



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS**

CUPS IN THE DOONE KENNEDY HOBART AQUATIC CENTRE CAFE

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 22 September 2021

Raised by: Councillor Harvey

Question:

Could the Director please advise if the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre uses disposable cups or washable cups in their café?

Response:

As of 4 September 2018 significant changes were made to the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre's (DKHAC) Café waste system. These changes included the DKHAC café transitioning from recyclable coffee cups to certified compostable coffee cups which are disposed of in the organic waste stream. Whilst the cups are disposable, they are also compostable.

The Centre also encourages the use of keep cups. In July 2018 the café implemented a 50c discount for people bringing in their own "keep cup" to promote the use. The discount has continued since and this month (September 2021) 403 people have received the discount.

The Café does not use washable cups as glass or ceramic cannot be used within the centre due to the likelihood of breakage and possibility of injury to bare feet.

Before the DKHAC participated in the waste minimisation project there was analysis conducted on washable cups being offered and it was found that an increase in dishwasher use would be a by-product of using an appropriate (non-glass or ceramic) cup. Concerns were raised during the compostable project around increasing our water use if we were using more in-house plates, cups and cutlery.

The DKHAC Café serves up to 200 coffees per day, which would be a significant increase in wash cycles if in-house cups were used.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Short', with a stylized, cursive flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Tim Short
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY LIFE

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