



**LAUNCESTON CITY COUNCIL**

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 12 MAY 2014**

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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: 12 May 2014

Time: 1.00 pm

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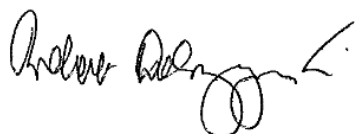
## Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

### 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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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

## 2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Alderman Ball declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 14.1.

Alderman McKenzie declared a pecuniary interest in Item 14.2.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 28 April 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

### DECISION: 12/05/2014

### RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman A C Peck.

That Recommendation 1 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 28 April 2014 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

### RESOLUTION: (1):

Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman D C Gibson.

That Recommendation 2 be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

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**4 DEPUTATION**

Nil

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

Meeting Date and Item No.	File No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
28 April 2014 10.1		<p>Question by Alderman Ball:</p> <p>Regarding the advertising of Launceston City/Events project, can Council provide a report/update regarding the project? Noted Production Company was contracted to capture events and moments around the City</p>	<p>Response at meeting: This question was taken on notice</p> <p>Further reply: The Council currently engage Southern Cross TV in an ongoing program to capture footage of events for council use in particular the 3 minute vignette that is used for tourism and events promotion.</p> <p>Events are also advertised through the data screens at the Visitor Information centre and on Destination Facebook site.</p>	Michael Stretton

Meeting Date and Item No.	File No.	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
			<p>In addition, in partnership with Tourism Tasmania and Tourism Northern Tasmania, the Council is encouraging all event organisers to enter their events through the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW). We in turn are entering into a contract with Choosevent to manage and enter local content via the ATDW. Our own staff will have the ability to enter information on our own behalf or that of third parties. Links to Choosevent will appear on our own websites. We anticipate this happening over the next couple of months.</p>	

## 6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

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**8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR****8.1 Mayor's Announcements****FILE NO:** SF2375

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**Tuesday 29 April**

Officiated at Turning of the Sod - Recycling Centre and Resale Shop  
Attended Uniting AgeWell Board's Annual Visit to Tasmania Luncheon

**Friday 2 May**

Attended Launceston Flood Authority Tour of the Tamar with Gregory Andrews, Assistant Secretary for the Environment and Sarah Meredith (Advisor to Greg Hunt, Federal Minister for the Environment)  
Attended Trevallyn Bowls & Community Club Presentation Night & Dinner

**Monday 5 May**

Attended Targa Tasmania Official Welcome Party

**Wednesday 7 May**

Attended Ambulance Tasmania Regional Awards & Recognition Ceremony

**Thursday 8 May**

Attended Austral Bricks Official Launch  
Attended UTAS Opening of Student Accommodation - Newnham Apartments  
Officiated at Civic Reception for UTAS Northern Health Initiative and welcome of new Provost, Professor Mike Calford to the Launceston Community  
Attended Ambre Hammond Piano Recital

**Friday 9 May**

Attended Clifford Craig Charity Gala Ball - "A Right Royal Affair"

**The Mayor further added:**

- **Monday 5 May attended the official welcoming party for Targa.**
  - **Noted UTAS opening of student accommodation. Welcomed Mike Calford to the community.**
  - **Noted National Youth Volunteer week this week.**
  - **Noted International Nurses Day Monday 12 May 2014.**
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**9 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS**

**9.1 Alderman Peck - Cityprom report**

**Alderman A C Peck reported:**

**Noted Members evening at Launceston City Council on Thursday 22 May.**

**Noted Draft budget circulated.**

**Announced Cityprom supporters card initiative, the card provides discounts within the CBD.**

**Noted Service Excellence Awards launch on Wednesday 28 May at the Star Bar.**

**Noted Super Saturday starting Saturday 17 May.**

**Noted Additional distribution of Hawthorn Football Club window shop kits.**

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**9.2 Alderman Norton - City Newsletter**

**Alderman I S Norton reported:**

**Reported on the young people's view article regarding discussions of safer driving.**

## 9.3 Alderman Gibson - Piano Recital

Alderman D C Gibson reported:

Thursday 8 May attended piano recital fundraiser at Queen Victorian Museum Art Gallery at Royal Park hosted by Pianist Ambre Hammond.

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**9.4 Alderman Ball - Pedestrian and Bike Committee**

**Alderman J D Ball reported:**

**Noted new cycling directional signage being erected around the City. Commended Council Officer Stalley Briton (Urban Designer) for her work.**

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**9.5 Alderman McKendrick - York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority and Hospital Consumer Reference Group**

**Alderman R L McKendrick reported:**

**Noted the Authority is close to providing usage statistics at Aurora Stadium.**

**Noted update of the Masterplan development.**

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**10 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN**

Nil

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**13 NOTICES OF MOTION - FOR CONSIDERATION****13.1 Notice of Motion - Alderman Sands - CH Smith Building****FILE NO:** SF5547 / 18870**AUTHOR:** Alderman Sands**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion from Alderman Sands regarding the CH Smith Building site.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

That Launceston City Council engage with the Tasmanian heritage Council, Brile Investments and others, to find a solution to the stalled development of the lower Charles Street site.

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**Mr V Fisher provided written communication to the meeting in relation to this item.**

**Mr M Stretton (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item**

**Ald J D Ball withdrew from the meeting at 01:38 PM**

**Ald J D Ball returned from temporary absence at 01:39 PM**

**Ald R I Soward withdrew from the meeting at 01:42 PM**

**Ald R I Soward returned from temporary absence at 01:43 PM**

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**13.1 Notice of Motion - Alderman Sands - CH Smith Building...(Cont'd)**

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**DECISION: 12/05/2014****RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R J Sands, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.****That Launceston City Council engage with the Tasmanian heritage Council, Brile Investments, to find a solution to the stalled development of the lower Charles Street site.****LOST 1:10****VOTE - Ald R J Sands****AGAINST VOTE - Ald A M van Zetten, Ald D H McKenzie, Ald A L Waddle, Ald R L McKendrick, Ald J D Ball, Ald R I Soward, Ald I S Norton, Ald J G Cox, Ald A C Peck, Ald D C Gibson****ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald R L Armitage****RESOLUTION: (1):****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman I S Norton.****That the appropriate Council Officer, General Manager, Mayor and Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee meet with Heritage Tasmania to request the appropriate area of the old CH Smith Site to delist and report to SPPC and then to Council.****LOST 2:9****FOR VOTE - Ald R L McKendrick, Ald I S Norton****AGAINST VOTE - Ald A M van Zetten, Ald D H McKenzie, Ald A L Waddle, Ald J D Ball, Ald R I Soward, Ald J G Cox, Ald R J Sands, Ald A C Peck, Ald D C Gibson****ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ald R L Armitage**

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**13.2 Notice of Motion - Alderman McKendrick - Meeting with State Cabinet****FILE NO:** SF5547**AUTHOR:** Alderman McKendrick**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion from Alderman McKendrick to write to the State Government to initiate coordination and collaboration with LCC Aldermen and State Government in relation to the future of the City of Launceston

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

That the Mayor write to The Honourable Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania inviting the State Government Cabinet to meet with Alderman of the City of Launceston at the Town Hall to discuss collaboration and coordination on priority matters relating to the future prosperity of the City

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**DECISION:** 12/05/2014**RESOLUTION:** (1):**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman R I Soward.****That the Motion be adopted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

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## DIRECTORATE MINUTES ITEMS

### 14 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### 14.1 Community Grants (Round 3) 2013/2014

**FILE NO:** SF5954

**AUTHOR:** Angela Walsh (Grants & Sponsorship Officer)

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Stretton (Director Development Services)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To respond to requests for Community Grants.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following recipients receive the recommended grant amounts:

No	Request	Details	Score	Requested	Recommend	Page #
1	Self Help Workshop Inc.	Governance Workshops for Community Organisations (July 2014 - January 2015)	97%	\$5,000	Approval \$5,000	2 - 12
2	Choir of High Hopes	Choir of High Hopes - Travel Assistance for Program Development	91%	\$1,200	Approval \$1,200	13 - 22
3	Northern Tasmanian Netball Association	Young Leaders Program (2014/2015 Netball Season)	91%	\$5,000	Approval \$5,000	23 - 33

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**14.1 Community Grants (Round 3) 2013/2014...(Cont'd)**

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<b>No</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Recommend</b>	<b>Page #</b>
4	Australian Youth Climate Coalition	Launceston Climate Leadership Project (June 2014 - October 2014)	86%	\$4,700	Approval \$4,700	34 - 45
5	Lady Gowrie Tasmania Inc.	Parenting Sessions (1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015)	76%	\$5,000	Approval \$3,750	46 - 56
6	The Tasmanian Writers' Centre	Conversations & Writing Support Program 2014 (1 July - 31 December 2014)	51%	\$5,000	Approval \$2,500	57 - 68

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**Michael Stretton (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of Agenda Items 14.1 – 14.3 inclusive.**

**Ald J D Ball declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting at 02:08 PM.**

**DECISION: 12/05/2014**

**RESOLUTION: (1):**

**Moved Alderman D C Gibson, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.**

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

**Ald J D Ball reattended the meeting at 02:11 PM**

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## 14.2 Review of Tamar NRM

**FILE NO:** SF3419

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Stretton (Director Development Services)

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To determine the Council's preferred funding model for Tamar NRM

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

SPPC - 5 May 2014 - Item 4.3

Council - 29 April 2013 - Item 14.3 the Council resolved to:

*Undertake a review of the roles, responsibilities and expectations of both Tamar NRM and the Council during 2013/14 to ensure that there are synergies between the two organisations that are providing the Council with sufficient benefits and value to justify the Council's ongoing contribution.*

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- 1) Notify Tamar NRM that its 2014/15 contribution will be \$117,100; and
  - 2) Prior to deciding upon its 2015/16 contribution hold discussions with Tamar NRM, West Tamar Council, George Town Council and NRM North to resolve the future funding and governance model for Tamar NRM. The Council's preferred future model includes:
    - a. The formation of a representatives group comprising two representatives from each of the three Councils and, possibly NRM North, which is reported to by the Tamar NRM Management Group. The two representatives from each Council should be an elected member and a suitably qualified professional employee. The composition of the Management Group would be altered to remove the Council representatives;
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**14.2 Review of Tamar NRM...(Cont'd)**

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- b. A requirement for the Management Group to prepare and submit to the Councils (or Representatives' Group) the following documents for endorsement each year:
  - i. a Strategy; and
  - ii. an Annual Plan with respect to the forthcoming financial year; and
  - iii. a Council contributions budget with respect to the forthcoming financial year.

And further, that the Management Group present annually to the council on achievements against the Annual Plan and Strategy and the proposed annual plan for which funding is being sought.

- c. a population based Council funding model for Tamar NRM; and
- d. a requirement that over the next two years Tamar NRM move towards funding its own on-costs and/or the other two Councils making an annual contribution towards the housing of the organisation.

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**Ald D H McKenzie declared a pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting at 02:11 PM.**

**DECISION: 12/05/2014**

**RESOLUTION: (1):**

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

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 10:0**

**Ald D H McKenzie reattended the meeting at 02:13 PM**

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## 14.3 Northern Regional Planning Initiative - Future Governance Model

**FILE NO:** SF5038

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Stretton (Director Development Services)

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a proposed future governance model for the Northern Regional Planning Initiative.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

SPPC Workshop - 5 May 2014.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Council resolves as follows:

1. The City Council believes it is in the best interests of the region to establish governance arrangements for the NRPI.
  2. However, the Council considers that it should be acknowledged there will be circumstances where priority planning considerations for a metropolitan council will potentially place the City Council at variance with other Councils within the region.
  3. In these matters, the City Council reserves unambiguously the prerogative to pursue the best interests of its residents in policy and strategic advocacy.
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**DECISION:** 12/05/2014

**RESOLUTION:** (1):

**Moved Alderman J D Ball, seconded Alderman R I Soward.**

**That the Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 11:0**

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### 19 GENERAL MANAGER

#### 19.1 China Sister City Opportunity

FILE NO: SF0175

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski

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#### DECISION STATEMENT:

Consideration of a proposal to pursue relationships between Qingyuan City and Launceston City (and region) with a view toward exploring economic, cultural and social opportunities which demonstrably provide potential for benefit to Launceston City (and region). Such exploration may also consider the desirability of ultimately entering into a Sister City relationship with Qingyuan City.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council:

1. Responds to correspondence from the Director, Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau of Qingyuan City Municipality, Guangdong Province People's Republic of China indicating that the Mayor of the City of Launceston would be delighted to host the Deputy Mayor of Qingyuan City and his delegation at a Mayoral Reception and meeting with Aldermen and community dignitaries, and awaits details of arrangements for the Deputy Mayor and delegation's visit to Australia.
  2. Accepts with pleasure the generous invitation by the Mayor of Qingyuan City for a delegation of City of Launceston officials to visit Qingyuan City in order to gain a better understanding of achievements that have been made within the City and to explore opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between the two cities.
  3. Liaises with the Director, Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Bureau of Qingyuan City Municipality regarding the future timing and arrangements to receive a delegation from the City of Launceston.
  4. Requests the City of Launceston Sister City Committee to consider and advise the Council upon a proposed itinerary for the delegation to visit Qingyuan City, including leveraging outcomes from the Premier's recent participation with the Prime Minister on a delegation to China and discussion with other potential stakeholders.
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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) withdrew this Item.**

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**20 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**21 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION**

Nil

**22 CLOSED COUNCIL ITEM(S)**

Nil

**23 MEETING CLOSURE**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.23pm.

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