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COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 23 MARCH 2015

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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: 23 March 2015

Time: 1.00 pm

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 agenda items for this meeting.

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Robert Dobrzynski General Manager

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 10 March 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
- 2. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Launceston City Council held on 10 March 2015 in closed session be confirmed as a true and correct record.

4 DEPUTATION

Nil

5 ANSWERS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC AND ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME

Meeting Date	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
-	Question Alderman Alexander asked: Who was responsible for the cricket event recently held in Civic Square and were residents notified regarding access to their property on the day of this event?	Answer Mrs L Hurst responded : The Big Screen Civic Square event was held on 28 th February as a part of the Summer Daze program coordinated by a collaboration of organisations (including City of Launceston) to leverage interest around a number of big ticket events (NAB Cup, Launceston Cup) by providing a live telecast of the World Cup Cricket match held that day. It was also an opportunity to trial an activation event for Civic Square as a key initiative of the Launceston City Heart Project. Local businesses in the vicinity of the event were informed of the event by way of a poster drop in the week of the event. There were no road closures in place or changes to access around the existing civic square bollards. All fencing was of a temporary nature and had the ability to be easily moved if access was impeded, and there were a number of visible representatives on site for requests of this nature. Prior to commencement of the event a site briefing was carried out with all vendors and suppliers, and they were notified who the event managers were if any issues arose. None were recorded. However, as Civic Square has been identified as a key site for events in the City of Launceston, officers will review	Officer Responsible Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)
		processes to ensure that business impacted by future events are fully consulted.	

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Meeting Date	Question	Answer	Officer Responsible
10 March 2015	Alderman Sands asked:	Mr A Fullard responded:	Andrew Fullard (General
	1. How much has the earth Levee on Lindsay Street subsided?	1. Subsidence of earth levees in Invermay is a well-recognised phenomenon with the original levees in the 1960's being constructed over ten years to accommodate the movement. Settlement of the earth levee in Lindsay Street has been monitored since commencement and is reducing as pressures equalise. Settlement varies along the levee with the greatest settlement being 900mm. Generally it has subsided approximately 500mm. Settlement is predicted to reach equilibrium in 2020. Please note the concrete levees are founded on steel piles driven to stable ground and are not subject to settlement.	Manager, LFA)
	2. What is the engineer calculated weight of the Lindsay Street Levee	2. The mass of the levee varies with its cross-sectional area which ranges between $32m^2$ and $52m^2$. This provides a mass in the range of 64 to 104 tonnes per metre of levee. The total mass of the levee is approximately 26,000 tonne.	
	3. What is the estimated cost to repair this level when the height and safety levels are compromised?	3. A budget has been set in 2020 to re-top this levee. The budget has been set at \$200,000. Reserve funds have been set aside for these works by the Flood Authority.	
	4. The cost to reinstate the Walkways after the remediation work is completed?	4. The cost to reinstate the walkways is included in the 2020 budget noted above. Reinstatement of the walkways, as a component, is anticipated to cost \$80,000.	

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7 PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil

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8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

8.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Wednesday 11 March

• Attended Welcome Function for Job Creation and Local Economic Development -An International Perspective - Hosted by Senator the Hon Eric Abetz

Thursday 12 March

 Attended Innovation Circle event with Deputy Premier, Jeremy Rockliff and Michael Ferguson MP

Friday 13 March

• Officially opened the redeveloped Launceston Waste Centre and Resale Shop 'Uptipity' and dedication of plaque for former Deputy Mayor, Alderman Jeremy Ball

Saturday 14 March

• Attended Riverside Aquatic Club and presented Swim medals

Sunday 15 March

• Officiated at St Giles Balfour Burn

Monday 16 March

- Officiated at private citizenship ceremony
- Attended induction of Reverend Steven Terrell, Chaplain to Scotch Oakburn
 College

Wednesday 18 March

• Attended Rural Alive & Well event

Thursday 19 March

- Judging Welcome Wall Project (UTAS) entries
- Attended Ten Days Opening Night Performance of Cardinals

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8.1 Mayor's Announcements...(Cont'd)

Friday 20 March

- Attended Beacon Business Partnership Group event
- Officiated at Public Citizenship Ceremony and Harmony Day Celebrations at UTAS

Saturday 21 March

- Attended Relay for Life Official Opening Ceremony
- Attended Centenary Celebration for the East Launceston Croquet Club
- Attended Riverside Lions 50th Celebration Dinner

Sunday 22 March

• Attended Harmony Day Celebration soccer game at UTAS and presented trophy

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9 ALDERMEN'S/DELEGATES' REPORTS

10 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

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11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 26 February 2015

FILE NO: SF2965

AUTHOR: Fiona Ranson (Urban Design & Heritage Planner)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee's meeting held on 26 February 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the report from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 February 2015.

REPORT:

The Heritage Advisory Committee met on Thursday, 26 February 2015. As this was the first formal meeting following the election of Aldermen, the Committee elected Alderman Janie Finlay as Chairman and Alderman Danny Gibson as Deputy Chairman.

The following items were discussed:

• Legislative Council Inquiry into 'Built-Heritage Tourism in Tasmania'

A draft submission was prepared by Council officers. This was circulated to Committee members, the General Manager and all Aldermen prior to the meeting. Comments received at the meeting were considered in the final draft and this was submitted on Friday 27 February.

A copy of the letter as submitted is attached.

Heritage Planning Review

Priorities for the coming years were agreed to be:

- Review of the Launceston planning scheme heritage list and nomination process
- Review of the value of heritage precincts
- Updating and improving heritage information on the City of Launceston website

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11.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 26 February 2015...(Cont'd)

• 2015 Launceston Heritage Awards

This year's Awards will include a new category focusing on works to landscapes and gardens. The Heritage Snap! awards for junior photography will be run again this year with the theme being 'Launceston's Industrial Heritage'.

- Commercial Travellers Association proposal to reinstate foundation stone at former premises
- The Building Code of Australia and National Construction Code 'Access to Premises' standards and their impact on heritage structures
- Revised development application for C H Smith site
- Tasmanian Heritage Council (THC) representation
- Noted that Alderman Robin McKendrick was nominated as a Local Government Association of Tasmania representative on the Tasmanian Heritage Council and his nomination has been accepted.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

N/A

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

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11.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 26 February 2015...(Cont'd)

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation. Leanne Hurst: Director Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of submission to the Legislative Council Inquiry into 'Built-Heritage Tourism in Tasmania'

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Attachment 1 - Heritage Advisory Committee (Pages = 2)

File No: SF2965 FR

Your Ref:

16 February 2015

Ms Natasha Exel Committee Secretary Legislative Council Parliament House **HOBART TAS 7000**

Dear Natasha

Legislative Council Inquiry into Built Heritage Tourism in Tasmania

I write on behalf of the City of Launceston's Heritage Advisory Committee and Council officers who deal with built heritage and tourism in Launceston.

As you may be aware, Launceston holds a large portion of Tasmania's significant built heritage in both public and private ownership and this is highly valued by the community and visitors alike.

Visitor surveys over recent years have revealed that the leading reason behind tourists visiting Tasmania is its heritage and we are passionate about continuing and increasing this trend by maximising the quality of the tourist experience and the promotion of Launceston's heritage assets. It is with this intent that we offer the following points for your consideration:

- Our built heritage currently plays a large part in the City of Launceston's branding and at times there has been a perceived conflict between this and the branding of the State by Tourism Tasmania.
- Thinking and spending in regard to built heritage tourism, are currently perceived to be focussed on Port Arthur and it is hoped that this Inquiry is intended to alter this perception, and ensure that other areas of the state and our history are more effectively shared with visitors and marketed to potential visitors. We believe that National Trust visitation records have suggest that the total number of visits to the north's National Trust properties rivals that of visitation to Port Arthur annually.
- The stories behind our built heritage are what make for a wholistic and memorable visitor experience. These are often not communicated by current marketing and tourist information. The sharing of the interesting and inspiring stories from our history is an area that needs to be worked on at all levels.



- There appears to be a lack of connection and communication between levels of government and other heritage bodies in dealing with the promotion of our built heritage.
- The Tasmanian Heritage Council and Heritage Tasmania appear to be focussed on satisfying the requirements of the Historic Cultural Heritage Act and offering technical advice to owners of heritage properties, but are rarely involved in the promotion of of our built heritage. It is suggested that there may be members and staff within the THC and the department who could offer assistance to this Inquiry, and to the further development of built heritage tourism, and also that there may be a need for increased resources in this area.
- It is noted that the 'Terms of Reference' for this Inquiry include the roles of Government, tourism and heritage organisations, but does not include the role of private owners of heritage assets which are currently, or may in the future, be involved in the experience of visitors to the state. It is the opinion of the Heritage Advisory Committee that these private operators are vital to the success of any Inquiry,and any improvements to be made in the development and promotion of build-heritage tourism.
- Though possibly not directly relevant to the terms of reference of of this Inquiry, the current issues around providing access for all to heritage properties are considered to be relevant to the broad success of built-heritage tourism in Tasmania. Please refer to the National Construction Code, Building Code of Australia and Disability Discrimination Act requiremeents in regard to access to premises.

If you require further information in regard to this submission, please contact Fiona Ranson, City of Launceston's Heritage Planner, on 03 6323 3370.

Or email Fiona.Ranson@launceston.tas.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Leanne Hurst
<u>DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u>



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12 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

The following Council Workshops were held on 16 March 2015:

- Parking Proposal Feedback
- Council compliance for Cats and Dogs
- Tamar Yacht Club Lease Negotiation
- QVMAG Governance and Operational Management
- QVMAG Governance Advisory Board
- Reimagining the Gorge Project Progress
- Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce

13 PETITIONS

Nil

14 NOTICES OF MOTION - FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil

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DIRECTORATE AGENDA ITEMS

15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

15.1 Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce

FILE NO: SF6160

AUTHOR: Damien Fitzgerald (Launceston City Heart Project Officer)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the establishment of a Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce to aid in the delivery of the project.

REPORT:

The Launceston City Heart Project (LCHP) is about to embark on the most significant public realm makeover. As a result, the project coordination and ongoing communication throughout the community becomes a vital link between the external stakeholders and the City of Launceston.

To assist effective communication and implementation of the Capital works and strategic projects, an external LCH Taskforce comprising key stakeholders is required to ensure that each project is completed in a timely manner and to budget.

1.0 Purpose of Taskforce

The Launceston City Heart Taskforce is focused on identifying and making Launceston a premier mixed use activity hub for the northern region.

The successful delivery of the Launceston City Heart Project will require a focused and committed external group to ensure that projects and actions are delivered in a timely and coordinated manner.

More importantly, a supporting governance structure is required to signify a major commitment to change and create a focus on advocacy, championing for investment and buy in within the Launceston Community.

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15.1 Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce...(Cont'd)

2.0 LCH Taskforce Objectives

The objectives of the LCH Taskforce are to:

- Oversee the implementation and budget of the Launceston City Heart Project capital projects ensuring that the Masterplan is delivered and is consistent with the principles and recommendations of the Action Plan – short term, medium term and long term goals (to be developed);
- Oversee the development of business incentives and programs that could be considered to support the Launceston City Heart Project's Vision and Direction; and
- Identify events and activities to bring more vitality to Launceston's City Heart.

It is recommended that the Taskforce be established for a three (3) year term to coincide with the delivery of Short Term Actions (to be identified as part of the Masterplan).

It will be important to maintain open and regular communication between the Taskforce and the City of Launceston as appropriate to ensure coordination of effort and project alignment.

Identified Key Stakeholders: Internal (City of Launceston):

- Chairman (Chair of CoL Economic Development Committee)
- o General Manager (Robert Dobrzynski)
- Two (2) x Aldermen
- Three (3) x LCH Representatives (Leanne Hurst, Harry Galea & Damien Fitzgerald)
- Two (2) x Communications Department Representatives

External Key Stakeholders:

- o Chamber of Commerce Senior Representative
- City Prom Senior Representative
- UTAS Senior Representative
- State Growth Senior Representative
- 3 x Businesses/Traders (preferably traders in the LCH project area).
- o Examiner Senior Representative
- Heritage Senior Representative
- o Retired Professional in Design
- o Community Representative
- Arts & Events Representative

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15.1 Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce...(Cont'd)

- Youth Representative
- Property Owner Representative
- Tasmania Police Representative

3.0 Terms of Reference

The terms of reference are to be developed. One of the main functions will be for the LCH Taskforce to ensure that the LCHP meets financial budgets and key milestones and timeframes.

The Taskforce brief is to be developed and will include the Goals and Objectives of the LCH and the Taskforce. The objectives must ensure that the project meets an appropriate level of engagement.

4.0 Internal Unit Delivery

It is considered that an internal unit will be required to ensure that separate issues identified are fed into the LCH Taskforce and vice versa to report back to the LCH Design team. It is anticipated that the General Manager, Directors of Development Services and Infrastructure Services, and the LCH Project Manager will be involved in this internal unit.

4.1 Reporting

This is to be determined prior to the LCH Taskforce development. The Executive Management Committee will consider the resources required to ensure effective reporting to and from the Taskforce.

5.0 LCH Taskforce Commitment

5.1 LCH Taskforce Meetings

The Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce will generally monthly basis, with a minimum of six times per annum. Meetings are open to the public and notice of the time and location of LCH Taskforce meetings be advertised.

It is proposed that the LCH Taskforce meetings be no more than two hours duration. It is considered that not everyone is required to attend every monthly meeting.

Additionally, Quarterly Milestones meetings will be held and all stakeholders would be expected to attend this meeting. The General Manager will attend the Quarterly meetings.

5.2 Level of Communication

The level of communication will be determined in the LCH Communications Strategy. For smaller matters and issues.

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15.1 Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce...(Cont'd)

6.0 Budget Allocation for LCH Taskforce

A budget has not yet been determined. However, as the Taskforce will be supported by the internal LCH Unit, any costs that are associated with coordinating its role are likely to be minimal. Significant capital and recurrent operational costs associated with delivering the City Heart Project priorities will be determined by the Council.

7.0 LCH Taskforce Review and Monitoring

The LCH Taskforce should be reviewed annually to monitor key short term action outcomes, progress on targets and to adjust priorities or add new project actions as appropriate in the context of changing circumstances.

An example of Geelong City's preferred project governance and implementation structure Taskforce Model has been included as an attachment to this report (Attachment 1). The proposed model for the Launceston City Heart Taskforce is also attached (Attachment 2).

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The Launceston City Heart Project represents one of the most significant capital works and strategic project undertakings for the City of Launceston in a long time. The focus of the Taskforce will be on securing the City's future as the premier mixed use activity hub for the northern region.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

A key focus for the Launceston City Heart project is to reinforce the City as a place for people. In order to achieve that aim it will be important to maintain community and stakeholder engagement throughout the implementation stages. An important role for the Taskforce will be to advocate, champion and promote awareness of and buy-in to the strategic aims and delivery of priority projects.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The Launceston City Heart Project is a Greater Launceston Plan initiative.

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15.1 Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce...(Cont'd)

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

There will be significant capital and recurrent budget investment in the Launceston City Heart Project over the next five years. At this time it is not proposed that the Taskforce would have a separate budget allocation as it would be largely resourced from existing recurrent budget allocations for the City Heart Project.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.



ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce Example of Flowchart (Geelong City Council).
- 2. Launceston City Heart Project Taskforce Proposed Model for the Launceston City Heart Taskforce.

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15.2 Cityprom Budget 2015/2016

FILE NO: SF0016, SF0526

AUTHOR: Bruce Williams (Economic Development Officer)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the Cityprom 2015/2016 budget.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

SPPC - 16 March 2015 - Deputation Council - 24 June 2013 - Item 15.2 - Resolved Cityprom CBD Promotional Services Grant Agreement for period 2013-2016 Council - 12 July 2010 - Item 11.2 - Resolved Cityprom Agreement for period 2010-2013

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the Cityprom budget for the 2015/2016 financial year of \$497,280 and indicates its intention to strike a differential rate on businesses included in the City of Launceston CBD area of \$492,000 [four hundred and ninety two thousand dollars], to fund this budget.

REPORT:

Council has a CBD Promotional Services Grant Agreement 2013-2016 with Cityprom.

Cityprom's primary role is the supervision, advancement, and promotion of the CBD, and, as its secondary role, protecting the trading interests of the members of Cityprom.

Part of this agreement is that Council will levy an annual rate to fund CBD promotional services conducted by Cityprom. The quantum of the annual rate is to be determined between the Council and Cityprom, based on the preparation of a fully documented budget of income and expenditure relating to the promotional activities acceptable to Council. The budget document must be submitted to the Council by 31 March to enable the Council to determine the levy for the following financial year.

In accordance with this arrangement Cityprom has been invited to present its budget and to the Council for consideration and to allow the annual rate required to be determined.

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15.2 Cityprom Budget 2015/2016...(Cont'd)

The budget is a request for a 1% increase in the differential rate levied on businesses in the City of Launceston CBD area [Table 1.].

	\$ 2015/16	\$ 2014/15	% Change
Income			
Council Funds (Rates)	492,000	486,456	+ 1%
Interest	0	2,640	- 100%
Promotional Income	3,480	68,500	- 95%
Sundry Income	1,800	2,640	- 32%
TOTAL INCOME	497,280	557,596	- 11%
Expenses			
Promotional Activity	87,990	105,140	- 16%
Sponsorship	22,300	26,800	- 17%
Events	152,000	196,250	- 23%
Occupancy Cost	22,441	23,235	- 3%
Administration	46,033	39,519	+ 16%
Staff	166,500	166,652	- 0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	497,264	557,596	- 11%

Table 1. Summary and comparison of Cityprom income and expenditure categories for the 2014/15 budget and proposed 2015/16 budget.

That Council adopt the Cityprom budget of \$497,264 for the 2015/16 financial year and indicates its intention to strike a differential rate on businesses included in the City of Launceston CBD area of \$492,000 [four hundred and ninety two thousand dollars], to fund this budget.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Cityprom provides valuable promotional activity for the businesses within the Launceston CBD, which also have positive effects on the broader community.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Cityprom's activities can and have provided valuable social capital for our community.

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15.2 Cityprom Budget 2015/2016...(Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

From Council's Strategic Plan: Social and Economic Environment

Goal: Promoting a healthy, prosperous and positive community

3.2 Facilitate effective regional and economic development in Launceston and the Tamar Valley in order to achieve enhanced investment, development, liveability, tourism, employment and competitiveness

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

In accordance with the terms of the CBD Promotional Service Grant Agreement 2013/2016, Council must consider the budget request for a rate to be levied on CBD businesses and included in the Council's 2015/2016 budget.

Cityprom's activities as per budget are as attached.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

Leanne Hurst: Director Development Services

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cityprom draft Budget 2015/2016

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INCOME	AMOUNT
Promotion Income	
Crazy Day Sponsorship	2,000
Event Glass Sales	1,480
General Income	
Rates Levy	492,000
Interest	
Sundry	1,800
Total Income	497,280
EXPENSES	
PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY	
Ambassador program	5,500
Directional Signage	250
Event Calendars	1,500
	12,500
Light up the City (George St) In the City Magazine	6,000
Maps and reference	1,000
Member recong.Program	500
Member Survey	500
Members Function/Forums	3,500
Newsletters	240
Press Co-op (Jetstar)	1,000
Public Holiday Advertising	500
Social Media Campaigns	1,000
TV Advertising	12,000
TV Production (New commercial)	20,000
Art Installation laneway project	13,000
Garden project (St John St)	2,500
Free parking advertising (3.30-5.30)	5,500
Hawthorn Initiatives	1,000
Total	87,990
SPONSORSHIP	07,550
Christmas Parade	3,500
Crazy Day	5,000
New Year on Royal	3,300
Cycling Classic	4,000
Junction Arts Festival	4,000
Quadrant Twilight Festival	2,500
Total Sponsorship	2,300
	22,300
EVENTS	
Christmas in the City	25,000
Christmas Tree/Decorations/Installations	40,000
Crazy Day	13,000
George Street Fiesta	44,000
Super Saturday	10,000
Winter Event	20,000
Total Events	152,000

Attachment 1 - Cityprom Budget 2015/2016 (Pages = 2)

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ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	
OCCUPANCY	
Rent -Office	12,360
Parking	1,320
Rent - Warehouse	2,436
Rates/Taxes/Water/Electricity	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance & Safety	250
Cleaning	75
Accounting & Audit Fees	2,600
Accounts/Administration Officer	13,500
Bank Charges	240
Donations	500
Filing Fee Asic	80
Insurance	8,900
Membership Fees	400
Office operations, IT, communications	
& infrastructure	17,813
Training & Development	2,000
Total Administration Expenses	68,474
STAFF COSTS	
Marketing Assistant, Promotions Officer	
Executive Officer, Superannuation	166,500
Total Staff Costs	166,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	
Balance	16

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16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Nil

- 17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY
- Nil

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18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

18.1 Golconda Road - Acquisition for road widening

FILE NO: SF1491 / 26594

AUTHOR: Robert Holmes (Property Coordinator)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the need to acquire land for road widening purposes.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pursuant to Section 176 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act* 1982 resolves to compulsorily acquire for the authorised purpose of road widening an area of 4,889m² shown as lots 1 and 2 on the plan of survey marked <u>Attachment 1</u> (ECM document 3420742). The property affected is situated and known as 351 Golconda Road owned by B & AE Curwen. The acquisition is to be by agreement in accordance with Section 9 of the *Land Acquisition Act* 1993 and compensation payable for the acquisition is the sum of \$4,889.00 with the Council to pay legal, survey and transfer expenses.

REPORT:

The Council has undertaken road works to improve the alignment of the sharp bend on Golconda Road approximately three kilometres north of Lilydale. The property affected is 351 Golconda Road owned by B & AE Curwen as comprised in CT 46311/1 which has an area of 7.03 hectares.

In rural areas where property sizes are relatively large, this property like many others, suffers an impediment not registered on title where Golconda Road has been built on an alignment that does not necessarily coincide with surveyed title. Due to road works (circa pre mid-1900's) the property title had an encumbrance of approximately 1,781m² arising from occupation by "road".

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18.1 Golconda Road - Acquisition for road widening...(Cont'd)

Section 112 of the Land Titles Act deals with recording of highways that are not registered on title. Ordinarily if the Council required title to the area occupied by road the Council could identify the area by survey, and then ask the property owners to sign an instrument prescribed under Section 112 of the Land Titles Act to recognise that part of the affected title is "highway". If the owners refused to sign the consent the matter would need to be referred to a judge in chambers for determination. If the matter was disputed it would then need to be referred to the Supreme Court.

The area of historic occupation by "road" represents a little more than 2.5% of the total area of the property title so ordinarily there would not be a need to alter the status of the title. Typically officers would not embark on title correction where areas are relatively small because of the expense involved.

Given that the current road works now necessitate an acquisition this presents an opportunity to address the historic encumbrance. This means the current acquisition of 4,889m² will be made up of two lots which will address both the past occupation as well as the area required to accommodate the recent road widening works.

Valuation advice provided by Opteon valuers is that compensation can be assessed at the rate of 96 cents per square metre rounded to \$1.00 per square metre. The recommended compensation is $4,889m^2 X $1.00 = $4,889.00$. Section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act provides that a Council can compulsorily acquire land by agreement for purposes such as road widening. In addition Council is to pay reasonable legal, survey and transfer expenses.

Enclosed as <u>Attachment 1</u> is a survey plan depicting the areas for acquisition with lot 1 to accommodate the most recent road works and lot 2 the road works prior to mid-1900's.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

NA

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

NA

SOCIAL IMPACT:

NA

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18.1 Golconda Road - Acquisition for road widening...(Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

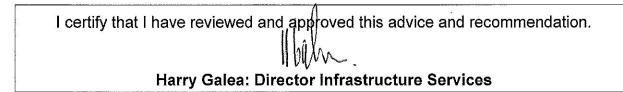
NA

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Project CP 21414 Golconda Road has sufficient funds for this task.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

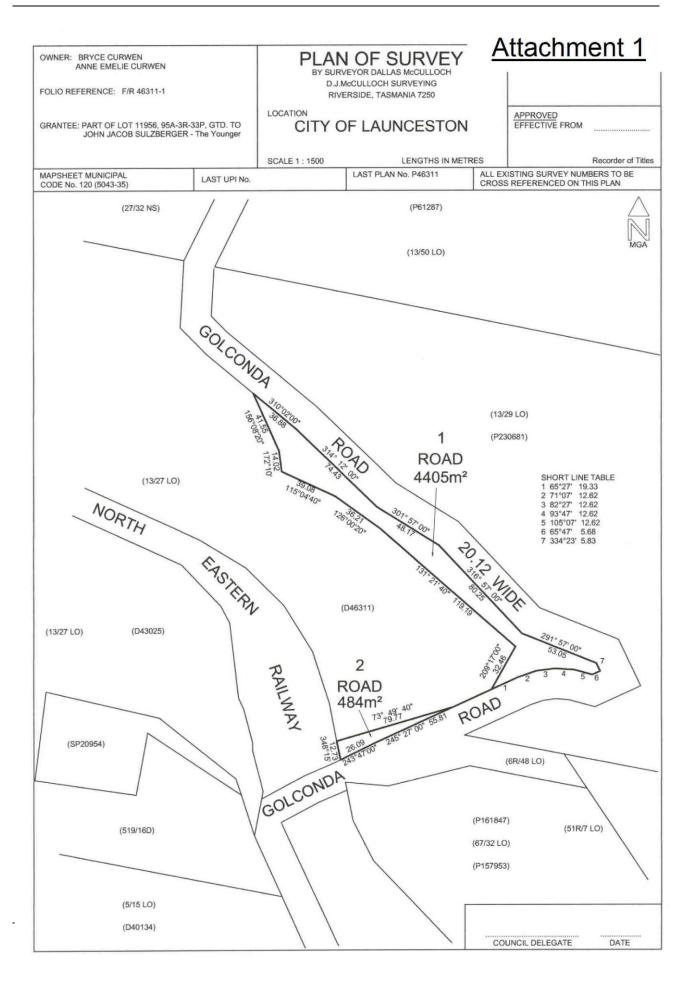
The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.



ATTACHMENTS:

1. Plan of survey for the acquisition of part of 351 Golconda Road.

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19 CORPORATE SERVICES Nil

20 GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

21 URGENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005

22 INFORMATION / MATTERS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION Nil

23 CLOSED COUNCIL

23.1 Disposal of Land

RECOMMENDATION:

That Agenda Item 23.1 be considered within closed Council pursuant to the authority contained within regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

23.1 Disposal of Land

15(2)(e) as it concerns proposals for Council to acquire land or an interest in land, or for the disposal of land.

24 MEETING CLOSURE