
4. STATEMENT OF LOCAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE FOR GLENORCHY WAR MEMORIAL POOL

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Community Plan Reference:

Valuing our environment

We celebrate our distinctiveness as a place, shaped by our well-designed buildings – both heritage and modern – and the urban spaces and lifestyle they create.

Strategic or Annual Plan Reference:

Valuing our environment

Objective 5.2 We improve the quality of our urban and rural areas as places to live, work and play.

Strategy 5.2.1 Make our City more liveable by providing and upgrading public places and facilities for people to come together.

Action 5.2.3.6 Investigate the future of the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool, including redevelopment or alternative options that promote the community's health and wellbeing.

Reporting Brief:

To brief Council on a Council-commissioned Statement of Local Cultural Heritage Significance of the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool prepared by Praxis Environment, enabling its release to the public.

Proposal in Detail:

The Statement of Local Heritage Significance (the Statement) was commissioned by Council on 12 September 2023.

The purpose of the study was to assess the historic heritage significance of the pool complex against the criteria set out for local Heritage Places in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme using threshold guidelines established by Heritage Tasmania for use in *Assessing Historic Heritage Significance*.

It was undertaken by Brad Williams, (BA.Hons Archaeology, G.Dip Maritime Archaeology, MA Cultural Heritage Management) Historical Archaeologist, Heritage Consultant and Director of Praxis Environment - an experienced cultural heritage practitioner with the both the qualifications and experience in local heritage planning necessary to undertake such a project to a demonstrably high standard.

The Statement of Local Historic Heritage Significance for the Glenorchy Aquatic Centre was commissioned by Council to help articulate the significance of the

Glenorchy War Memorial Pool in terms of the criteria defined for Local Historic Heritage Places in the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Glenorchy*. This forms part of a larger project being undertaken by Council’s Strategic Planning Unit and Heritage Officer aimed at evaluating the heritage significance of a number of Council-owned properties that have been previously identified as potentially suitable for heritage listing, along with review of a selection of Places currently listed in the Glenorchy Local Provisions Schedule.

Following a request from a community member, Heritage Tasmania had previously assessed the Pool against the criteria for listing on the Tasmanian Heritage Register and had found that it did not meet the threshold for such a listing.

Bringing this report to Council enables the Study to be publicly-released.

The Statement has been provided to independent expert consultants, MI Global, as part of the background documents for the pool redevelopment and alternative options project to inform their approach to the project.

Conclusion

The conclusion of the Statement, after considering the 7 criteria (A to G) in the threshold guidelines established by Heritage Tasmania for use in *Assessing Historic Heritage Significance* was:

that the place is of some local historic heritage significance against for the following criteria:

Criterion	Statement of significance	Embodied in
<i>A (historical)</i>	<i>The complex is of local historic heritage significance as it demonstrates a part of the suite of public infrastructure that was constructed at the time that Glenorchy transitioned from a rural municipality to a city.</i>	<i>The presence of a sporting facility in this location as part of a suite of civic infrastructure. The relationship of the architectural qualities and location of the main building with the Glenorchy Council Chambers provides some tangible demonstration of this historical association.</i>
<i>F (community)</i>	<i>The complex has community significance as a place that demonstrates community spirit through fundraising to construct a functional war memorial which has provided a place of passive commemoration for several generations.</i>	<i>This is not embodied in the fabric of the place, but the presence, amenity and nomenclature of the complex as a functional war memorial.</i>

Consultations:

Heritage Officer
Director Infrastructure and Development

Human Resource / Financial and Risk Management Implications:

Financial

The cost of the Statement was \$7656.00 including GST.

Human resources

The Study was commissioned within Council's existing staff resources.

Risk management

As the officer's recommendation is to receive and note the Statement, which will enable public release of the report, no risk issues arise.

Community Consultation and Public Relations Implications:

Community consultation

Extensive community consultation is proposed as part of the pool redevelopment and alternative options project to be undertaken by independent expert consultants, MI Global.

A public meeting is also proposed on 27 March in response to a petition. (See separate report on this agenda.)

Release of the Statement will make available to community members the technical assessment of cultural heritage significance undertaken by an expert heritage consultant.

It will increase the level of information available to the community to assist their participation in the forthcoming community engagement processes.

It is envisaged that an officer's report to consider whether or not to prepare a Heritage Amendment (which includes the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool site) will be prepared for the consideration of the Glenorchy Planning Authority in November/December 2024.

Public relations

The presentation of this report to Council effectively publishes it for the benefit of the community.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. RECEIVE and NOTE a Council-commissioned Statement of Local Heritage Significance for the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool prepared by Brad Williams BA.Hons Archaeology, G.Dip Maritime Archaeology, MA Cultural Heritage

Management, Historical Archaeologist, Heritage Consultant and Director of Praxis Environment as set out in Attachment 1.

Attachments/Annexures

- 1 Statement of Local Heritage Significance Glenorchy War Memorial Pool