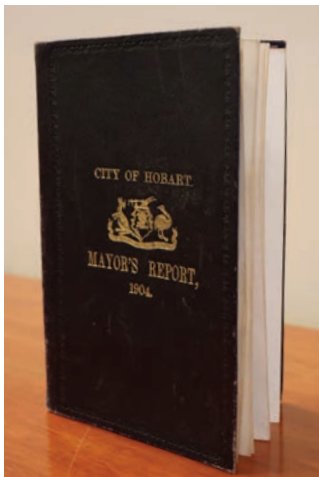




City of Hobart Lord Mayor Annual Report

November 2019–November 2020



City of Hobart Mayor's Report,
1904

Welcome to the first annual report of the Lord Mayor of Hobart for many years. We stumbled across a Lord Mayor's Report from 1904 and thought what a good idea it was and that it might be time to revive it!

The Lord Mayor is obliged to undertake specific duties set out in the *Local Government Act 1993*. These functions include:

- to act as a **leader of the community** of the municipal area
- to **carry out the civic and ceremonial functions** of the mayoral office
- to **promote good governance** by, and within, the Council
- to act as **chairperson of the Council** and to chair meetings of the Council in a manner that supports decision-making processes
- to act as the **spokesperson for the Council**
- to **represent the Council** on regional organisations and at intergovernmental forums at regional, state and federal levels
- to lead and participate in the appointment, and the monitoring of the performance, of the general manager
- to liaise with the general manager on:
 - the activities of the Council and the performance and exercise of its functions and powers;
 - the activities of the general manager and the performance and exercise of powers in supporting the Council.

I am thankful for the dedicated work team that supports the Lord Mayor in carrying out this legislated role and functions. I work full-time in order to fulfil these duties, which have been quite disrupted this year due to COVID-19.

I hope this report is of interest to everyone interested in the City of Hobart.

Cr Anna Reynolds
LORD MAYOR



Leader of the community

'to act as a leader of the community of the municipal area'

Below: Mayor in the Chair, Battery Point (November 2019)

Bottom: University of Tasmania, Town and Gown graduation procession (December 2019)



Constituent correspondence and meetings

The Office of the Lord Mayor has directly received and responded to 934 pieces of correspondence on a variety of matters via email and letter. Some of these queries and issues were able to be dealt with by research, discussions with City staff or referrals to more appropriate agencies.

As a result of more complex issues raised in this correspondence, Lord Mayor Reynolds met with 49 constituents, both in the office and at on-site visits.

Mayor in the Chair

Lord Mayor Reynolds hosted regular 'Mayor in the Chair' listening sessions for community members to raise issues or ask questions without making an appointment. These sessions are held in the Henry Hunter Room at the Hobart Town Hall and in suburban cafes around Hobart. During the COVID-19 lockdown period between April and June, Mayor in the Chair continued as 'Mayor on the Air' with an opportunity to chat via Zoom.

In the last year, 30 Mayor in the Chair sessions were held, including 10 in the suburbs of West Hobart, South Hobart, Lenah Valley, New Town, Battery Point, North Hobart, Hobart City, Mt Nelson, Glebe and Sandy Bay.

Community events, launches and official openings

Whilst COVID-19 interrupted and postponed many community events for much of this reporting year, Lord Mayor Reynolds attended, launched or opened 138 events.

Some of the more significant occasions included:

- Diwali Festival
- Official Opening of Max's Infinity Loop
- UTAS Town and Gown Graduation Procession
- Official Opening of the South Hobart Community Centre
- Hiroshima Day Silent Vigil – 75th Anniversary
- India's 74th Independence Day Celebration

Volunteers from 3DPPE-Tas creating face masks and shields for frontline healthcare workers (April 2020)



Civic and ceremonial functions

'to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office'

Below: First Citizenship Ceremony in the Hobart Town Hall since Covid-19 (July 2020)

L-R The Hon Rob Valentine MLC, The Hon Sue Hickey MP and Lord Mayor Reynolds

Bottom: Lord Mayoral Reception to bid farewell from Hobart to the RSV *Aurora Australis* (September 2020)



Citizenship ceremonies

The City of Hobart holds citizenship ceremonies on behalf of the Australian Government and Lord Mayor Reynolds presides over the ceremonies.

Over the last year, the City of Hobart conducted five ceremonies where 205 candidates became Australian Citizens. This was down on the usual number of ceremonies because of the pandemic.

School tours

Lord Mayor Reynolds hosts Town Hall tours for school groups to assist students to understand the history of the city and the role of Local Government in Australian democracy.

The tour includes time in the Council Chamber where local decisions are made every week that impact on Hobart citizens. Students become part of a 'mock' Council meeting and learn about Australia's third level of government.

During the year, 10 groups from St Mary's College, St Michael's Collegiate, Ogilvie High School, Sacred Heart College and Goulburn Street Primary School took up the opportunity to learn about the role of local government and its operations.

Lord Mayoral receptions

Upon request, Lord Mayor Reynolds hosts receptions for clubs and organisations to celebrate significant occasions or national or cultural days. Lord Mayoral receptions are held in the Court Room at the Town Hall.

Over the last year, Lord Mayor Reynolds hosted the following groups:

- Tasmanian Youth Delegation to COP
- Japan Cultural Day
- 2020 Royal Hobart Regatta
- Local Government Chief Operators Group
- Intercultural Sports League
- Hobart Farewells the *Aurora Australis*
- Children's Week Morning Tea

Children's Week Morning Tea (October 2020)



Official calls

As the City's civic leader the Lord Mayor receives official calls from Defence Force personnel, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and delegates from foreign countries. During the year, Lord Mayor Reynolds received:

- The High Commissioner of Fiji, His Excellency Mr Luke Daunivalu
- Commander Andrew Wright, the new Commanding Officer of Naval Headquarters, Hobart
- Commander Brendan O'Hara, Commanding Officer of visiting naval vessel, HMAS *Sirius*.

Speeches delivered

Throughout the year, Lord Mayor Reynolds made 64 speeches at various community events, official openings and launches.

Events

Over the last year, Lord Mayor Reynolds accepted 138 invitations to community events, official openings or launches.

She delegated 39 invitations to other Elected Members with special thanks to the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Helen Burnet for accepting to represent the Council at the majority of these opportunities.

Launch of the City of Hobart Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan (February 2020)



At the Nepali Society of Tasmania, Teej Photo Contest Winners (August 2020)

Packing 'survival packs' with St Vincent de Paul as part of Homelessness Week (August 2020)

Promoting good governance

‘to promote good governance by, and within, the Council’

As part of the Lord Mayor’s role to promote good governance by, and within, the Council, Lord Mayor Reynolds has regular meetings with the General Manager and Elected Members.

Lord Mayor Reynolds initiated and organised two Elected Member planning forums held during the year to provide the opportunity for the leadership team for the City of Hobart to discuss a range of strategic issues.

Lord Mayor Reynolds and the General Manager worked with the Council to introduce three new policies to improve the governance culture:

- Elected Member Behaviour Policy
- Elected Member Fitness to Undertake Duties Policy
- Elected Member Issue Resolution Policy

Chairperson of Council

‘to act as chairperson of the Council and to chair meetings of the Council in a manner that supports decision-making processes’

Lord Mayor Reynolds chaired 22 out of 22 Council Meetings between November 2019 and November 2020.

Because of the COVID pandemic, 14 of these meetings were held on the Zoom platform.

Spokesperson of Council

‘to act as the spokesperson for the Council’

Lord Mayor Reynolds provided 71 media events or interviews during the year including regular appearances on *ABC Breakfast* after Council meetings.



Council Meeting back in the Council Chamber post-COVID-19 (November 2020)

Represent the Council

'to represent the Council on regional organisations and at intergovernmental forums at regional, state and federal levels'

Intergovernmental Forums

Lord Mayor Reynolds is on the following bodies and intergovernmental forums:

	Meetings attended 19-20
Council of Capital City Lord Mayors	6
Local Government Association of Tasmania	11
Premier's Local Government Committee	1
Greater Hobart Strategic Alliance	10
City of Hobart and University of Tasmania Governance Forum	4
Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance	5
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability	5
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy	4
Hobart City Deal Steering Committee	2
Greater Hobart Act	1

Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership

L-R Mayor of Glenorchy, Kristie Johnston, Lord Mayor Reynolds, Mayor of Clarence, Doug Chipman and Mayor of Kingborough, Dean Winter



Council of Capital City Lord Mayors

L-R Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Sandy Verschoor; Deputy Chair Commissioner City of Perth, Gaye McMath; Lord Mayor Reynolds; Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore and Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp.

Meetings held with State and Federal Representatives in 19–20

	Meetings
The Hon Peter Gutwein MP, Premier of Tasmania	4
The Hon Elise Archer MP, Attorney General	2
The Hon Mark Shelton MP	1
The Hon Roger Jaensch MP	2
The Hon Michael Ferguson MP	1
The Hon Jane Howlett MLC	1
The Hon Sue Hickey MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly	4
The Hon Rebecca White MP, Leader of the Tasmanian Labor Party	1
Ms Cassy O'Connor MP, Leader of the Tasmanian Greens	1
Ms Allison Standen MP	2
Ms Anita Dow MP	2
Ms Ella Haddad MP	2
Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP	3
Mr Andrew Wilkie MP, Independent Federal Member for Clark	5
The Hon Jason Clare MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness	1
The Hon Jacqui Lambie, Senator for Tasmania	1
The Hon Meg Webb MLC	4
The Hon Rob Valentine MLC	1



Lord Mayor Reynolds and Premier the Hon Peter Gutwein MP unveiling the fast-charge station for electric cars in Dunn Place (September 2020)

At the official opening of the new South Hobart Community Centre (July 2020)



Lord Mayor Reynolds and Independent Federal Member for Clark, Andrew Wilkie MP

