

COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015
1.00pm

COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday 9 November 2015

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

Date: 9 November 2015

Time: 1.00pm

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.

Robert Dobrzynski General Manager

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 35(1)(b)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 26 October 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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4 DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Deputation - Professor Mike Calford, University of Tasmania

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation from Professor Mike Calford, University of Tasmania.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives a deputation from Professor Mike Calford, University of Tasmania.

REPORT:

Professor Mike Calford, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor International, University of Tasmania, will present his deputation to the City of Launceston Council Meeting on 9 November 2015.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

N/A

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

4.1 Deputation - Professor Mike Calford, University of Tasmania...(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.

Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

5 PETITIONS

Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 57 and 58

No Petitions have been identified as part of this Agenda

6 COMMUNITY REPORTS

(Community Reports allow an opportunity for Community Groups to provide Council with a three minute verbal presentation detailing activities of the group. This report is not intended to be used as the time to speak on Agenda Items; that opportunity exists when that Agenda Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Aldermen.)

No Community Reports have been registered with Council as part of this Agenda

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

7.1 Public Questions On Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(1)

(Questions on Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting. Questions on Notice will be researched by Council Officers and both the Question On Notice (as received) and the response will be provided at the Council Meeting and a reply in writing will also be provided.)

7.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Basil Fitch - 9 November 2015

FILE NO: SF6381/SF2385

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Public Questions on Notice raised by Mr Basil Fitch in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* 2015.

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSE:

Questions from Mr Basil Fitch (recorded as received) with responses from Council Officers.

1. UTAS Stated it will not pay for bridge over North Esk River - who will pay? Will it be ratepayers?

Response: Negotiations between the Council and UTAS have resulted in agreement that the bridge costs should be incorporated as part of the UTAS Funding Submission to the State and Federal Government. Accordingly, it would be envisaged that the bridge would be funded as part of the total project costs for the inner city campus at both Inveresk and Willis Street.

2. 10,000/30,000 new students at Inveresk - what affect will this have on sewerage and stormwater infrastructure and who will pay for the massive upgrade?

Response: The project document being prepared by UTAS will clearly indicate that responsibility for sewerage and stormwater infrastructure necessary as a consequence of the establishment of an inner city campus at Inveresk and Willis Street will be the responsibility of the developer, namely UTAS. It is understood from UTAS representatives that discussions with TasWater in regard to these matters are well underway.

3. Government and TasTAFE sign MOU on moving Art Centre in Campbell Street to UTAS Hobart - does not this conflict with Vice Chancellor Rathjen's statement that UTAS Newnham must move closer to the CBD?

Response: The matter has been referred to UTAS for their advice.

7.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Basil Fitch - 9 November 2015...(Cont'd)

4. 120 units nearly build at Inveresk, but conditions state 30 car park spaces - surely this is inadequate where parking will be a premium if move goes ahead?

Response: The application for student accommodation at Inveresk was independently assessed by consultant planners GHD. This assessment concluded that the on-site provision of 30 spaces (excluding the use of the public car park) will be sufficient to manage demand from the students.

The number of car spaces provided is 43 spaces less than the acceptable solution required by the planning scheme there is however a proposed over supply of motorbike and bicycle parking provided (modes favoured by students). This shift towards alternate transport modes is intended to assist in achieving a Green Star accreditation. The expected low parking demand is supported by the relatively low traffic generation of 60 movements per day anticipated by the Traffic Engineer. The predominant mode of transport associated with the use and development is expected to be pedestrians (including those walking to the University campus) and public transport, followed by cars and bicycles. The car parking spaces will be made available to residents through the issuing of permits periodically, which will enable demand to be managed.

5. Is TasTAFE moving from Newnham to Inveresk?

Response: The Council understands that discussions between UTAS and TasTAFE representatives in regard to this matter are ongoing.

6. Liberal government got MOUs flying around everywhere - be careful, be warned!

Response: Statement - no answer required.

7. Willis St \$88,000 return say lease 99 years \$100,000 a year rent plus CPI or more?

Response: It is proposed that the freehold title of the Willis Street land would be transferred to UTAS subject to funding being secured for the Stage 1 UTAS Inner City Campus development.

REPORT:

Public Questions on Notice raised by Mr Basil Fitch at the Council Meeting of 26 October 2015 were directed to the Mayor, Alderman and Mr R Dobrzynski for response. Council Officers have provided a written response to questions raised.

7.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Basil Fitch - 9 November 2015(Cont'd)
ECONOMIC IMPACT:
N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:
N/A
SOCIAL IMPACT:
N/A
STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:
N/A
BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:
N/A
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.
Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Questions on Notice provided in writing by Mr Basil Fitch.

Attachment 1 - Questions on Notice provided in writing by Mr Basil Fitch

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ALDERMAN CITY MANAGER

- UTAS Stated it will not pay for bridge over North Esk River who will pay? Will it be ratepayers?
- 2. 10,000/30,000 new students at Inveresk what affect will this have on sewerage and stormwater infrastructure and who will pay for the massive upgrade?
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- 6. Liberal government go MOUs flying around everywhere be careful, be warned!

7. WILLIS ST\$88000 RETURN SAY LEASE 99 YEARS. 100,000 A YEAR RENT PLUS CPI OR MORE?

7.2 Public Questions Without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(2)(b)

(Members of the public who ask Questions Without Notice at a meeting will have both the question and any answer provided recorded in the Minutes. Council Officers will endeavour to answer the question asked at the meeting, however, that is not always possible and more research may be required. If an answer cannot be provided at the Meeting, the question will be treated as a Question On Notice. A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.)

8 PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Development Applications have been registered with Council as part of this Agenda

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

9.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Tuesday 27 October

- Presented the City of Launceston Award at the Children's Week Awards at the Town Hall
- Attended the Exhibition "Beds Books and Bandages" at QVMAG Inveresk

Wednesday 28 October

- Officiated at Civic Reception to congratulate the Generation Netball Team on their Guinness World Record
- Officiated at the Opening of the Children's Network 10th Anniversary Art Tastic Exhibition

Thursday 29 October

Attended and officiated the opening night of Mary Poppins at the Princess Theatre

Saturday 31 October

 Presented an award and attended the TasNetworks Bell Bay Aluminium Launceston Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards at the Hotel Grand Chancellor

Tuesday 3 November

Officiated at the Post China Trip Forum at the Town Hall

Wednesday 4 November

- Attended the BOFA Action Session Creating Community Change at the Tramsheds at Inveresk
- Officiated at the Grand Lodge of Australasia 2015 Conference Civic Reception at the Town Hall

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

Thursday 5 November

- Opened the Grand Lodge of Australasia 2015 Conference at the Country Club Casino
- Attended the Opening of the Merrington Centre on Hoblers Bridge Road
- Attended the red carpet screening of Death or Liberty at BOFA at the Tramsheds, Inveresk followed by the Red Carpet Party

Friday 6 November

- Attended the BOFA Action Session Creating Innovative Regions at the Tramsheds at Inveresk
- Officiated at the Official Opening of Dickey Whites Lane
- Attended the Grand Lodge of Australasia 2015 Conference Dinner at the Country Club Casino

Saturday 7 November

Attended the Honorary Consular Day at Pipers Brook Vineyard

Sunday 8 November

 Attended the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Service of Remembrance and WWI Commemoration at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church

10 ALDERMEN'S REPORTS

(This item provides an opportunity for Aldermen to briefly report on the activities that have been undertaken in their capacity as a representative of the Council. It is not necessary to list social functions that have been attended.)

11 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN

11.1 Questions On Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 30

(A councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the General Manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be in writing.)

11.2 Questions Without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 29

(Questions Without Notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting.)

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12 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 Pedestrian and Bike Committee Meeting - 13 October 2015

FILE NO: SF0618

AUTHOR: Julie Tyres (Administration Officer - Roads & Hydraulics)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Pedestrian and Bike Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Pedestrian and Bike Committee held on 13 October 2015.

REPORT:

The Pedestrian and Bike Committee held a meeting on 13 October 2015 and discussed:

- 1. The Inveresk Cycle Path counter has registered 64,000 movements (or passes) on the path since December 2014.
- 2. Sally Barnes of the Heart Foundation was welcomed to the committee as the new Pedestrian representative.
- 3. The Department of State Growth has awarded funds from the 'Vulnerable Road User' programme for the:
 - Pedestrian crossing on Hobart Road in the Kings Meadows shopping strip, between Innocent Street and Blaydon Street.
 - Green surfacing and bike icons to be implemented on Elphin Road
 - Implementation of bike lanes on St Leonards Road
- The Pedestrian and Bike Committee supports the principals, vision and the implementation of the Launceston City Heart Project in the areas of traffic calming and the creation for better environment for people in the CBD.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

12.1	Pedestrian and Bike Committee Meeting -	13 October	2015(Cont'd)
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key directions within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) which are considered relevant:

- 2.1.6 To promote active and healthy lifestyles
- 3.1.2 To improve and maintain accessibility within the City of Launceston area, including its rural areas
- 4.1.5 To offer equitable access to services and facilities, including the design of public spaces that are accessible and suited to all abilities
- 8.5.1 To strategically manage our assets, facilities and services

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

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.

Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services

13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Council Workshops conducted on 3 November 2015 were:

- University of Tasmania Inner City Campus
- Events Strategy Review
- General Manager's Update
- Gym Alliance

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 16(5)

No Notices of Motion have been identified as part of this Agenda

15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

18.1 Lease - West Launceston Bowls & Community Club

FILE NO: 21979/72700

AUTHOR: Tricia De Leon-Hillier (Parks Lease Management Officer)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider leasing an area of land situated at 5 Merrys Lane West Launceston part of PID 6646996 known as the West Launceston Bowls & Community Club Incorporated as marked on the attached plan adjoining Merrys Lane Park. This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 178 *Local Government Act 1993*, agrees to lease an area of land situated at 5 Merrys Lane West Launceston (part PID 6646996) to the West Launceston Bowls & Community Club under the following terms:

- the term shall be five years commencing on 1 December 2015
- the lease amount shall be \$1 per annum (if demanded)
- tenant to be responsible for:
 - equivalent Council rates
 - Government taxes
 - energy costs
 - volumetric and connection charges for water
 - sewerage charges
- tenant shall continuously maintain:
 - buildings and grounds within the leased area to be kept in good order
 - property insurance equal to the value of the building
 - public liability insurance of at least \$10 million

18.1 Lease - West Launceston Bowls & Community Club...(Cont'd)

REPORT:

The West Launceston Bowls & Community Club (WLBCC) has been operating at the current site since 2005 and is predominantly run by volunteers. The club is a formation of two clubs with the Patons Bowls Club first established in 1913 and South Launceston Bowls Club was established in 1964.

There are two outdoor greens (Attachment 1) and they currently have 120 members in total and continue to grow. The last rental review set the annual lease fee at \$124 plus GST per annum and this is increased by CPI each anniversary. The WLBCC has continued to be responsible for all of their outgoings including water rates & usage, electricity, Council rates, building insurance and other expenses related to the maintenance of their building. Their proposal (Attachment 2) is to continue under the same terms and conditions and it is recommended that their annual fee be \$1 per annum from the 1 December 2015.

It is also recommended that under the terms and conditions of a new lease that Council require the lessee to provide a quarterly written report in September, December, March and June of each year, consisting of participation data.

Although the property is Public Land given the lease is not more than 5 years it is not necessary to provide valuation advice to Council or to advertise the disposal of an interest in land.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There is no economic impact with this proposal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

There is no environmental impact with this proposal.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

There is a positive social impact with this proposal by allowing allow successful tenants to continue to provide an important recreational opportunity for Launceston.

18.1 Lease - West Launceston Bowls & Community Club...(Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key directions within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) which are considered relevant:

- 2.1.3 To contribute to enhanced public health and amenity to promote a safe and secure environment
- 2.1.6 To promote active and healthy lifestyles

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

\$1 per annum if demanded.

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.

Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- Map of leased area
- 2. Letter of proposal seeking a five year lease



Attachment 2

WEST LAUNCESTON BOWLS & COMMUNITY CLUB Inc.

President: Mr. Richard Edwards. Secretary: Mr. Michael Johnson. Treasurer: Mr. Dean Cure. ABN: 19 423 246 451.



Tel. Clubhouse: 03 6331 2026. Fax: 03 6331 9010. Email: wlbc@bigpond.com Address: Merry's Lane, Postal: P.O. Box 7604, Launceston. Tas. 7250.

13th.July 2015

Mr Andrew Smith Manager Parks & Recreation City of Launceston 18-28St.John Street Launceston 7250

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Re Lease 5 Merry's Lane West Launceston

WE request renewal for FIVE years of our Lease same conditions as per existing Lease.

Yours Faithfully

Michael Johnson

Hon.Secretary

Website: www.westlauncestonbowlsclub.com.au

Michael Johnson

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18.2 Proposed Street Name - Gilmont Close

FILE NO: SF0621/DA0539/2011

AUTHOR: Sonia Smith (Engineering Officer - Development)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a new street name for the new cul de sac between Nos 40 and 44 Quarantine Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 54 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act* 1982 and Section 20E of the *Survey Co-ordination Act* 1944, Council resolves to approve the name Gilmont Close for the new public street off Quarantine Road between Nos 40 and 44 Quarantine Road.

REPORT:

The development application DA0539/2011 approved for the subdivision of land to create 16 residential lots and a road lot. The road name has been proposed by the developer and is a contraction of the developer's company name.

Neighbouring Councils have advised that there is no duplication of the name within their municipalities.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

This decision has no economic impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This decision has no environmental impact.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

This decision has no social impact.

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STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key direction within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) which are considered relevant:

3.1.2 To improve and maintain accessibility within the City of Launceston area, including its rural areas.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

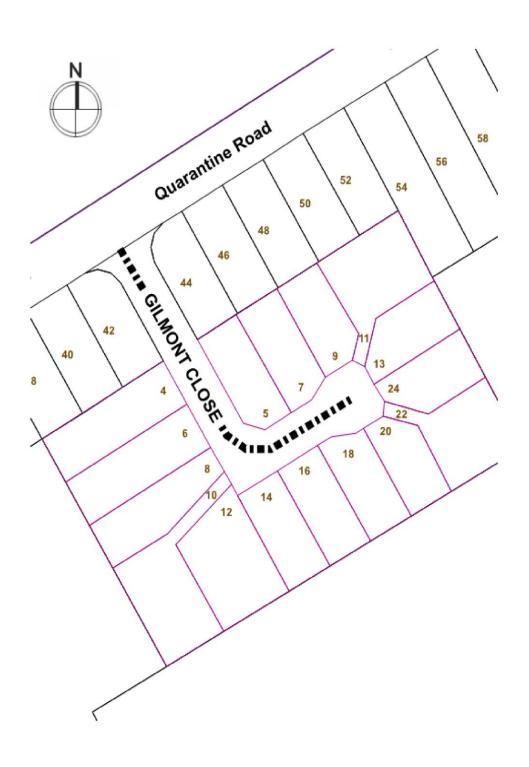
I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Location plan - Proposed street name - Gilmont Close

Attachment 1: Location plan - Gilmont Close



18.3 7LA Royal Park Tennis Courts

FILE NO: SF0866

AUTHOR: Aaron Mullins (Recreation Planning Officer)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the future of the 7LA Tennis Courts located at Royal Park.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Item 4.1 - SPPC Meeting 19 October 2015
Discussion related to the future of the Royal Park Tennis Courts

Item 18.2 - Council Meeting 27 July 2015 Council approved advertising for Expression of Interest for Alternate Use of Royal Park Tennis Courts

Item 4.2 - SPPC Meeting 6 July 2015
Discussion related to the future of the Royal Park Tennis Courts

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves that the 7LA Tennis Courts located at Royal Park are made available for free public access and use.

REPORT:

The two tennis courts in Royal Park were leased to the 7LA Tennis Club in 1973 and their use has continued until recent times. The lease expires in 2022, however, the Club handed back the courts and a change room to Council on the 25 May 2015.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) were called for the Alternate Recreational Use of the 7LA Tennis Courts located within the Royal Precinct (CD043/2015) and advertised in the Examiner on Saturday, 22 and Saturday, 29 August 2015. Expressions of Interest closed at 2pm on 17 September 2015.

One Expression of Interest was received from the Launceston Bowls and Community Club Incorporation, however, this was ultimately withdrawn (<u>Attachment 1</u>).

18.3 7LA Royal Park Tennis Courts...(Cont'd)

As there was no interest in providing an alternate recreational use at the site, it is recommended that the tennis courts remain in-situ and be made available for the public to use free of charge. This will increase the recreational opportunities within the Royal Park precinct area. Additionally, from a public safety consideration the existing gates and seating shelters will be removed. The estimate cost of these works is less than a thousand dollars compared to \$24,500 for removal of the courts and reinstatement to grass.

The adjacent change room will be as a storage area for existing lessees.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There is no significant economic impact with the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

There is no significant environmental impact with the project.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

There will be a positive social impact with opening the courts for public use as it provides free recreational opportunities.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key directions within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) considered relevant are:

- 1.1.3 To optimise the use and usability of our assets for different types of activities
- 2.1.1 To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston
- 2.1.6 To promote active and healthy lifestyles

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

There will be approximately \$800 spent in removing two gates and two small shelters.

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18.3	7LA Royal Park Tennis Courts(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.

Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services

ATTACHMENTS:

 Letter from Launceston Bowls and Community Club Incorporation withdrawing Expression of Interest

Attachment 1

LAUNCESTON BOWLS CLUB & COMMUNITY CLUB inc

Homepoint Parade, Seaport. P.O. Box 1313 Telephone: (03) 6331 6591

President: Brian Connolly: Mobile:

Secretary: Lyn Mitchell Mobile:

September 24 2015

Attention: Mr. Andrew Smith Launceston City Council, Town Hall, Launceston.

Dear Andrew,

As per his recent conversation with you, club President Brian Connolly wishes to confirm that the Launceston Bowls Club has no interest in, and / or intention of, taking over the Royal Park tennis club situated behind our facilities.

Therefore could you please disregard any correspondence sent to you by club Marketing & Promotions Officer, Mr. Graham McLaurin.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please telephone Brian.

Thank you,

Lyn Mitchell Club Secretary, Launceston Bowls Club.

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18.4 Hoblers Bridge Netball Centre

FILE NO: SF0897

AUTHOR: Andrew Smith (Parks & Recreation Manager)

DIRECTOR: Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a report on a request by the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association (NTNA) to include the Fred White Netball Centre in an indoor netball facility provision study.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide in principle support to the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association (NTNA) for inclusion of the Fred White Centre in an Indoor Netball facility planning study.

REPORT:

The Northern Tasmanian Netball Association (NTNA) wrote to Council recently (Attachment 1) seeking in principle support for the inclusion of the Fred White Centre in a planning study they wish to undertake. The purpose of the study is to determine the best location for a new indoor Netball facility in Launceston. Currently the NTNA use the Fred White Netball Centre, the adjacent Hoblers Bridge Netball Centre and the Silverdome. None of these facilities are apparently ideal for the future of netball as an indoor sport.

Previous planning for an indoor facility has focused on building onto the Hoblers Bridge Netball Centre but in this study the NTNA is interested in the Fred White Centre. At this stage it is envisaged that the study will be high level, conceptual and not involve public consultation with immediate neighbours. The NTNA do not wish to spend time and money engaging in planning for the Fred White Centre if Council is opposed to the inclusion of the site in a facility planning process. Providing approval for inclusion of the site in the study is not pre-commitment to any future development but indicates that Council does not rule out such a project.

The NTNA has a ten year lease with Council that commenced on 1 July 2014 at Hobler's Bridge (<u>Attachment 2</u> - Part Folio 211006/1, 66364/2 and 7678404). Council currently has a twenty year lease agreement with State Government over PID 7678404 which ends on 1 November 2028.

18.4 Hoblers Bridge Netball Centre...(Cont'd)

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

This project is unlikely to have any significant economic impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is unlikely to have any significant environmental impact.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

This project could have a positive social impact by providing a more affordable and sustainable indoor venue for Netball.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key directions within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) considered relevant are:

- 1.1.3 To optimise the use and usability of our assets for different types of activities
- 2.1.1 To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston
- 2.1.6 To promote active and healthy lifestyles
- 4.1.5 To offer equitable access to services and facilities, including the design of public spaces that are accessible and suited to all abilities

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

The study is to be funded by the NTNA.

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.

Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Letter from Rick Sargent Northern Tasmanian Netball Association
- 2. Fred White Centre Leased area



Attachment 1

P.O. Box 64 Newstead 7250 Ph. 6334 2099 Fax. 6334 9970 email: ntna@ntna.org.au

12th October 2015

Andrew Smith Manager Parks and Recreation Launceston City Council

Dear Andrew,

The Northern Tasmanian Netball Association is seeking assurance from the Launceston City Council. The NTNA has been identifying suitable locations that can support the infrastructure of an indoor centre that can cater to current and future requirements and as such has identified the FJ White Centre netball courts at Hoblers Bridge as a potential future development site.

The current infrastructure at Hoblers Bridge netball courts caters for our junior competition with our senior competition required to hire the Silverdome due to the lack of suitable facilities at Hoblers Bridge. This is not an ideal situation for the NTNA having our competition split over venues.

Aiming to provide a suitable indoor facility has been an ambition of the NTNA for some years that can benefit our members and support the future growth of netball within the greater Launceston community. Having recently committed to a long term lease with the Launceston City Council the NTNA is seeking assurance that the FJ White site is able to be included as part of any future proposal.

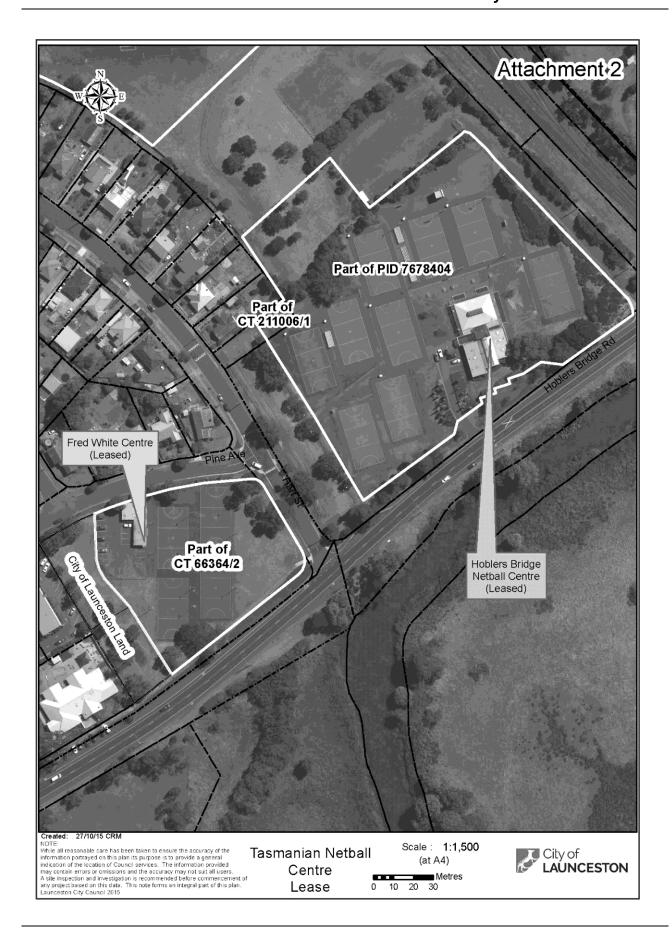
The NTNA is seeking this assurance before any further resources are committed to the project. Once this has been provided the NTNA will be seeking guidance from the Launceston City Council on how to best progress the development of the site.

We look forward to your response.

Regards,

Rick Sargent Operations Manager

Northern Tasmanian Netball Association



19 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

19.1 Conditional Approval of Preaching Permits

FILE NO: SF0066

AUTHOR: Michael Jacques (Senior Corporate Legal Adviser)

DIRECTOR: Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the conditions that might be applied to permits to preach and to nominate potential approved areas.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The Council, pursuant to the *Reserves Parks and Gardens Clause 14* of *By-Law No. 4* of 2009, authorises the grant of permits to allow preaching in suitable areas of Princes Square on the conditions approved by Council from time to time.
- 2. The Manager Parks and Recreation may approve permits to preach subject to those conditions.

REPORT:

The Council has intermittently been subject to requests for permits to preach. One of these applicants has currently appealed to the Federal Court, seeking a review of a decision to refuse a permit to preach in the mall, a decision made in line with Council current by-laws and guidelines. The appellant has argued that the by-law unreasonably restricts the common law implied freedom of communication.

It is not uncommon for Council's around Australia (such as Hobart and Adelaide Councils) to offer conditional permits to preach in an allocated "Speaker's Corner". The community impacts of allowing preaching in the malls and parks are that it would allow a potentially very broad range of religious and political spruiking to occur.

It is possible that negative impacts can be lessened by allowing religious and political spruiking under certain conditions, and in suitable locations.

19.1 Conditional Approval of Preaching Permits...(Cont'd)

Further Background Facts

The object of the Launceston City Council's Malls By-Law and Reserves Parks and Gardens By-law are to regulate, control and protect malls, reserves, parks and gardens in the Launceston municipal area which are open to the public and under the control and management of Launceston City Council.

The main objective of these by-laws is stated in the Regulatory Impact Statement. It is to promote a safe and user friendly environment for the public. It is intended that the controls on use and behaviour detailed in the by-law will provide a behavioural framework for all members of the public.

Both by-laws currently prohibit preaching without a permit, (and all other overt spruiking and approaches to pedestrians in parks and mall whether commercial, religious or political) although passive displays of religious material has been permitted. The Reserves Parks and Gardens By-law states, "A person must not organise or participate in an assembly, concert, or engage in preaching or public speaking or any similar activity in a public reserve without written permission from the Manager Parks and Recreation".

The recent court case has drawn attention to the especially wide nature of our by-law, and highlighted the difference of approach with some other Councils that permits a "Speakers Corner" area for restricted public speaking.

A "Speaker's Corner" may be a workable compromise with groups seeking to speak on religious and political matters in a public area. A copy of the permit conditions imposed by the Hobart City Council, are attached for your reference. These have been adapted for our use, and in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Manager, propose a potentially suitable site in Princes Square.

Due to its high profile, the Brisbane Street and Quadrant Malls are the areas being targeted by applicants but are not considered to be suitable locations for a Speaker's Corner because:

- The focus of the mall is primarily as a retail space and a relatively quiet area for passive recreation such as outdoor eating.
- The malls in Launceston are relatively narrow and enclosed by surrounding buildings, compounding the noise issues.
- Non-commercial and non-recreational uses of the mall, particularly where dealing with matters of potential controversy, can detract from its more frequent use by a wider variety of people.
- Groups of people gathering around a spruiker are likely to obstruct the mall.
- Spruikers cannot be managed in the same manner as mall buskers, it is undesirable for the Council to routinely judge the value of a political or religious content to ensure its compatibility with retail and passive recreation objects.

19.1 Conditional Approval of Preaching Permits...(Cont'd)

In an attempt to meet the applicants needs the Council could offer a location in the Princes Square area for a "Speakers Corner". This area is presently used as a passive and reflective space and isn't entirely suitable for spruiking and preaching, but it is better suited than any of Launceston's malls. Princes Square is a more open area that has no nearby buildings. The park is segmented by walkways that give people more avenues to avoid speakers if they wish, or to find a quieter area of the park. The location isn't in the middle of a major retail precinct. There is less chance of obstruction of pedestrians and interference with business activity. If people want to participate in the discussions, it is still close to the city.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

In suitable areas, the desire of some parties to preach publicly could be accommodated under certain conditions with minimal economic impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

The main objective of the Malls By-law No. 1 of 2010 and the Reserves Parks and Gardens By-law Number 4 of 2009 is to promote a safe and user friendly environment for the public. These By-laws prohibit preaching without a permit.

The restrictions placed on a person's conduct need to be balanced against the rights of freedom of speech and religious expression.

This paper suggests ways that we could provide opportunities for freedom of expression in a manner that has a minimal impact on sustaining a safe and user friendly environment for the public in the municipal area.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

Section 20 of the *Local Government Act 1993* empowers the Council to:

- (a) to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- (b) to represent and promote the interests of the community;
- (c) to provide for the peace, order and good government of the municipal area.

19.1 Conditional Approval of Preaching Permits...(Cont'd)

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

There may be an increased compliance monitoring cost associated with ensuring that the conditions on permits are met.

The budget adjustment consideration of this item has been approved by the Director Corporate Services.

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.

Michael Tidey: Director Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Draft Speakers Corner restrictions (including map)
- Extracts of Malls By-Law No1 of 2010 and Reserves Parks and Gardens By-law Number 4 of 2009

ATTACHMENT 1

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LCC Speaker's Corner Conditions

Location - Where specified, or where not specified within the park adjacent to the statue of Dr William Russell Pugh in the St John Street and Fredrick Street end of Princes Square (see attached map), but not on the steps or obstructing the approaches to the steps or any pedestrian walkway.

Days and Times - Each Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 12.00pm and 4.00pm.

Permit - A Speaker's permit is required to be obtained from the Council's Customer Service Centre annually. The conditions of use are required to be read and signed by the speaker.

Booking the space - The speaker's permit is to be presented to any authorised Council officer for booking purposes and displayed when speaking at all times.

Duration per speaker - 1 hour (note: speakers may extend their time should no further bookings for the space be made on the day)

Subject material - A speaker must ensure that the subject material of their presentation does not breach any law and in particular does not amount to discrimination or prohibited conduct as defined in the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998* (please refer to 'Understanding Discrimination and Prohibited Conduct under the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act 1998' brochure).

Speaker's behaviour - A speaker must ensure that the manner in which they present their material and their behaviour or actions are not offensive in nature or capable of inciting hatred, serious contempt or severe ridicule under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998*.

Additional speakers - Only one speaker is permitted at one time. Should additional speakers wish to alternate with a speaker they also must possess a Speaker's permit and be listed as part of the Speaker's Corner booking. (Additional speakers do not constitute additional time allowances being granted; therefore the one hour limit for the group is to be observed).

Elevation - A speaker may use a stand/device to elevate themselves when speaking. The height of the stand/device is not permitted to exceed 1 metre from the surface beneath (refer below).

Clause 3.9.2.2 of Volume 2 of the Building Code of Australia provides, as far as relevant, that a continuous balustrade or other barrier must be provided along the side of (as far as relevant) any ramp, balcony, deck or the like if:

- (i) it is not bounded by a wall; and
- (ii) it is level above the surface beneath is more than 1m.
- (iii) provided the platform or like is less than 1m in height a balustrade or barrier would not be required.

No amplification - Speakers are not permitted to use any form of sound application, including microphones, speakers, CD players and musical instruments.

Pamphlets and reading material - A speaker may display pamphlets and reading material for distribution. The materials are to be displayed in a purpose built/constructed display device, which can contain an explanatory sign indicating who the speaker is or who the speaker represents or where the speaker is from, for members of the public to collect at their own free will. Pamphlets and reading materials are not to be hand distributed.

Advertising Material - A speaker is not permitted to put up any advertisement, signboard, decoration or other sign in, on or over the allocated Speaker's Corner area.

Approaching and/or harassing public - Speakers and persons assisting or accompanying speakers are not permitted to approach or harass members of the public at any time. Interaction between members of the public and speakers or persons assisting or accompanying speakers is only permitted as long as the member of public is participating in the allocated Speaker's Corner area.

Subscriptions/Donations/Sale of Goods - A speaker is not permitted to solicit and/or collect donations or subscriptions or offer anything for sale to members of the public in the allocated Speaker's Corner area.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Speakers must not obstruct or hinder the passage of pedestrians and vehicles.
- Speaker's permits will be inoperative during periods when organised displays, entertainment or functions are being staged in the locality either by the Council or under a Council permit.
- Speakers must at all times observe the conditions of their permit and comply with any lawful direction of a Police Officer or authorised Council Officer.
- If in the opinion of the Council the presentation given by a speaker breaches the conditions of their permit the Council may cancel all or any licenses or amend the conditions under which they are held.
- Unless a permit has been obtained from the Council, the making of speeches or any form of preaching, protesting or group discussions is prohibited in the allocated Speaker's Corner area.

Attachment A Location Map of Speaker's Corner



Crossed circle indicates the location of Speaker's Corner

ATTACHMENT 2

Extract of "Booking and usage guidelines for the Brisbane Street and Quadrant Mall and Civic Square"

5. BRISBANE STREET MALL

5.4 Non-permitted uses

- Religious spruikers/hawkers
- · Political spruikers/hawkers
- · Leaflet hand outs

The same provisions exist for Civic Square (6.4) and Quadrant Mall (7.4)

Extract of the Malls By-Law No.1 of 2010

5. Use of malls

- Council may permit the use of a mall or part of a mall upon such terms and conditions as Council considers appropriate.
- A permit issued in accordance with the Guidelines may be issued by the Manager Customer Service or a Customer Service Consultant.

PART 3 - UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

12. Preaching and concerts

Brisbane Street Mall

(1) A person must not organise or participate in an assembly, concert, or engage in preaching or public speaking in a mall without a permit to do so issued by an authorised officer.

Between Charles and St John Streets

Penalty: a fine not exceeding 5 penalty units.

Schedule 1 - Malls in which the Malls By-Law applies

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2	The Quadrant Mall	The Quadrant between Brisbane Street and St John Street
3	Civic Square	Cameron Street between Charles Street and St John Street
4	The Avenue	The area from the shop front to the kerb edge of the widened footpath in Brisbane Street between St John Street and George Streets.

5 Charles Street The area from the shop front to the kerb

edge of the widened footpath in Charles Street between Paterson and York

Streets.

6 St John Street The area from the shop front to the kerb

edge of the widened footpath in St John

Street between Paterson and York

Streets.

7 Any other area which the Council determines from time to time, by notice published in the Gazette, to be a mall to which this by-law applies.

The Reserves Parks and Gardens By-law

14. Preaching and concerts and similar activities

(1) A person must not organise or participate in an assembly, concert, or engage in preaching or public speaking or any similar activity in a public reserve without written permission from the Manager Parks and Recreation.

Penalty: a fine not exceeding 5 penalty units.

- (2) A police officer may arrest without warrant a person who:-
- (a) he or she believes on reasonable grounds to have committed an offence against this clause; and
- (b) is on land owned by, or under the control of Council.

19.2 Progress Against 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions - as at 30 September 2015

FILE NO: SF6177/SF5652

AUTHOR: Leisa Hilkmann (Corporate Planning Administrative Officer)

DIRECTOR: Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the report on progress against Council's 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 30 September 2015.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Item 4.3 - Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting - 3 November 2015 - Progress Against 2015/16 Annual Plan Actions - as at 30 September 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the report on progress against 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 30 September 2015.

REPORT:

This report provides an update on the progress of Actions from the Council's 2015/2016 Annual Plan.

Progress is summarised in the following table:

Action status	Actions	Cumulative %
Not started*	8	23
Off target (off track)* - less than 60% of target achieved	1	3
In progress - between 60% and 79% of target achieved	0	0
On target (on track) - at least 80% of target achieved	25	74
Completed	0	0
Total number of Actions	34	100

^{*} see information supplied in Report

19.2 Progress Against 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions - as at 30 September 2015...(Cont'd)

The attached document provides additional detail on progress against Actions, which are listed in order of Priority Areas taken from the Strategic Plan 2014-2024 and also contains the relevant 10-Year Goals for each Priority Area.

Key Directions and Actions in the document are listed in tables following their relevant Priority Area. The table includes the following information: the status of each Action, progress comments on Actions, the Directorate responsible for each Action, percentage complete for each Action and the progress against targets set for each Action.

Progress against targets set for each Action is indicated with one of the following icons:

	At least 80% of target achieved
	Between 60% and 79% of target achieved
8	Less than 60% of target achieved

The following Action is off-track as at 30 September 2015:

Action: Community Engagement Framework - Facilitate an integrated Council wide Community Engagement Framework progressively over a three-year period.

Responsible Director: Robert Dobrzynski

Comments:

• Two (2) of the seven (7) major Levels of Service - Design and Delivery areas have been completed with another four (4) to be completed in the 2015 calendar year. The remaining one is due to be completed in May 2016.

The following eight (8) Actions are yet to commence as at 30 September 2015:

Action: Promote Inner City Living in the City of Launceston - Develop resources to assist investors to access information about the development of residential accommodation in the Launceston CBD.

Responsible Director: Leanne Hurst

19.2 Progress Against 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions - as at 30 September 2015...(Cont'd)

Action: City Heart Project - Strategically manage the implementation of projects

associated with the re-creation of Launceston's central business district.

Responsible Director: Robert Dobrzynski

Action: Accessible documents - Define Council's document accessibility goals and standards, and develop tools to help document creators deliver to these standards.

Responsible Director: Michael Tidey

Action: Relocation of the University of Tasmania's Launceston campus - Represent the City of Launceston's interests in negotiations around the relocation of the University of Tasmania's Launceston campus to an inner city location.

Responsible Director: Robert Dobrzynski

Action: St Leonards Area Plan - Stage One of the St Leonards Area Plan Project (GLP Project G.3) - to develop an integrated physical development strategy for the longer term consolidation of the St Leonards area and progressive development of a new major growth area in the City of Launceston.

Responsible Director: Leanne Hurst

Action: Scenic Protection Code Review - Review the Scenic Protection Code within the Launceston Interim Planning Scheme 2015 to ensure its currency and effectiveness in guiding future development within the City of Launceston.

Responsible Director: Leanne Hurst

Action: Heritage List Review - Stage One - Review the Launceston Heritage List to

ensure its currency and consistency with the State Heritage List.

Responsible Director: Leanne Hurst

Action: Engagement with Asia - Advocate for increasing engagement with Asia to ensure City of Launceston is positioned to take advantage of emerging opportunities in the Asian marketplace.

Responsible Director: Robert Dobrzynski

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The Actions included in the proposed 2015/2016 Annual Plan are aligned with the Strategic Plan 2014-2024 priority areas, several of which are framed to deliver economic benefits to Launceston. In particular, priority areas 6 *A city building its future* and 7 *A city that stimulates economic activity and vibrancy* is relevant.

19.2 Progress Against 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions - as at 30 September 2015...(Cont'd)

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Actions aligned to priority area 5 *A city that values its environment* are directly relevant to our natural environment.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Actions aligned to priority area 5 *A city that values its environment* are directly relevant to our natural environment.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Where relevant, budgetary implications are considered in the City of Launceston's 2015/2016 Budget.

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.

Michael Tidey: Director Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions - Progress to 30 September 2015 (distributed separately)

19.3 Live Video Streaming of Council Meetings

FILE NO: SF1001

AUTHOR: Leanne Purchase (Governance and Planning Coordinator)

DIRECTOR: Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a request from The Examiner to permit the live video streaming of Council meetings.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting - 3 November 2015

RECOMMENDATION:

- That Aldermen note that management are not supportive of the request to allow The Examiner Newspaper to video stream Council Meetings.
- 2. That the Examiner Newspaper's request be declined.

REPORT:

The Examiner seeks our permission to film and stream live video of Council meetings. A letter from The Examiner dated 10 August 2015 is attached (Attachment 1).

The application called Periscope, referred to in The Examiner's letter, is a Twitter-owned live video streaming platform. Periscope allows the user of a mobile device such as an iPad or smartphone to send a live video transmission to their Periscope and Twitter followers. Whereas a Skype or FaceTime call transmits video to a single person, the Periscope transmission will reach a group of followers. The link is interactive - viewers can comment during the transmission and the broadcaster can reply.

The video can be re-watched for up to 24 hours after the live broadcast.

Our Information Technology Department has confirmed that the technical requirements of the proposal can be accommodated.

19.3 Live Video Streaming of Council Meetings...(Cont'd)

COMMENT - Director Corporate Services:

The Council provides public access to the open Council and Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meetings. This access is provided through open meetings where the public and media can attend and through the live audio streaming of Council meetings. The agenda and minutes are made available via the Council's web site.

It could be argued that there is little difference between audio and video streaming; that is, just the addition of a picture to go with the audio. There are however a couple of matters that Aldermen may wish to consider:

- 1. The audio service is managed in terms of operation and, to a degree, content (the Council holds the official version). This proposal would see the video service managed and controlled by The Examiner.
- 2. It is possible to record live streams. Digital technology may provide the capability for images to be "played" with selective editing or photo-shopped. Who has custody or ownership of the matter?
- 3. There may be issues with the provisions of the Personal Information Protection Act 2004, at least in regard to members of the public in the gallery, that would need to be managed.
- 4. Would the presence of a camera enhance or detract from the flow of the meeting and the quality of the debate?
- 5. Copyright matters need to be investigated further to be properly understood.

None of these matters are insurmountable, however the management of them will come at some administrative cost, unless the Aldermen are willing to treat this purely as an additional facility provided at the complete discretion of The Examiner.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

19.3 Live Video Streaming of Council Meetings...(Cont'd)

SOCIAL IMPACT:

The Examiner believes the initiative will encourage residents to take an active role in the governance of the city.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

Strategic Plan 2014-2024:

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

Ten-Year Goal - To communicate and engage consistently and effectively with our community and stakeholders

Key Directions - To develop and consistently use community engagement processes

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

After operational activities around the establishment of an agreement/process with The Examiner, there are no ongoing costs for Council.

The Council has not at this time considered funding or resources for an in-house solution.

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.

Michael Tidey: Director Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from The Examiner dated 10 August 2015



August 10, 2015

Good afternoon Robert,

I am writing to request permission for the live streaming of Launceston City Council meetings via The Examiner's website.

Mark Baker and myself have discussed the following proposal, and believe it could be beneficial for the paper and the council alike.

We are aware that the council already hosts live audio from its meetings via its own website (www.Launceston.tas.gov.au).

As The Examiner moves forward with the prevalence of devices such as smartphones and tablets, the need to supply further online content our readers becomes greater.

We believe providing a video link window into council meetings would not only be of interest to our readers, but encourage more residents to take an active role in the governance of the city.

Filming, If permitted, would be conducted via an iPad or smartphone through an application called Periscope (see below for more details on the application).

We would seek to identify a suitable location to place the device whereby aldermen are visible and can be heard in discussions with clarity.

We would also be interested in exploring any potential to link in with the council's existing audio equipment.

The set-up would be handled by myself as Local Government reporter, in the hope of streaming the meetings by way of the wifi network at Town Hall.

Regards

James Brady

Additional information for Periscope Website - https://www.periscope.tv/

Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Periscope_(app)

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20 GENERAL MANAGER'S DIRECTORATE ITEMS

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus

FILE NO: SF2385

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

Consideration of an in principle decision by the Council to transfer land at Inveresk and Willis Street to the University of Tasmania subject to certain conditions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That in specific reference to the proposal by the University of Tasmania to establish an inner city Northern campus on Council land at Inveresk and Willis Street, the Council agrees in principle to the transfer of title for Council owned land described as:

- A. Old Velodrome, a 11,523.8 square metre portion of the parcel Volume 169278 Folio 200, delineated on the attached map described as "Inveresk 'Bike Track' proposed boundary 12/10/2015"; and
- B. Willis Street Car Park, a 9,473.3 square metre portion of the parcel described as Volume 142013 Folio 1, delineated on the attached map described as "Willis Street Car Park"

subject to the following:

- The development shall be undertaken by University of Tasmania in a manner consistent with the commitments and undertakings provided by University of Tasmania in their document signed by the Vice Chancellor dated 4 November 2015, unless subsequently varied with the agreement of the Council.
- Agreement by University of Tasmania that prior to any transfer of title from the Council, University of Tasmania will provide to the Council written confirmation that funding commitments have been made necessary to enable the relocation of substantially all of the University's operations at Newnham, excluding AMC and associated facilities.

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus...(Cont'd)

3. Agreement by University of Tasmania that if the relocation is not completed on the land by University of Tasmania within five (5) years from the date of the Development Approval issued by the Council as a Planning Authority, or in the event that the land ceases to be used by University of Tasmania for education purposes, University of Tasmania shall be liable to pay to the Council an amount representing the value of the land, as assessed by a suitably qualified valuer agreed by the Council and University of Tasmania, or in the absence of agreement nominated by the Valuer General.

REPORT:

On the 18 May 2015 the City of Launceston entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Crown in Right of Tasmania, the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and TasTAFE.

The MoU indicated:

- A. The parties have a desire to support a stronger higher education presence in Northern Tasmania. They also wish to see a rejuvenated and consolidated Northern campus which offers internationally competitive course content in surroundings which reflect a modern contemporary learning environment. The parties also wish to see a revitalisation of Launceston and the creation of a genuine regional University city by providing significantly increased economic activity stemming from a relocation of the University campus.
- B. Given this desire the parties wish to record in this memorandum the joint intent to undertake future discussions in relation to the Specified Matters.
- C. The parties wish to record certain matters related to the conduct of these discussions.

Subsequently, the memorandum recorded the following:

Specified Matters means:

- a. the retention of the existing AMC facilities at the Newnham Campus;
- the relocation of the balance of the University Campus from 75 Newnham Drive to another site.

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus...(Cont'd)

Further within the memorandum, the following details made specific reference to the nature of discussions to be undertaken:

DISCUSSIONS

In connection with the Specified Matters and subject to this memorandum:

- a. the University will hold discussions with the other parties regarding:
 - i. moving to a new site, with a preference for Inveresk, and expanding existing programs. This may include Nursing, Business and Education programs;
 - ii. expanding into Associate Degree courses to be delivered at a new site, including Aged Care, Allied Health, Agriculture and LEAN Business;
 - iii. developing a master plan for the new campus site which considers options to repurpose any existing buildings and the development of new educational facilities;
 - iv. the provision of firm concept plans of the University's proposals at Inveresk on or before 31 August 2015;
 - v. identifying purposeful uses for the Newnham Campus;
 - vi. the opportunity for a collaborative approach to the delivery of post school education in the northern region with TasTAFE;
- b. the Council will hold discussions with the other parties regarding making land and buildings available upon which additional University facilities would be located;
- c. the Crown will hold discussions with the other parties regarding the best way of supporting the University's vision by:
 - i. making land and buildings available; and
 - ii. removing the requirement that the land currently occupied by the University at Newnham must be utilised for educational purposes.
- d. TasTAFE will hold discussions with the other parties regarding moving from currently occupied premises at 10 Wellington Street Launceston to new or alternative accommodation which may include moving to new premises, to existing premises that it currently occupies or to co-locate at a new University site; and

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus...(Cont'd)

- e. The parties will hold discussions about:
 - i. a combined approach by all parties to address the funding required to facilitate the Specified Matters;
 - ii. in the context of Clause 3.1(e)(i), a joint approach to the Australian Government for it to become a funding partner in facilitating the Specified Matters;
 - iii. the need for a comprehensive communications strategy for communications with stakeholders; and
 - iv. any consequential issues.

The parties will hold the discussions in good faith and use reasonable endeavours to reach, by 30 April 2016, an agreement or agreements in relation to the Specified Matters.

At the invitation of UTAS, the Council appointed members to sit on the Northern Project Reference Group. City Council representatives on the Group included the following:

Alderman Albert van Zetten Alderman Darren Alexander Alderman Janie Finlay Alderman Hugh McKenzie General Manager Robert Dobrzynski Inveresk Manager Robert Groenewegen

The role of the Group was indicated as follows:

Deliver the MoU obligations in relation to the approval of a concept plan of a new campus at Inveresk and get the best result by ensuring the views of community groups, government agencies and others are expressed and taken into account during the concept and design phase for the campus.

The objectives of the Group were subsequently indicated in the following manner:

The Group will provide input and advice to the planning and design process, ensuring that:

- UTAS' desired outcomes and any limitations, including budget constraints, are ascertained and documented at the start of the scoping process,
- CoL's desired outcomes and built form vision for CoL 2020 are understood.
- The views of each of the stakeholders are known and given full consideration.
- The project design complies with the desired outcomes and limitations.

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus...(Cont'd)

Members of the Group have undertaken site visits to Deakin University at Geelong in order to explore the impact of an inner city location by the University and purpose built campus design on the social and economic fabric of a regional city. Visits were also undertaken to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and the University of Melbourne.

CONSIDERATION

A decision is sought by UTAS that Council agree, in-principle to transfer land from the Council to UTAS, subject to conditions.

The description and tenure of the land sought by UTAS is as follows:

- Old Velodrome a 11,523.8 square metre portion of the parcel Value 169278 Folio 200, delineated on the attached map described as *Inveresk "Bike Track" proposed* boundary 12/10/2015
 - This land is part of a freehold parcel owned by the City of Launceston and the portion described above would need to be subdivided from parcel Volume 169278 Folio 200.
- ii. Willis Street carpark a 9,473.3 square metre portion of the parcel described as Volume 142013 Folio 1 and delineated on the attached map as *Willis Street carpark*.
 - This land is part of a freehold parcel owned by the City of Launceston and the portion described above would need to be subdivided from parcel Volume 142013 Folio 1.

It should be indicated that the land described in ii above would not include a small section of the Northern side of the current parcel that is now under Boland Street road formation, nor 12 Boland Street which is a privately owned parcel used as a carpark, or the parcel housing the National Automobile Museum.

In consideration of the Council's legislative obligations regarding disposal of land, the following matters are relevant:

- The land is not listed on the Public Land Register.
- The provisions of section 177 of the *Local Government Act 1993* apply. These legislative provisions indicate as follows:
- 1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of land owned by it, other than public land, in accordance with this section.
- 2) Before a council sells, leases, donates, exchanges or otherwise disposes of any land, it is to obtain a valuation of the land from the Valuer-General or a person who is qualified to practise as a land valuer under Section 4 of the Land Valuers Act 2001.

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus...(Cont'd)

- 3) A council may sell:
 - a. Any land by auction or tender; or
 - b. Any specific land by any other method it approves.
- 4) A council may exchange land for other land
 - a. If the valuations of each land are comparable in value; or
 - b. In any other case, as it considers appropriate.
- 5) A contract pursuant to this section for the sale, lease, donation, exchange or other disposal of land which is public land is of no effect.
- 6) A decision by a council under this section must be made by absolute majority.

In consideration of the requirements within Section 177 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1993, as detailed above, the Council has obtained a valuation of the land by a duly qualified land valuer.

An extract from the valuation of land indicating the assessed market value of the parcels of land under consideration is included below:

Old Cycle Track (Part 2 Invermay Road)

Market Value As If Complete (separate title issued):

Market Value with Vacant Possession:

\$1,900,000

This valuation is exclusive of GST

Notwithstanding our market valuation, there is a degree of volatility in prices in the property market which is influenced by the particular circumstances of purchasers and vendors. Having regard to this price volatility, we consider that an appropriate range of value for the subject property is between \$1,800,000 and \$2,000,000.

Willis St/National Automobile Museum (86 Cimitiere Street)

Market Value As If Complete (revised land area):

Market Value with Vacant Possession (Willis Street Car Park Site):	\$2,600,000
Market Value subject to Existing Lease (Auto Museum Site):	\$500,000
Market Value assuming a Sale-In-One-Line (both titles):	\$3,400,000

This valuation is exclusive of GST

Notwithstanding our market valuation, there is a degree of volatility in prices in the property market which is influenced by the particular circumstances of purchasers and vendors. Having regard to this price volatility, we consider that an appropriate range of value for the subject property, assuming a sale of both sites In-One-Line, is between \$3,200,000 and \$3,600,000.

There are no caveats on the land parcels under consideration.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Detailed within the Business Plan and submission for funding from State and Federal Government.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Managed as part of the development approval process.

20.1 Proposed University of Tasmania Inner City Campus...(Cont'd)

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Managed as part of the development approval process.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024 Section 6 - A City building its future Key Direction 1 - To advocate and collaborate to address regionally significant infrastructure and transport solutions.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

A copy of the valuation document for the land is attached. Other budget considerations relating to construction of a pedestrian bridge and road works are referred to in the report and attached documents from UTAS.

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.

Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Maps indicating parcels of land under consideration
- 2. UTAS correspondence from Vice Chancellor 4 November 2015
- 3. UTAS A Vision for Launceston document
- 4. UTAS Feedback Summary
- 5. Valuation of land documents (distributed separately)
- 6. Correspondence from Coordinator General's Office

Map of "Old Velodrome" site

Monday 9 November 2015



Attachment 2

OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Mr Robert Dobrzynski General Manager City of Launceston

Email: Robert.dobrzynski@launceston.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Dobrzynski

Thank you for the recent discussions regarding the Northern campus relocation and expansion plans.

The University remains committed to the undertakings in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the City of Launceston (CoL) in May, including the delivery of new courses in the north of the state and pursuing growth for existing offerings to grow student numbers and participation in the region. This commitment also extends to increasing the amount of research undertaken in the region.

I am advised that the Aldermen have requested further information to finalise the CoL's deliverables under the Northern MoU. This letter and associated documents provides the University's response to the information requested:

1. Roadworks

The Council is concerned about the extent of any roadworks that may be required as a result of the campus relocation. The University is committed to working with Council to ensure the traffic impact on the precinct is in accordance with Council plans, particularly for Invermay Road. To that end, the University will commit to ensuring the traffic flow from the new campus will be sensitive to the surrounding areas and will work with the Council and State Government to develop an appropriate traffic management solution.

2. Pedestrian Bridge

The construction of a pedestrian bridge between Inveresk and the Willis St site is critical to the University's proposed campus plan. As public infrastructure, the bridge is not owned or the responsibility of the University, but the University has a strong interest and commitment to the development of the bridge in conjunction with Council and other interested parties. Accordingly, the University agrees to participate in the design process of the bridge and to incorporate the proposed pedestrian bridge as part of the funding submission being developed for the campus relocation.

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3. Development Process, Water and Sewerage Works and Subdivision Costs

As the developer of the site, the University understands that it is responsible for ensuring the development occurs in accordance with planning rules, regulations and processes. This includes working with Council on the design and impact of the development, water and sewerage infrastructure for the site and meeting all costs associated with any subdivision of land requirements.

4. Economic Impact Figures

The Council has requested the University's economic analysis previously presented to Council and the public at the Town Hall meeting. The summary of the economic impact of the proposal is contained in Attachment 1, which was formulated on the initial business plan. When the business plan is finalised, the University will provide Council any updated impact figures for the inclusion in its Position Statement on the proposal and will provide an overview of the business case.

5. Car Parking at Inveresk and Willis Street

Substantial car parking will be developed by the University in the proposed Inveresk campus plan, including Willis St. This car parking will be made available for public use outside University operational times for major events in the precinct in agreement with Council.

6. Newnham Development Options

The University is committed to finding the most suitable solution for the existing Newnham site. Expertise and resources from the University have been made available for the proposed Northern Suburbs Revitalisation strategy being developed by Council. Further, the University is committed to ensuring the future success of the Australian Maritime College (AMC) at the site and investment will be made into the AMC for this purpose including retaining student accommodation for AMC.

Public uses for the land will be considered in the future development plans for Newnham. In the event suitable public uses for any portion of the land are identified, the University will work with Council and the State Government to determine the best approach to the continued ownership of that public space.

7. UTAS Commercial Activities

Any University must provide student and staff related commercial services on campus to provide an appropriate student and staff experience. The Inveresk campus proposal envisages the University developing commercial space within the campus footprint.

The University commits to ensuring any commercial space in the development will be operated by the University specifically for the benefit of staff and students and will be limited to the type of services currently provided at the Newnham

campus. The University is supportive of Council's objective to develop Invermay Rd in a village style and any commercial space from the University will be considerate of that aim.

In other commercial areas, the University will encourage private providers to operate in conjunction with the campus, however the university retains the right to provide required services where private providers fail to fill the need.

Council also requested a copy of the feedback presentation that was provided to Council at the meeting on 19 October 2015. Please find a copy of the presentation at Attachment 2.

The University looks forward to continuing to work with the Council to further progress the proposed Northern campus expansion

Yours sincerely

Professor Peter Rathjen Vice-Chancellor

4 November 2015

Attachment 1

Economic impact

Project benefits for the north of the state



Generating the following economic impact annually by 2025







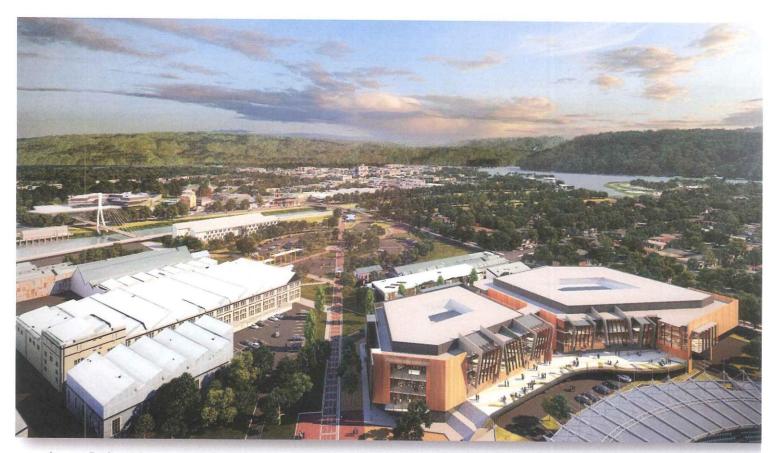




Attachment 3

A vision for Launceston





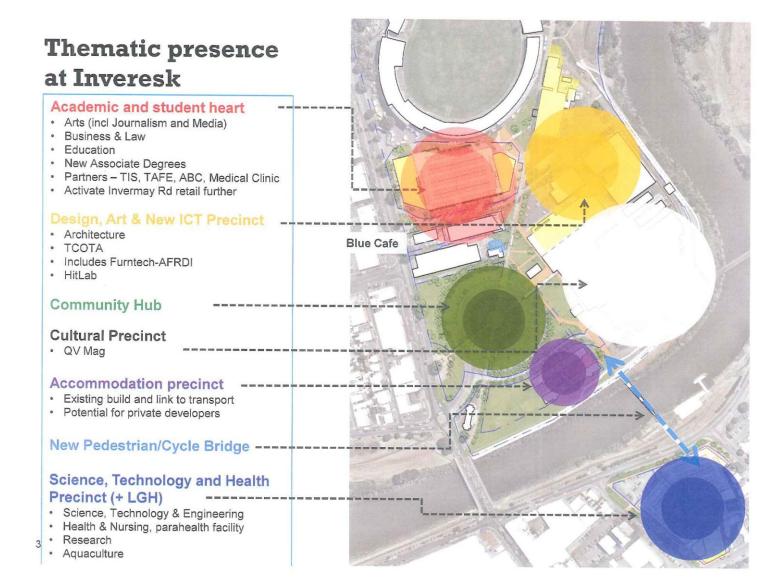
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Inveresk – site overview

Inveresk site (in blue) 26.44 ha

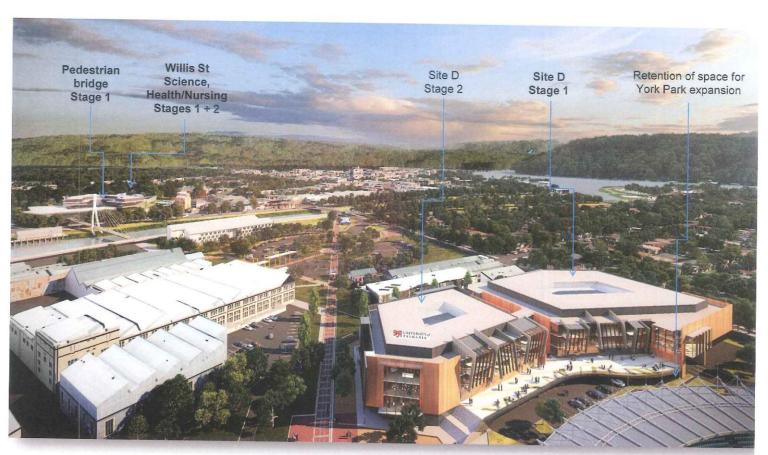
- Existing University of Tasmania buildings - 12,600m2 UFA
- Blue Café
- Queen Victorian Museum and Gallery
- Don River Railway site
- Proposed University initial 5 relocation and expansion
- 6 Forecourt

Willis St area 11,500 sqm



Future Inveresk Precinct





Inveresk site D concept drawings – Stage 1: Flagship Teaching & Academic Building



Bachelor Degrees:

- Business
- Arts
- Education
- Law

New Associate Degrees International student preparation General teaching space

- · Library/student hub
- Administration

240 car spaces Retail capacity

Potential partnerships:

- TAFE
- TIS
- Medical Clinic
- ABC
- Link to City College



The University is environmentally responsible – new buildings will be Green Star rated



Attachment 2: Feedback Summary



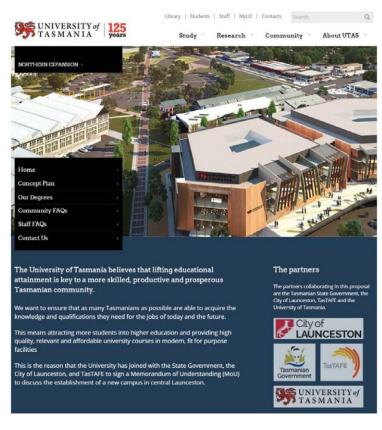
Communicating the vision





- Articulating a vision for new, regionally-relevant degree programs
- Growth in student numbers through new degrees, increased visibility, improved facilities
- Driving innovation through new collaborations with industry and incubators
- Growing research opportunities
- Showcasing the university in the heart of the city
- Direct economic investment

Feedback channels



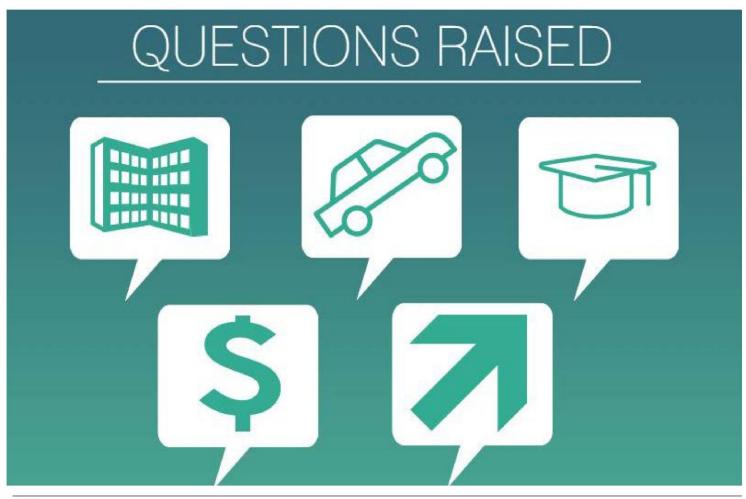
- Community briefings
- Town Hall 200 attendees
- Website 2,400 unique visitors and 6,000 page views
- Postcards 5,000 distributed
- Flyer drop 30,601 homes in greater Launceston region (postcodes 7248,7249,7250,7277)
- Information desk 5 16 October at Inveresk, 21-22 Newnham campus

Feedback



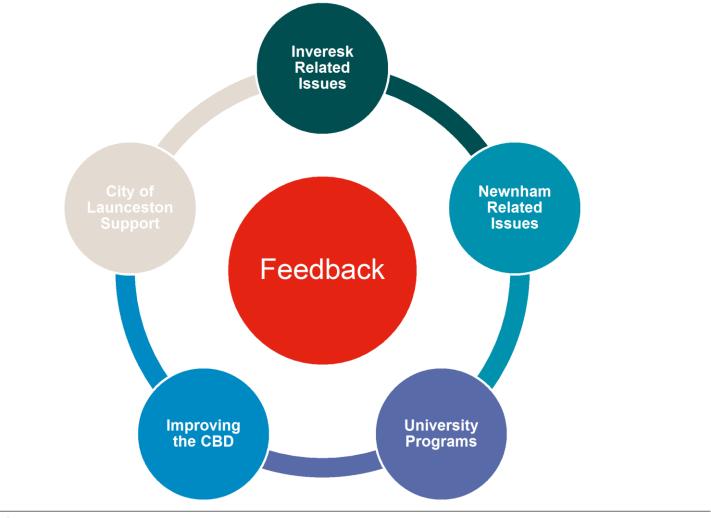


Feedback





Key areas of feedback





Inveresk

Issue	Response
Traffic	CoL Traffic Management Plan
Parking	 Planning and design process Implementing looping bus between Inveresk and Newnham Increased use of existing public transport and pedestrian infrastructure
Flood risk	CoL Flood Mitigation PlanUniversity building design processPlanning scheme and approvals
Community facilities impact - QVMAG - Tram museum and infrastructure - Don River Railway - Conference facilities - National Automobile Museum - YPIPA	 Working to resolve individual issues Future assured as part of cultural precinct Ongoing consultation and planning Ongoing consultation and planning

Inveresk (continued)

Issue	Response
Building design sympathetic to the existing architecture	University design processPlanning scheme requirements and approvals
Site size	 University design process and assessment of Newnham campus Integrated planning with staff and students Planning scheme and approvals Increased use of public facilities (Aquatic Centre, tennis courts, parks, etc.) Increased use of existing private facilities (parking, banking, medical, accommodation, etc)



Newnham

Issue	Response
Future of site	 Northern Suburbs Revitalisation Strategy Joint CoL and university working party Approaches by three developers Timeline of development – ability to mitigate impact
Why move	 Creating a university city Driving student participation through improved visibility, purpose-built facilities and increased degree opportunities University communication and consultation
Northern suburbs impact	Northern Suburbs Revitalisation StrategyJoint CoL and university working party
Local shops and landlords	 Northern Suburbs Revitalisation Strategy Joint CoL and university working party Timeline of development – ability to mitigate impact Existing community

University programs

Issue	Response
Academic quality	New regionally-relevant programsOverseen by University quality processesFederal quality standards compliance
Staffing levels	 Creating new roles – up to 160 ongoing roles
Seniority of academics	 20 senior academic appointments in the last 24 months Predicted to increase in line with increased student demand
Associate degrees	 Growing student numbers University governance model Federal quality standards compliance TasTAFE pathways
AMC	Future assured
Improving infrastructure	 Track record of building long term research investment and student growth Increase and improve existing (end-of-life) assets

Improving the CBD

Issue	Response
Economic impactRetail occupancyTourismAccommodation	 Business case benefit Incubator and innovation (Macquarie House) Improved utilisation of existing public facilities including transport and sporting facilities
JobsConstructionOngoingSupporting innovation and business growth	160 ongoing university jobs500 indirect jobs by 2025
Transport	 Use of public transport and pedestrian infrastructure Implementing loop bus between Inveresk and Newnham
Students	 Predicted 3,000 students within CBD precinct

City of Launceston support

Issue	Response
Partner	Subject to the MOU
Land	Subject to CoL Council process
Transport planning	 CoL Transport and Traffic strategic planning
Northern Suburbs	Northern Suburbs Revitalisation StrategyJoint CoL and university working party
YPIPA	YPIPA support for project

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Attachment 6

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30 October 2015

Mr Robert Dobrzynski General Manager Launceston City Council PO Box 396 LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Via email: Robert.Dobrzynski@launceston.tas.gov.au

Dear Robert

The State Government understands that the City of Launceston and the University of Tasmania (UTAS) are working collaboratively with the General Manager of State Roads to plan for the provision of road and pedestrian bridge infrastructure associated with the establishment of a UTAS inner city Northern Campus at Inveresk.

While details of the scope and costing of projects required are yet to be determined, the State Government accepts that the City of Launceston will seek funding support from the State Government and other stakeholders for the provision of this important infrastructure within the overall funding envelope of the State's co-contribution to the University relocation project, should that project proceed.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please feel free to contact me via email at james.mckee@cg.tas.gov.au or phone 6777 2807.

Yours sincerely

dor James McKee

Director

Northern Cities Major Development Initiative

21 URGENT BUSINESS

Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, states that a council, by absolute majority at an ordinary council meeting, may decide to deal with a matter that is not on the Agenda.

No Urgent Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

22 CLOSED COUNCIL

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 15(2)

No Closed items have been identified as part of this Agenda

23 MEETING CLOSURE