



LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 13 MAY 2013**

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Launceston City Council will be held at the Council Chambers -

Date: 13 May 2013

Time: 1.00 pm

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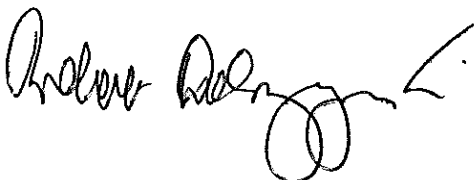
## Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

### Background

Section 65 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

### Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the minutes items for this meeting.



**Robert Dobrzynski**  
General Manager

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**Present:**                    **Alderman**                    **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**  
**A L Waddle**  
**A C Peck**  
**R L McKendrick**  
**R J Sands (1.05pm)**  
**I S Norton**  
**R I Soward**  
**D H McKenzie**  
**J G Cox**  
**D C Gibson**

**In Attendance:**                    **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**  
**Ms L Jackson (Acting Corporate Secretary)**  
**Mr D Gray (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)**  
**Mrs L Hilkmann (Committee Clerk/Admin Officer)**

**Apologies:**                    **Alderman**                    **J D Ball (Deputy Mayor)**  
**R L Armitage**

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1pm and noted the apologies of Alderman Ball and Alderman Armitage.

## 2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 29 April 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

### DECISION: 13/05/2013

### RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D C Gibson, seconded Alderman J G Cox.

That Recommendation 1 be adopted.

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald J D Ball, Ald R L Armitage, R J Sands.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 9:0**

Alderman R J Sands attended the meeting at 1.05pm.

## 4 DEPUTATION

Nil

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**5 ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME**

Meeting Date and Item No.	File No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
29 April 2013 9.1		<p>Aldermen's Question: Alderman R I Soward asked:</p> <p>Regarding the previous Notice of Motion "Tidy City Partnership" previously passed by Council, can Council provide a list of discussions that have taken place with relevant schools?</p>	<p>Response provided at meeting:</p> <p>This question was taken on notice</p> <p>Further reply - The December 2010 Notice of Motion referred to the establishment of a "Looking after our backyard' partnership with Launceston based schools to keep their local area litter free. No resources were allocated to this program. A project was scoped in 2012, however, due to concerns with the Council's liability as the initiator of such a scheme and the need to ensure that job site safety assessments were conducted for activities, the project was not pursued. Currently the Council does not have sufficient resources to progress the project.</p>	Michael Stretton



Meeting Date and Item No.	File No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
			<p>It should be noted that Tamar NRM currently have school landcare partnerships with Launceston Church Grammar School, Scotch Oakburn College and Youngtown Primary School. These partnerships involve initiatives such as school tree days, rehabilitation and revegetation projects and educational forums. There is an intention to enter into partnerships with more schools in the future.</p>	
<p>15 April 2013 9.2</p>		<p>Aldermen's Question: Alderman J D Ball asked:</p> <p>Can an update please be provided in regards to the Notice of Motion regarding Launceston's Chinese narrative?</p> <p>This question was taken on notice</p>	<p>Answer to Ald Ball further request for clarification The November 2012 Notice of Motion (Exploring Launceston's Chinese Story), called for a</p>	<p>Michael Stretton</p>

Meeting Date and Item No.	File No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
			<p>report to be provided to the Council on a process to develop a historical narrative that highlights the significant events, personages and places that feature in Launceston's 'Chinese story', to explore the costs and benefits of translation of the most significant and interesting information relating to Launceston's Chinese story and to explore the cost/benefits of having aspects of Launceston's Chinese story made available through a phone application accessed through electronic markers placed at key sites around Launceston which relate to Chinese heritage and history.</p>	

Meeting Date and Item No.	File No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
			<p>The Council is currently undertaking a project to identify key interpretative themes for Launceston (Launceston's stories) and the Chinese story is being considered as part of this project. The costs and benefits of translating Launceston's key stories will be completed as a part of the interpretative project. It should be noted that a phone application is currently being developed as a part of the Trail of the Tin Dragon while it is intended to extend the interpretation of Launceston's stories to digital mediums once the project has been scoped.</p> <p>A report will be provided to the Council at the conclusion of this project.</p>	

## 6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### 6.1 Mr Kelvin Jowett - New Launceston Aquatic Gym Facilities

#### Public Questions:

1. What is the expected annual financial return on the proposed council operated gym fitness centre at the Launceston Aquatic after all operating costs have been met?
2. What staff numbers will be required to operate the centre?
3. What is the total staff number now employed to operate the Launceston Aquatic Centre including FTE staff?

These questions were taken on notice.

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## 6.2 Mr Kelvin Jowett - Bicycle Track Development

### Public Question:

**Question from Council Meeting 6 weeks ago - Are the bicycle tracks proposed for the Kate Reed Park and Trevallyn Reserve going to be separate to the walking tracks?**

**This question was taken on notice.**

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**7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR****7.1 Mayor's Announcements****FILE NO:** SF2375

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**Monday 29 April**

- Attended WTFN Tony Robinson Time Walks Program filming to tell the story of the Golden Hatchets

**Tuesday 30 April**

- Attended B&E Farewell for Gordon Hanson

**Wednesday 1 May**

- Launched "Bright Spark" - 2013 Tasdance Education Project
- Attended St Luke's Health Premier's Cocktail Party at Josef Chromy

**Thursday 2 May**

- Attended Charter Signing of Launceston Safer Communities Partnership
- Attended Launch of HH Scott Society, named in honour of the first Director/Curator of the QVMAG.

**Friday 3 May**

- Attended Government House Investiture - Presentation of Medals to Mr Alexander McNeil OAM, Hon Don Wing AM and Mr Rod Sweetnam.

**Monday 6 May**

- Attended Tasdance "Bright Spark" Performance at Earl Arts Centre

**Tuesday 7 May**

- Officiated at Sri Chinmoy Peace Run - A 15,000km torch relay around Australia

**Wednesday 8 May**

- Officiated at Neighbourhood House Week Awards - Aurora Stadium

**Friday 10 May**

- Attended Prospect High School Celebration to recognise the achievements of top students in the 2012 Statewide Literacy & Numeracy Monitoring Program
- Attended Cape Hope Charity Cocktail Party

**Saturday 11 May**

- Officiated at Fair Trade Fortnight Public Event
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## 7.1 Mayor's Announcements...(Cont'd)

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The Mayor further added:

- Monday 6 May attended the "Bright Spark" Performance by Tasdance. Noted an excellent performance and congratulated all involved.
  - Tuesday 7 May had the pleasure of attending the Sri Chinmoy Peace Run. Congratulated all involved and noted their World wide event.
  - Council received a "Thank you" letter from the Cancer Council recognising Councils generosity and support for their "Relay for Life" and passed sentiments to all Aldermen.
  - Friday 3 May attended Government House Investiture - Presentation of Medals to Mr Alexander McNeil OAM, Hon Don Wing AM and Mr Rod Sweetnam (Director Facility Management and Governance Services). Congratulated Rod for receiving his Australian Fire Service Medal and also noted Rod's previous acceptance of the Emergency Services Medal.
  - Noted Football game on Saturday 18 May. Encouraged all to attend.
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**8 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS**

**8.1 Alderman Gibson - Launceston Safer Community Partnerships**

**Alderman D C Gibson reported:**

- **Thursday 2 May Launceston Safer Community Partnerships presented to the community a charter signing event. Representatives from Council, Education, Government agencies and Tasmanian Police were noted. Noted the success of the event, with mentions of good promotions and a radio interview on ABC.**
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## 8.2 Alderman McKenzie - Access Advisory Committee Meeting

Alderman D H McKenzie reported:

- The Access Advisory Committee met last week and will be undertaking a review of disability car spaces in the CBD.
  - At the same meeting a discussion regarding the use of buses by disabled patrons has also raised some issues for review.
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## 8.3 Alderman Peck - CityProm Board Meeting

Alderman A C Peck reported:

- **Advised that the CityProm Board Meeting scheduled for last Tuesday has been rescheduled for Tuesday 14 May. Details will be available next meeting.**
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**8.4 Alderman McKendrick - LGH and Franklin House Sculpture Exhibition**

**Alderman R L McKendrick reported:**

- **Attended meeting last week with the Launceston General Hospital Consumer Reference Group and noted in the newspaper there was a call for interested people within the community to phone the hospital for information on how to join this committee.**
  - **Tuesday 14 May, scheduled meeting with people from Launceston General Hospital to discuss issues such as services and patient care.**
  - **Attended the Franklin House Sculpture Exhibition. Noted it as one of the most entertaining, best and funniest launches. Congratulated participants for their initiative and creativity.**
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**9 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN****9.1 Alderman Peck - Notice of Motion - Electronic Sign**

**Aldermen's Question: Alderman A C Peck asked:**

**Regarding a Notice of Motion put forth and supported for an electronic sign on the corner of Brisbane and St John's Street. As Council are currently in the final stages of budgets, can Council provide an update as to where this Motion is at?**

**The question was taken on notice.**

**The General Manager offered a preliminary response.**

**Two considerations to be aware of:**

- 1. It is prohibited under the Planning Scheme**
- 2. Is it more desirable to put it in the CBD Master Plan that is being done from the Central Area Strategy.**

**These considerations will go into the Alderman Briefing Paper this week.**

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**9.2 Alderman McKendrick - Franklin House - Location with Historic Value**

**Aldermen's Question: Alderman R L McKendrick asked:**

**Received a publication from Business Events Tasmania listing locations with historic value and noticed that Franking House has not been included. Does Council have input in this? If so, can we contact them for a reprint to include Franklin House?**

**The question was taken on notice.**

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**10 COMMITTEE REPORTS****10.1 Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting - 18 April 2013****FILE NO:** SF3177**AUTHOR:** Rod Sweetnam (Director Facility Management & Governance Services)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive and consider a report from the Municipal Emergency Management Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report from the Municipal Emergency Management Committee meeting held on Thursday, 18 April 2013 be received.

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**Mr A Frost (Acting Director Facility Management and Governance Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION:** 13/05/2013**RESOLUTION:** (1):**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman R I Soward.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

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**10.2 Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting - 6 May 2013****FILE NO:** SF4401**AUTHOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive and consider a report from the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report from the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee meeting held on 6 May 2013 be received.

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**Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION:** 13/05/2013**RESOLUTION:** (1):

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.**

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

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**11    PETITIONS**

**Nil**

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**18 CORPORATE SERVICES****18.1 Council Boundary Adjustment (Minor)****FILE NO:** SF4548 / 30181 / 60220**AUTHOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To determine whether to give in principle support for a minor change to the boundary between the Launceston City Council and the George Town Council.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Council provides in principle agreement to:
    - a) a boundary adjustment that would place the whole of a property at 262 Lees Road, Pipers River (PID 1549652 and 1549636, Title 47205/3) within the Launceston City municipal area; and
    - b) a boundary adjustment that would place the whole of a property at 400 Colgraves Road, Pipers River (PID 3030467 and 7248500, Title 458876/1) within the George Town municipal area.
  2. That the State Government (Department of Premier and Cabinet) and the property owners be advised of the decision.
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**Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 13/05/2013****RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman R J Sands.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

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**19 GENERAL MANAGER****19.1 Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report****FILE NO:** SF4493**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**That Council formally receives the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report for the period ending 31 March 2013.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.****DECISION: 13/05/2013****RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J G Cox.****That the Recommendation be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

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**20 URGENT BUSINESS**

**Nil**

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**21 WORKSHOP REPORT(S)**

**21.1 Workshop Report**

**FILE NO:** SF4401

**AUTHOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a report on any Council workshop held since the last meeting in accordance with Section 8(2)(c) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes the workshops as outlined in the table below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
6 May 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Budget 2013/2014</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft budget was discussed.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Bank Land Use Study and North Bank Master Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a presentation on the concepts and themes that are being developed for North Bank.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions with DIER on road projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior representatives of DIER discussed road projects in Launceston.</li> </ul>

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**DECISION: 13/05/2013**

**RESOLUTION: (1):**

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman R I Soward.**

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

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**22 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION****22.1 Information / matters requiring further action****FILE NO:** SF3168**AUTHOR:** Daniel Gray (Committee Clerk / Administration Officer)

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This report outlines requests for information by Aldermen when a report or agenda item will be put before Council or a memorandum circulated to Aldermen.

It will be updated each Agenda, with items removed when a report has been given.

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**The report was noted.**

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**23    ADVICE OF FUTURE NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Nil**

**24    REPORTS BY THE MAYOR**

**Nil**

**25    REPORTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**Nil**

**26    CLOSED COUNCIL ITEM(S)**

**Nil**

**27    MEETING CLOSURE**

**The Mayor closed the meeting at 1.17pm.**

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**UNCLASSIFIED MINUTES ITEMS:**