



Glenorchy City Council Priority Projects

Glenorchy City Council is seeking funding to deliver priority actions that matter to our community. These important community projects will provide significant economic and social benefits to the people of Glenorchy and Greater Hobart. Funding these projects will provide lasting benefits to our City and ensure it continues to grow and thrive along with the broader region.

Tolosa Park Stage B Redevelopment

\$9M

A RECREATIONAL SPACE FOR GREATER HOBART

Tolosa Park, a 25-hectare regional park at the foothills of kunanyi/Mount Wellington, is one of Tasmania's most popular recreation destinations. It offers opportunities for bushwalking, cycling, family gatherings, and major outdoor events. As the Northern Suburbs gateway to Wellington Park and the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park, Tolosa Park is positioned to leverage Tasmania's reputation as Australia's leading mountain bike tourism destination with 1.6 million annual visits to Wellington Park.

With a \$6.2 million investment by Glenorchy City Council and TasWater, the park's former reservoir has been transformed into an outdoor parkland featuring walking trails and water features. The Stage B redevelopment builds on this investment to create a vibrant, accessible, and inclusive regional park that enhances community recreation, tourism, and livability.



Key Project Components

- **Inclusive Play Space:** A destination play area catering to all ages and abilities, with accessible pathways and equipment.
- **Community Facilities:** BBQ areas, shelters, seating, drink fountains, and modern, fully accessible toilets with parenting amenities.
- **Environmental Enhancements:** Native landscaping, irrigation systems, and footbridges over constructed wetlands and ponds.
- **Youth Engagement:** A full-sized multi-use games arena (MUGA court) and a pump track connecting to the Mountain Bike Park.
- **Cycling Infrastructure:** Partial realignment of the Criterium Track and car park extension.

Impact

The Stage B redevelopment aligns with community needs identified through extensive engagement and will transform Tolosa Park into a free public space for recreation, social inclusion, and healthy lifestyles. It prioritises accessibility for people with disabilities and affordability for Glenorchy's low-income residents, fostering community cohesion, well-being, and a connection to nature.

By investing in Tolosa Park's redevelopment, Glenorchy City Council seeks to deliver lasting social, recreational, and economic benefits for Southern Tasmania, ensuring the park remains a cherished asset for future generations.

FUNDING SOUGHT & PROJECT DURATION

The cost is estimated at \$9 million.

The project duration is estimated at 19 months.



Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Redevelopment

\$83.8M

IMPROVEMENT FOR OUR GROWING COMMUNITY

The Glenorchy War Memorial Pool has been a cherished community asset for over 60 years, providing recreational opportunities and honouring local servicemen and women. Following its closure in July 2023 due to significant structural issues, the Glenorchy City Council is pursuing the redevelopment of the site to meet the growing needs of the local and Greater Hobart communities.

A \$200,000 State Government grant funded a feasibility study and business case that confirmed community support for maintaining the pool at its current location. The redevelopment aims to transform the facility into a sustainable aquatic hub that delivers year-round health, social, and economic benefits.

The proposed facility will feature outdoor amenities, including a 50-metre pool, grandstand seating for 700, a splash pad, slides, picnic areas, and seasonal change facilities, alongside year-round indoor amenities such as a 25-metre lap pool, leisure and

toddler pools, a wellness hall, modern change facilities, a 1,500-square-metre gym, and support spaces like a crèche, café, and retail outlets.

Impact

- **Health and Safety:** Promoting water safety education, reducing drowning risks, and improving physical and mental well-being.
- **Social:** Strengthening community identity, fostering engagement, and supports inclusivity across all demographics, including multicultural groups.
- **Economic Growth:** Creating local jobs, supports businesses, and contributing to the generation of \$2.5 billion annually in health and social benefits¹.
- **Sustainability and Utilisation:** High utilisation rates and an estimated annual revenue of \$3.8 million with a strong business case, net economic benefit of \$7.1 million, and a benefit-cost ratio (BCR) of 1.07.

This investment will preserve the historical significance of the site while addressing critical community needs, ensuring Glenorchy and the Greater Hobart Region has a world-class aquatic facility that fosters health, economic development, and social connection for generations to come.

FUNDING SOUGHT & PROJECT DURATION

The cost is estimated at \$83.8 million.

The project duration is estimated at up to 10 years.



¹ Price Waterhouse Cooper's (PwC) 'The Social, Health and Economic Value of the Australian National Aquatic Industry, July 2021'

Humphreys Rivulet Path

\$17.5M

ALIGNING SUSTAINABILITY GOALS AND CONNECTING THE CITY

The Humphrey's Rivulet Path is a transformative project aimed at creating a safe, accessible, and well-connected 2.5-metre-wide shared-use pathway linking key recreational sites, including Tolosa Park, Wellington Park, and Glenorchy's city services. This initiative capitalises on the rivulet's natural corridor, which extends from kunanyi/Mount Wellington to the Derwent River, to enhance the region's active transport network and recreational opportunities.

Impact

- **Improved Connectivity:** Bridges gaps between Glenorchy's existing cycling infrastructure, including the Intercity Cycleway, Tolosa Street bike lanes, Mountain Bike Park, and Criterium Cycling Circuit.
- **Active Transport Promotion:** Encourages walking and cycling as sustainable transport options, reducing vehicle reliance and supporting a healthier, greener community.
- **Community Recreation:** Enhances access to preserved natural areas in Wellington and Tolosa Parks, popular for bushwalking and outdoor activities.
- **Flood Control Integration:** Aligns with community priorities to ensure effective flood management while improving public access and appreciation of the rivulet.

This project aligns with Glenorchy's sustainability goals and responds to community demand for enhanced walking and cycling infrastructure. It builds on the City's existing assets to strengthen its appeal as a destination for active recreation and sustainable living.

Funding support will enable Glenorchy City Council to deliver this vital pathway, creating lasting social, environmental, and economic benefits for residents and visitors alike.

FUNDING SOUGHT & PROJECT DURATION

The cost is estimated at \$17.5 million.

The project duration is estimated at 2 years.



Glenorchy Youth Hub

\$500K

SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH

Glenorchy's youth faces significant challenges, including social isolation, family violence, mental health struggles, substance abuse, and disengagement from education and employment. Generational disadvantage, family breakdown, and barriers faced by Indigenous and marginalised groups exacerbate these issues.

Glenorchy City Council, in partnership with local police and community organisations, has initiated programs focused on early intervention, education, and engagement. The implementation of these youth activities has yielded significant benefits, including improved student behaviour, engagement, academic performance, and parental satisfaction².

To build on this work, Council proposes the establishment of a safe, inclusive space providing essential services, support, and opportunities to empower young people and foster community connections.

² 2024 report on key measures from a high school in the Glenorchy Municipality.

Project Objectives

- Provide a safe and supportive environment for youth to gather and access services.
- Offer job training, substance abuse prevention, mental health support, anti-racism education, and career counselling.
- Foster positive behaviour, social inclusion, and educational engagement.
- Collaborate with not-for-profit organisations to deliver accessible, community-led programs.

Funding Requirements

- **One-off Setup Costs:** Computers, furniture, and equipment – **\$100,000.**
- **Annual Operational Costs:**
 - Youth Engagement Officers (2 positions) – **\$300,000.**
 - Stationery and minor equipment – **\$20,000.**
 - Food and consumables – **\$50,000.**
 - Utilities (electricity, rates, water) – **\$30,000.**

Impact

The Youth Hub will address the critical needs of Glenorchy's growing youth population by reducing social isolation, fostering community engagement, and promoting positive pathways. By creating opportunities and providing essential support, this project will empower young people to overcome challenges and build meaningful futures. Funding support is essential to sustain this vital initiative and create long-term social and economic benefits for the Glenorchy community.

FUNDING SOUGHT & PROJECT DURATION

The total cost is estimated at \$500,000 in 2025-26 and \$400,000 pa in 2026-27 – 2028-29.

The project duration is as soon as possible.

