



City of Hobart

Lord Mayor Annual Report

November 2021–November 2022

I'm pleased to present my third annual report for the year between November 2021 and November 2022

- The Lord Mayor's Office has received and responded to 1,190 items of correspondence (up from 1,073 in 2020-21).
- I've had 62 one-on-one constituent meetings, including at 20 Mayor in the Chair sessions held in places around the City.
- 185 additional meetings with organisations, businesses and government agencies and politicians.
- I've also launched or opened 169 events (up from 156), hosted 19 receptions (up from 11), run 14 Town Hall sessions for schools and provided 91 media interviews (up from 77).

All of this activity is central to undertaking the specific duties of a mayor set by the *Local Government Act 1993*. These 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 small dedicated team that supports the Lord Mayor in carrying out this legislated role and functions.

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

Cr Anna Reynolds
LORD MAYOR



1. Leader of the community

‘to act as a leader of the community of the municipal area’

Below: Mayor in the Chair

Bottom left: Our City Canopy launch

Bottom right: Lord Mayor and Hobart Dog Walking Association members



Constituent correspondence and meetings

The Office of the Lord Mayor has directly received and responded to 1,190 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 62 residents, both in the office and at on-site visits.

Mayor in the Chair

Lord Mayor Reynolds also met with residents via regular ‘Mayor in the Chair’ listening sessions. These provide an opportunity for community members to raise issues or ask questions without making an appointment. They take place in the Henry Hunter Room at the Hobart Town Hall and in suburban cafés around Hobart.

In the last year, 20 Mayor in the Chair sessions were held, including 11 in the suburbs of West Hobart, Glebe, South Hobart, Lenah Valley, New Town, Battery Point, North Hobart, Mt Nelson, Fern Tree and Sandy Bay.

Community events, launches and official openings

Lord Mayor Reynolds attended, launched or opened 169 events. Some of the more significant occasions included:

- Hobart and L'Aquila Sister City 25 year Anniversary Celebration
- Sparking Conversations, Igniting Action Launch
- Town Hall Organ 150th Anniversary Celebration
- SKAL Peace Promenade Dedication Ceremony
- Our City Canopy Launch
- Children’s Week morning tea



2. Civic and ceremonial functions

‘to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office’

Below, from top:

Welcoming new Australian citizens

Children's week school students



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 300 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 that impact on Hobart citizens. Students participate in a ‘mock’ Council meeting and learn about Australia’s third level of government.

During the year, 14 groups from Albuera Street Primary School, Fahan School, Goulburn Street Primary School, Sandy Bay Infant School, South Hobart Primary School, The Hutchins School and Waimea Heights Primary School took up the opportunity to learn about the role of local government and its operations.





Lord Mayor Reynolds with Evie Bresnehan, Darcie Holland, Finn Goddard and Hamish McGuire

Inaugural Children's Mayor Program

In 2022, we 'elected' the City's second Children's Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The program, as part of National Children's Week, saw Hobart primary school students encouraged to participate in local government, and experience life in Town Hall for themselves.

Students from schools across the city were invited to write their own manifestos as to what they would do if given the role of Lord Mayor of Hobart.

Lord Mayor Reynolds hosted a Children's Morning Tea where the winning manifestos were read at a formal reception in Hobart Town Hall.

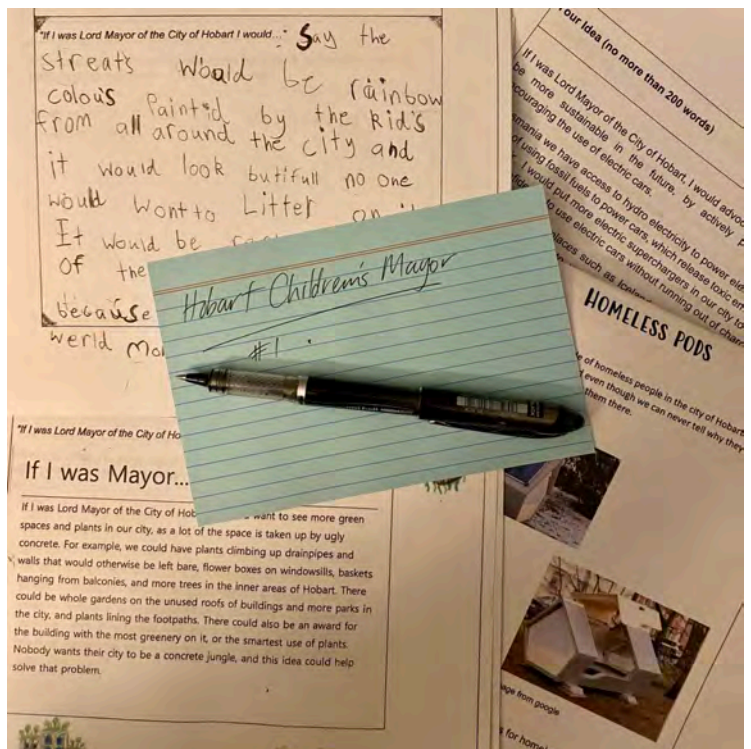
Finn Goddard from Lansdowne Crescent Primary School was declared the 2022 Children's Mayor for his idea *Let's make Hobart a green scene!* Encouraging more green spaces, trees and plants in Hobart.

Sandy Bay Infant School's Evelyn Bresnehan earned the role of Deputy Children's Mayor with her idea of painting the streets in rainbow colours.

12 manifestos were received from students attending a range of public and private schools within the Hobart local government area.



Children's Mayor submissions





Lord Mayoral receptions

Upon request Lord Mayor Reynolds hosts receptions for clubs at Town Hall 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:

- Australia-Japan Society
- Tasmanian Community Fund celebrating 21 years
- Zonta Club of Hobart celebrating 50 years
- 2022 Royal Hobart Regatta Association
- Award-winning Tasmanian Writers
- Great Southern Dance Company launch
- Honorary Consuls
- Bishop Bartholomew of Charioupolis-Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
- Tasmanian Society of Justices of the Peace celebrating 100 years
- Refugee Legal Service
- Tassie Nannas
- Lebanese Consulate
- Pakistan Independence Day
- Women's Cricket in Tasmania
- Lions Club of Tasmania
- Women in Black
- 2022 Royal Hobart Show
- Children's Week Morning Tea
- Embroiderers' Guild celebrating 50 years



Receptions, from top:

- Great Southern Dance Company launch
- Refugee Legal Service reception
- Bishop Bartholomew of Charioupolis-Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
- Women's Cricket in Tasmania





Images from top:

- Ambassador of France to Australia, His Excellency Mr Jean-Pierre Thébault
- Hobart Malayali Onam Festival
- Thanking the Deputy Lord Mayor

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, the Lord Mayor received:

- Chinese Consul General Mr LONG Zhou
- US Consul General Kathleen Lively
- Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia, Kuncoro Giri Waseso
- Ambassador of Finland, Her Excellency Satu Mattila-Budich
- Ambassador of France, His Excellency Mr Jean-Pierre Thébault
- High Commissioner of Malaysia, His Excellency Mr Dato' Roslan Abdul Rahman
- Ambassador of Vietnam, His Excellency NGUYEN Tat Thanh
- Commanding Officer and Senior Naval Officer Commander Mark Tandy, CSC and Commanding Officer and Senior Naval Officer Commander Andrew Wright, SC, OAM, RAN

Speeches delivered

Throughout the year, Lord Mayor Reynolds made 71 speeches at various community events, official openings and launches including:

- Secondary Schools' Science and Engineering Challenge
- Centacare Evolve Housing Ends Homelessness
- Hobart Malayali Association Oman Festival
- Tas Pride Festival Launch

Events

Over the last year, Lord Mayor Reynolds accepted 109 invitations to community events, official openings or launches. She delegated a further 69 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.



3. Promoting good governance

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

Liaised with the CEO to ensure the implementation of:

- Caretaker policy
- Seven-day new Elected Member induction program

As part of Lord Mayor Reynolds' role on General Management Committee of the Local Government Association, she liaised with Edge Legal and the Director of Local Government regarding the inquiry into safer workplaces for Elected Members. The final report was delivered in November 2022 and implementation will be discussed with the sector in 2023.

4. 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 18 out of 19 Council Meetings between November 2021 and November 2022.

5. Spokesperson of Council

‘to act as the spokesperson for the Council’

Lord Mayor Reynolds provided 91 media events or interviews during the year including regular appearances on ABC Breakfast after Council meetings.

While most media was local, she also appeared on national radio and TV about asylum seekers, short-stay accommodation and the William Crowther statue.



ABC TV Australia Story



Media for launch of Council sponsored Saturday Ferry service

6. 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 committees:

	Meetings attended
	21-22
Council of Capital City Lord Mayors	1
Local Government Association of Tasmania	7
Premier’s Local Government Committee	1
Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership	7
Greater Hobart Homeless Alliance	4
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability	7
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy	11
Greater Hobart Committee and Advisory Group Workshop	2

Local Government Association of Tasmania

Lord Mayor Reynolds is a member of the Local Government Association of Tasmania’s General Management Committee that comprises the President of LGAT, the Lord Mayor (by virtue of Hobart’s capital city status) and seven representatives from the North, West/North-West and South. She attended five meetings of the General Management Committee this year



Lord Mayor Reynolds attending Global Covenant of Mayors gathering at COP27.



Lord Mayor Reynolds with Maimunah Mohd Sharif, former Mayor of Penang in Malaysia and now Head of UN Habitat

Meetings held with State and Federal Representatives in 21–22

	Meetings
The Hon Peter Gutwein mp, Premier of Tasmania (Nov 21 - April 22)	3
The Hon Jacqui Petrusma MP (Nov 21 - July 22)	1
The Hon Guy Barnett MP	1
The Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP	3
Senator The Hon Carol Brown	2
The Hon Rebecca White MP	1
Mr Andrew Wilkie MP, Independent Federal Member for Clark	2
Ms Kristie Johnston MP	1
The Hon Meg Webb MLC	1
Ella Haddad MP	1
The Hon Andrew Giles MP	3
The Hon Jason Clare MP	2
The Hon Catherine King MP	2
The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP	1
The Hon Michael Sukkar MP	1
The Hon Kristie McBain MP	1
Chris Steel MP	1



From top left:

- The Hon Kristie McBain MP and Linda Scott, President of the Australian Local Government Association.
- The Hon Catherine King MP
- Minister Guy Barnett MP