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## 17. NOTICE OF MOTION - ALDERMAN STUART SLADE - GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

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ECM File Reference: Notice of Motion

### Community Plan Reference:

#### Leading Our Community

We will be a progressive, positive community with strong council leadership, striving to make Our Community's Vision a reality.

### Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Objective: Building image and pride

Strategy: We nurture and celebrate our proud and vibrant City with a strong sense of belonging

Action: Welcome diversity and inclusion in our community, creating connections that enable a sense of belonging and acceptance

### Reporting Brief:

To consider a notice of motion by Alderman Stuart Slade submitted in accordance with the requirements of regulation 16(5) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

### Motion:

In accordance with the Notice given, Alderman Slade intends to move the following Motion:

- (1) That the Council elected members apologise to the greater Glenorchy City community, including pool supporter groups, for not initiating a public meeting as per their requests sooner.
- (2) That Council will ensure that all communications about the pool are conveyed promptly to the pool supporter groups and other members of the community – where it is clearly relevant and not breaching legislation.
- (3) That a letter is sent to the State Premier signed by all elected members requesting the \$5 million Glenorchy Pool election pledge is released to Council as soon as possible to expedite the earliest reopening of the pool.
- (4) That Council officers consider, during the pool planning and redevelopment stage, the possibility of extended hours of operation (up to eight months annually) with an improved heating system.
- (5) That the Council establishes a Glenorchy Pool Liaison Group (by the May 2024 Council Meeting) in consultation with pool supporter groups, State government and other stakeholders to discuss ongoing pool information and progress.

**Reasons:**

- (1) Recently several Glenorchy City Council elected members attended the *Save the Glenorchy Pool* public meeting and were able to fully understand why pool supporter groups initiated the meeting and how the sudden closure of the pool had affected the local community. In hindsight, delays in some communications about the pool and not selecting more appropriate communication tools may have contributed to pool supporters calling for a public meeting.
- (2) Under these circumstances elected members now have a better understanding of why the pool closure has caused so much frustration. The elected members now have the opportunity to recognise this breakdown and be willing to offer an apology with the ambition to do better for the greater Glenorchy City community.
- (3) Alderman Slade claims he is one Council elected member who knows what it feels like not being heard by Council and other tiers of government. He led the Rosetta Landslip battle in the early 1990's and fought consistently for rescue packages for affected landowners. He is pleased the Rosetta Landslip Committee obtained major gains for affected landowners under very difficult circumstances.
- (4) During the recent State election campaign both Liberal and Labor pledged \$5 million to reopen the Glenorchy pool. It is so important that Council follow up this pledge with vigour so necessary planning and redevelopments can not only happen but be seen to happen.
- (5) During the pool planning and redevelopment stage, Council officers should consider the possibility of extending the pool's hours of operation (up to eight months annually) with an improved heating system.
- (6) The establishment of a Glenorchy Pool Liaison Group by Council should be considered to provide ongoing nexus between the Council and all pool supporter groups. It is essential that this group has representation by all interested parties – Council, pool supporter groups, State government and other stakeholders.
- (7) Ald Slade is seeking support from his fellow elected members, to succeed in working towards one goal – the early reopening of the Glenorchy pool. This requires a genuine partnership approach with regular meetings and timeframes for a positive community outcome.

**Qualified Advice****Motion 1**

The public meeting held on 27 March 2024, was the third public meeting held on the pool (MAC yarn, MI Global one, and this one). Earlier offers by Council officers to attend community meetings about the pool were rejected by those community groups.

### Motion 2

All available information regarding the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool project is loaded on our pool website page as soon as it is available:

[www.gcc.tas.gov.au/discover-glenorchy/venues-and-facilities/glenorchy-pool/](http://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/discover-glenorchy/venues-and-facilities/glenorchy-pool/) .

### Motion 3

A letter, signed by all Elected Members, was sent to the State Premier and Nic Street, the Minister for Sport and Events on 23 April 2024, requesting confirmation of funding and the timeframe for a funding deed.

### Motion 4

The scope of the MI Global project includes exploring the possibility of extended hours of operation for the pool.

### Motion 5

On 25 August 2023, Council officers met with the inaugural pool action group in person to explain the issues and the reason for the closure.

Further, when the pool action groups began meeting, Council officers offered to attend on two occasions, and we were asked not to attend both times.

Council had originally made the considered decision to not form a focus group, but instead provide opportunities for the whole community to have input and get the same updates. Council provides regular communications and updates, and this is best done to the whole community (as per Point 2) rather than to a select group.

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At each Council meeting, if there is new information to share, it is included in the updates from the Mayor at the beginning of the meeting. This includes the Council meeting held on 25 March 2024, where the Mayor provided up to date information on the Hydrostatic Relief Valves.

### **Glenorchy Pool Liaison Group**

There are challenges to forming a Glenorchy Pool Liaison Group by the 27 May 2024 Council meeting. Further detail is required, and a prior Council workshop is recommended to help determine the format and clarify the goals of the group. Matters for the workshop could include:

- Format of the group – will the group carry out any actions or make any decisions?
- What is the purpose of the group?
- What outcomes are sought that are not already being realised?
- Who will sit on the group?
- Recruitment of members for the group
- Duration – when will the group no longer be required?

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**Attachments/Annexures**

Nil.