planning to safely repair and reopen the pool, while long-term solutions and funding are being explored.

In anticipation of the promised funding, Council has been working with aquatic engineering firm, Lacus, to determine a list of priority works to prepare the pool for reopening. We would welcome the opportunity to share this priority list with you as the basis for scoping the funding agreement.

With a widely held expectation in the community that the pool will be repaired and reopened with the promised funding, and with project planning work by Council officers now actively underway, I seek your assistance in confirming and expediting the release of the \$5 million funding at the earliest possible opportunity to repair and reopen the Glenorchy pool.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit to the pool site, please do not hesitate to reach out to me on 0427 351 987 or at Sue.Hickey@gcc.tas.gov.au or via Council's Manager Stakeholder and Engagement, Christine Lane on 0418 238 971 or at Christine.Lane@gcc.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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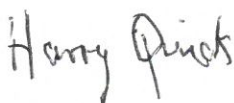
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