



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **COUNCIL AGENDA**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016  
1.00pm**

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

Date: 8 February 2016

Time: 1.00pm

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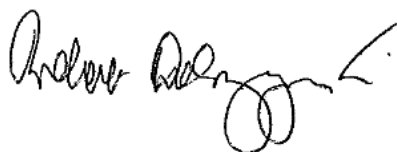
## Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

### Background

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

### Declaration

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to Council in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.



**Robert Dobrzynski**  
General Manager

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**1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*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 25 January 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**4 DEPUTATIONS**

**No Deputations have been identified as part of this Agenda**

**5 PETITIONS**

*Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 57 and 58*

**No Petitions have been identified as part of this Agenda**

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**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.)*

**7.2 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**

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## 9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

### 9.1 Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

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#### Tuesday 26 January 2016

- Officiated at the Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony at the Albert Hall

#### Wednesday 27 January 2016

- Attended the Newstead College Presentation and Awards Evening at Newstead College

#### Thursday 28 January 2016

- Attended and part of Official Party at the Launceston College Academic Awards Ceremony at Launceston College

#### Tuesday 2 February 2016

- Officiated at the Business Events Tasmania Welcome to Delegates Function at the Design Centre Launceston

#### Wednesday 3 February

- Attended the Southern Cross TV New Season Launch 2016 at Mud Bar and Restaurant, Seaport

#### Friday 5 February

- Attended the Official Opening of The Haven on Paterson at 34 Paterson Street Launceston

#### Saturday 6 February 2016

- Attended the Miss World State Finals at Peppers Seaport Hotel

#### Sunday 7 February 2016

- Officiated at the Launceston Tennis International at the Launceston Regional Tennis Centre, Racecourse Crescent, Launceston
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**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.)*

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**11.1.1 Aldermen's Questions On Notice - Council Meeting 25 January 2016****FILE NO:** SF2375**AUTHOR:** Tegan West (Committee Clerk)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

Alderman D C Gibson asked the following questions:

1. *Why did works at the Princess Theatre appear to have started prior to the approval of the tender by the Tender Review Committee?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Richard Mulvaney Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)*

The contract works subject to the tender evaluation committee decision did not commence until after the Committee's decision on the 7 December 2015. The works that commenced on site prior to this date (1 December 2015) involved the removal of the auditorium seats - undertaken as part of an auction/sale managed by Theatre North.

Some other preparation works commenced on site prior to 7 December 2015, but these were not part of the primary reconstruction works contract awarded to Darcon Constructions. The new seating supply and installation contract associated with this project was also awarded earlier this year. The schedule was to ensure that we complete the works before the 2016 theatre program commencing late March.

2. *What is the timeline for the New Year's Eve expressions of interest process?*

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst Director Development Services)*

Council endorsed an Expression of Interest process for a New Year's Eve Event for 2016 at the Council Meeting on Monday, 25 January 2016. The endorsement requires the final decision on the successful applicant to be approved by Council.

The Event Sponsorship Assessment Committee as per current policy will assess all Expressions of Interest for a New Year's Eve Event for 2016, during the week of 22 February 2016. It is intended that a report will then be presented to Council on the 15 March 2016 for Council to approve a recommendation made by the committee.

Currently, expressions of interest are open and will close on 19 February 2016.

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**11.1.1 Aldermen's Questions On Notice - Council Meeting 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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Alderman J Finlay asked the following questions:

3. *What is the current status and what happens to the material collected from the trucks from the kerbside recycling program? Where does it go and what happens to it?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

The Council's fortnightly kerbside recycling collection service is provided by Tox Free and is available to every household provided with a kerbside refuse service. For the FY2014/15 the weight of recyclable material collected by the kerbside service amounted to 5490 tonne. The composition of the material is - Cardboard (12.20%); Paper (31.00%); HDPE (1.50%); PET (1.50%); Steel (2.00%); Aluminium (1.30%); Mixed Plastic (2.50%); Glass (38.00%) and (General) Waste (10.00%). After separation at the Launceston materials recovery facility the materials are transported to both local and export markets to recycle into their respective like materials.

4. *Why was only one successful consultant listed for the Bridge Inspections and Urban Accessibility expression on interest process?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

In these categories, only one expression of interest was received.

Alderman E K Williams provided the following written questions to be Taken on Notice for the next Council Meeting (*Attachment 1*):

*With regard to the clearing of the silver gull breeding site at Kings Wharf, adjacent to the Charles Street bridge:*

5. *What non-lethal options were considered in the time since the previous cull, and what non-lethal deterrents will be employed now to reduce the need for future destruction of native wildlife?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Matthew Skirving - Manager Architectural Services)*

Active users of the areas surrounding the site in question have implemented a number of strategies to minimise the impact of the large numbers of birds aggregating in the area, with little success. These have included more frequent cleaning of actively used areas to remove bird droppings (rowing pontoons and external decking areas) and bird deterrent devices (spinning bird scarers and humming lines).

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**11.1.1 Aldermen's Questions On Notice - Council Meeting 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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The specific area in question has been subject to ongoing construction activities associated with both the concrete river-edge piling, followed by the new flood levee constructions works. During this time the flat area of land above high tide level has been largely unused, and has provided close to ideal conditions for birds to nest and breed. No other active or passive management actions have been undertaken by Council since the last 'cull'.

Now that arrangements for the transfer of a number of Crown Land titles in this area have been finalised, and following a number of complaints to the General Manager regarding the nuisance caused by the large number of Silver Gulls in the area, Council Officers have undertaken some site works intended to make this area less attractive as a nesting and breeding area. Based on the recommendations received from DPIPWE, it is hoped that these works will naturally decrease the amount of birds nesting at this site, due to the reduced area of nesting habitat.

6. *What procedures did council put in place to ensure that the destruction of birds, particularly unfledged chicks, was humane, was the RSPCA consulted on appropriate methods, and the operation supervised?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Matthew Skirving - Manager Architectural Services)*

The RSPCA was not consulted regarding the works undertaken. Council Officers consulted with DPIPWE's Principal Wildlife Management Officer regarding the proposed works to deter the ongoing aggregation and nesting of Silver Gulls in this area. The permit issued by DPIPWE contained specific conditions regarding the disposal of any materials recovered from the works area, and the works completed to date have been undertaken in accordance with these requirements.

No mature or juvenile birds were directly targeted by the works undertaken. Both nest and egg removal did form part of the first stage of this work. All material removed from the site was disposed of in accordance with the permit conditions, and the work was staged to enable birds to naturally relocate away from the active working area. Some deceased birds were evident on the site area prior to any works commencing - most likely due to competition amongst the large colony occupying the site.

Previously, almost the entire area of vacant land provided close to ideal nesting habitat for Silver Gulls, resulting in a large aggregation in this area (further attracted by the close proximity of feeding opportunities directly across the river). The works undertaken were designed to modify the majority of the site area to make this less attractive, while leaving an area of land to the west undisturbed, along

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**11.1.1 Aldermen's Questions On Notice - Council Meeting 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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with a section of land at the top of the river bank to remain unchanged. Inspections undertaken at this site since completion indicates that a smaller number of birds has recolonised these areas.

The re-landscaping works were supervised by Council officers, with regular meetings held at the start and end of each day of active works being completed on site (approximately four days in total).

7. *Could the appointment of a suitably qualified person to an Environmental Officer role within council (not an uncommon position even for Tasmanian councils) be considered, to deal with issues of this nature, broader matters such as feral cat management, and ensuring that environmental advice on planning matters is provided with improved in-house capacity and meets the expectations that the people of Launceston have?*

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst Director Development Services)*

Council does not currently employ environmental officers. Our Environmental Health Officers do an environmental health impact assessment on all Development Applications and on Building Applications. Their focus is on how the environmental factors impact on public health. Environmental Officers focus on environmental matters related to the eco-system, environmental sustainability and biodiversity issues. It is not an area in which we have expertise and if Council wished to broaden its service delivery into this area there would need to be an increase in budget to enable the employment of an environmental officer. Currently we make contributions to Natural Resource Management North and to Tamar Natural Resource Management to support regional and local environmental management activities.

Alderman R J Sands asked the following questions:

8. *Why were the Christmas decorations installed and removed between St John and Elizabeth Streets prior to Christmas and why were they not reinstalled?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

Staff inadvertently installed three brackets (and Christmas decorations) on TasNetwork poles located in St John Street. Staff were of the understanding that all poles in the CBD were Council owned. Following discovery of the error the brackets and decorations were relocated to Kingsway.

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**11.1.1 Aldermen's Questions On Notice - Council Meeting 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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9. *Could Aldermen be provided with an update on the progress of works for the very narrow Westbury Road footpath near Roses Lane which would allow those with prams to use the footpath?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

The footpath extension for Westbury Road is no longer on the Council's forward capital works program. Currently the City of Launceston has a sub-soil stabilisation project running in Rose Lane below Westbury Road. This project is aimed to reduce the risk of landslide and slow down the movement within Westbury Road which is currently moving down the hill at about 4-8mm per year. Infrastructure Services have stopped all future capital works in the area until we have confidence that the sub-soil drains have stabilised the movement. When considering the future of the footpath, there is a risk that creating new assets in the zone (i.e. extending the footpath) would load the landslip further, increasing the movement and then affecting the road pavement.

Alderman R J McKendrick asked the following question:

10. *Following consultation on Westbury Road works (west of Normanstone to Bertha Streets), will the matter referred back to Council?*

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

In November Infrastructure Services Directorate posted to 400 residents, essential services and also listed on Face Book, details of the project and that construction was scheduled for February 2016. Although not explicitly sought, 10 responses were received, with three not supporting the project.

This project together with works at the Normanstone Road intersection have been part of an ongoing discussion with the community over the past three years and included in discussions at the Launceston Road Safety Consultative Committee and the Council.

In mid-2014 a combined Black Spot application was supported by the Council which was subsequently rejected for external funding. Over the years the objection from the community has focused on works at the Normanstone Road intersection. We had not received any negative response on the proposal to include a median lane which is not unexpected given we were addressing the safety issues raised by the community and local residents. The Normanstone Road intersection works have been postponed. The linear (median lane) project was presented to the Launceston

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**11.1.1 Aldermen's Questions On Notice - Council Meeting 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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Road Safety Consultative Committee and later the Council for approval and implementation. The current consultation is to inform residents of the scheduled construction in February although some have taken the opportunity to provide a response.

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*Attachment 1 - Questions On Notice - Alderman E K Williams*

With regard to the clearing of the silver gull breeding site at Kings Wharf, adjacent to the Charles Street bridge:

1. What non-lethal options were considered in the time since the previous cull, and what non-lethal deterrents will be employed now to reduce the need for future destruction of native wildlife?
2. What procedures did council put in place to ensure that the destruction of birds, particularly unfledged chicks, was humane, was the RSPCA consulted on appropriate methods, and the operation supervised?
3. Could the appointment of a suitably qualified person to an Environmental Officer role within council (not an uncommon position even for Tasmanian councils) be considered, to deal with issues of this nature, broader matters such as feral cat management, and ensuring that environmental advice on planning matters is provided with improved in-house capacity and meets the expectations that the people of Launceston have?

*Ab. Williams  
25 Jan 2016*

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**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 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 18 and 25 January 2016****FILE NO:** SF0100**AUTHOR:** Raj Pakiarajah (Projects Manager)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive and consider reports from the Tender Review Committee (a delegated authority committee).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the report from the Tender Review Committee on meetings held on 18 and 25 January 2016.

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**REPORT:**

The Tender Review Committee meetings held on 18 and 25 January 2016 determined the following:

**18 January 2016****Launceston Waste Centre - Northern Extension Landfill Development - CD.054/2015**

The Tender Review Committee accepted the tender submitted by Shaw Contracting Pty Ltd for the construction of the Launceston Waste Centre - Northern Extension Landfill Development, at a cost of \$3,376,146.93 (excl. GST) subject to development approval being granted for the borrow pit usage and subject to additional funding being allocated at the next Council meeting.

**25 January 2016****Churchill Park Facilities Replacement - CD.058/2015**

The Tender Review Committee accepted the tender submitted by Continental Builders for the construction of the Churchill Park Facilities Replacement, at a cost of \$198,983.00 (excl. GST).

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**12.1 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 18 and 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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**Laura Street (Connaught Crescent to Neika Avenue) - Road Asset Upgrade - CD.060/2015**

The Tender Review Committee accepted the tender submitted by Crossroads Civil Contracting for the construction of Laura Street (Connaught Crescent to Neika Avenue) - Road Asset Upgrade, at a cost of \$302,484.00 (excl. GST).

**Quadrant Mall Redevelopment - CD.056/2015**

The Tender Review Committee accepted the tender submitted by Baker Civil Contracting for the Redevelopment of Quadrant Mall - Portion A - Civil Works, at a cost of \$549,960.00 (excl. GST).

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The economic impact has been considered in the development of these projects.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

The environmental impact has been considered in the development of these projects.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

The social impact is considered in the development of these projects.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

Ten-year goal - To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way

Key Direction -

1. To develop and consistently use community engagement processes

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

Ten-year goal - To continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of our Organisation

Key Direction -

2. To lead the implementation of the Greater Launceston Plan by collaborating on relevant initiatives

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**12.1 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 18 and 25 January 2016...(Cont'd)**

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**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

These projects are funded in accordance with the approved 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.



**Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services**

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## **13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

Council Workshops conducted on 1 February 2016 were:

- Bridge Road Tourist Precinct Pedestrian Access Improvement Strategy
  - Building Regulatory Framework Review
  - Launceston Aquatic Centre (LAC) Fence Requirements
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**14 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

**14.1 Notice of Motion - Alderman R J Sands - Flexible Rating Structure**

**FILE NO:** SF5547/SF0521

**AUTHOR:** Alderman R J Sands

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a more flexible rating structure that allows for differential rating.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council - 14 November 2015 - Item 14.1 - Notice of Motion - Alderman Sands - Flexible Rating Structure

Council - 25 January 2016 - Item 14.1 - Notice of Motion - Alderman Sands - Flexible Rating Structure

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To instruct the General Manager to provide Aldermen with an Impact Report showing the effect of increasing the fixed charge component of the general rate in the attached format.

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**REPORT:****Background**

By doing this it will show the elimination of any effect of cost shift by land use (sectors) eg: residential, commercial, primary production etc. A comparison needs to be provided so that the current total amount of rates for each sector is compared to the adjusted amount for each sector when the fixed charge is increased. This is known as differential rating. To understand the weighted impact the required report also asks for the number of properties in each identified AAV range. This report is to then be included with the information that will be provided on the 22 February 2016 as the previous motion indicated.

The whole thrust of this motion is to be an information gathering scenario to enable all Aldermen to be informed and have a better understanding of the pathway towards a flat based rating system.

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**14.1 Notice of Motion - Alderman R J Sands - Flexible Rating Structure...(Cont'd)**

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Upon receipt of the information we will then be able to assess and move forward.

I realise and understand that this is a dramatic change but it will be for the better and a fairer and more equitable model will evolve.

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

*Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)*

As noted in comments to the previous Agenda Items on this subject, Council should consider changes to the amount of revenue raised from the general charge and the general rate as part of the ongoing process of reviewing the rating structure.

The Notice of Motion has the effect of replacing the restrictions included in the previous motions by seeking to allow the officer recommendation "...that the scope of the modelling include an initial analysis of how differential rates might be used in conjunction with a change to the general charge".

The decision of 25 January 2016 requires the presentation of the models to Council. The discussion of this motion reinforced the concerns in regard to consideration in open Council before all Aldermen have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the model and the effect of changing a number of variables. A workshop has been set for 29 February to present models.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Rating structures can have a small economic impact through the allocation to the various categories of property use (commercial, industrial etc).

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Rating structures can have a social impact through the redistribution of rates from one socio-economic group to another.

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**14.1 Notice of Motion - Alderman R J Sands - Flexible Rating Structure...(Cont'd)**

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**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

Ten-year goals - To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way

Key Directions -

1. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information
2. To continually improve our service delivery and supporting processes
3. To strategically manage our assets, facilities and services
4. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

Discussed within this report.

**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. Notice of Motion - Alderman R J Sands - Flexible Rating Structure
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## CITY OF LAUNCESTON

### MEMORANDUM

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FILE NO: SF5547 / SF0521  
TS  
DATE: 27 January 2016

TO: Robert Dobrzynski                      General Manager  
c.c.    Committee Clerks

FROM: Ted Sands                              Alderman

**SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - Flexible Rating Structure**

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In accordance with Clause 16 (5) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* please accept this Notice of Motion for placement on the agenda of the Meeting of Council to be held on 8 February 2016.

#### **Motion**

To instruct the General Manager to provide Aldermen with an Impact Report showing the effect of increasing the fixed charge component of the general rate in the attached format.

#### **Background**

By doing this it will show the elimination of any effect of cost shift by land use (sectors) eg: residential, commercial, primary production etc. A comparison needs to be provided so that the current total amount of rates for each sector is compared to the adjusted amount for each sector when the fixed charge is increased. This is known as differential rating. To understand the weighted impact the required report also asks for the number of properties in each identified AAV range. This report is to then be included with the information that will be provided on the 22 February 2016 as the previous motion indicated.

The whole thrust of this motion is to be an information gathering scenario to enable all Aldermen to be informed and have a better understanding of the pathway towards a flat based rating system.

Upon receipt of the information we will then be able to assess and move forward.

I realise and understand that this is a dramatic change but it will be for the better and a fairer and more equitable model will evolve.

#### **Attachments**

1. Impact Report
2. Report Preparation



**Alderman Ted Sands**

**Impact Report**  
**Increasing the fixed charge by sector showing number of properties affected.**

Vacant Land		Total general with Fixed \$147	Total general with Fixed \$200	Total general with Fixed \$250	Total general with Fixed \$300	Number of Properties	AAV Range
AAV	Current						
	\$5,000						0 to 5,000
	\$10,000						5,001 to 10,000
	\$15,000						10,001 to 15,000
	\$25,000						15,001 to 25,000
	\$50,000						25,001 to 50,000
	\$75,000						50,000+

residential		Total general with Fixed \$147	Total general with Fixed \$200	Total general with Fixed \$250	Total general with Fixed \$300	Number of Properties	AAV Range
AAV	Current						
	\$5,000						0 to 5,000
	\$10,000						5,001 to 10,000
	\$15,000						10,001 to 15,000
	\$25,000						15,001 to 25,000
	\$50,000						25,001 to 50,000
	\$75,000						50,000+

commercial

AAV

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industrial

AAV

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	50,000+

public purposes

AAV

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\$15,000				
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	0 to 5,000
	5,001 to 10,000
	10,001 to 15,000
	15,001 to 25,000
	25,001 to 50,000
	50,000+

primary production	Total general with Fixed \$147	Total general with Fixed \$200	Total general with Fixed \$250	Total general with Fixed \$300	Number of Properties	AAV Range
AAV	Current					
\$5,000						0 to 5,000
\$10,000						5,001 to 10,000
\$15,000						10,001 to 15,000
\$25,000						15,001 to 25,000
\$50,000						25,001 to 50,000
\$75,000						50,000+

sporting or recreational	Total general with Fixed \$147	Total general with Fixed \$200	Total general with Fixed \$250	Total general with Fixed \$300	Number of Properties	AAV Range
AAV	Current					
\$5,000						0 to 5,000
\$10,000						5,001 to 10,000
\$15,000						10,001 to 15,000
\$25,000						15,001 to 25,000
\$50,000						25,001 to 50,000
\$75,000						50,000+

quarrying or mining	Total general with Fixed \$147	Total general with Fixed \$200	Total general with Fixed \$250	Total general with Fixed \$300	Number of Properties	AAV Range
AAV	Current					
\$5,000						0 to 5,000
\$10,000						5,001 to 10,000
\$15,000						10,001 to 15,000
\$25,000						15,001 to 25,000
\$50,000						25,001 to 50,000
\$75,000						50,000+

## Report preparation

### Step 1

Separate the types of land use (sectors) and Identify total general rate income by those sectors.

#### Sectors

- non use of the land (vacant land)
- residential
- commercial
- industrial
- public purposes
- primary production
- sporting or recreational facilities
- quarrying or mining

#### Total Current General Rate


### Step 2

Calculate the new variable rate in the \$ to provide the same income by sector after increasing the fixed charge component

#### Sectors

- non use of the land (vacant land)
- residential
- commercial
- industrial
- public purposes
- primary production
- sporting or recreational facilities
- quarrying or mining

	Fixed Charge	Rate in \$	Total General
	Current		
non use of the land (vacant land)	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
residential	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
commercial	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
industrial	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
public purposes	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
primary production	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
sporting or recreational facilities	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	
quarrying or mining	\$ 147.00	\$ 0.0877	

	Fixed Charge	Rate in \$	Total General
non use of the land (vacant land)	\$ 200.00		
residential	\$ 200.00		
commercial	\$ 200.00		
industrial	\$ 200.00		
public purposes	\$ 200.00		
primary production	\$ 200.00		
sporting or recreational facilities	\$ 200.00		
quarrying or mining	\$ 200.00		

Sectors

non use of the land (vacant land)  
 residential  
 commercial  
 industrial  
 public purposes  
 primary production  
 sporting or recreational facilities  
 quarrying or mining

Fixed Charge	Rate in \$	Total General
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		
\$ 250.00		

Fixed Charge	Rate in \$	Total General
\$ 300.00		
\$ 300.00		
\$ 300.00		
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\$ 300.00		

**15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS****15.1 Building Regulatory Framework Review****FILE NO:** SF5768**AUTHOR:** Roger Gillett (Manager Building Services)**DIRECTOR:** Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a response to the Draft Building Bill.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

SPPC Workshop - 1 February 2016 - Committee considered items for inclusion in a submission on the building Regulatory Framework Review.

Council - 8 September 2014 - Item 14.4 - agreed to provide a formal response to the Building Regulatory Framework Review discussion paper.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorses the response proposed to the Minister for Planning and Local Government based upon key areas of concern with the proposed changes to the Building Bill.

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**REPORT:****TASMANIAN BUILDING REGULATORY FRAMEWORK REVIEW**

The Treasurer and Minister for Planning and Local Government has requested a response by 12 February 2016, to the Draft Building Bill which will replace the *Building Act 2000*. This Act is expected to be in operation by 1 July 2016.

Since early 2014 the Minister's Department has been reviewing the Regulatory Framework, and appointed four reference groups to assist in the preview. The Building Services Manager was appointed to the Local Government Reference Group and Council duly responded to the Discussion Paper at the Council meeting on 8 September 2014. Its major concerns at that time were the retention of the Permit Authority, adequate plumbing control and an improved pathway for entering the Building and plumbing surveying profession.

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## **15.1 Building Regulatory Framework Review...(Cont'd)**

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Since that time three Bills have been tabled in Parliament.

- Occupational Licensing Amendment Bill 2016,
- Residential Building Work Contracts and Dispute Resolution Bill 2016 (New), and
- Building and Construction Industry Security of Payments Amendment Bill 2016.

After feedback from the building industry, they will now be resubmitted with the Building Bill in March 2016.

The new regulatory framework will be based on risk: the higher the risk the greater oversight there will be of the building and plumbing approval process. The philosophy is that for low risk building and plumbing work, the Government will take a backward step and allow home owners and businesses to proceed with minimal intervention.

The key changes include the retention of Permit Authorities and separation of the building and plumbing work assessment processes. Building Permits will only be required for higher risk work (predominantly commercial and industrial projects, classes 2-9 buildings) and class 1 residential buildings exceeding 150 sq m in area.

Notifiable work is required to be certified by a Building Surveyor and certificates of compliance supplied to the Permit authority at completion. The lowest risk is Builder Assessable Work that is exempt work.

In addition to our submission about the Building Bill and concerns expressed to the Minister in face to face meetings, the following items are expressed for prompt amendment prior to proclamation.

1. The possible health risks due to lack of plumbing permits and inadequate inspections in an old dual stormwater drainage and sewerage area. (It is understood that at the Minister's briefing of Mayors and General Manager's in early December 2015, that the Director of Building Control stated that through agreement between Council and the Department of Justice; that the City of Launceston can be exempted by mapping a suitable higher risk area. Early discussion is requested to enable implementation by 1 July 2016).
  2. An inordinate transference of cost and responsibilities to Council due to the expected upward surge in non-compliance and the need to educate the public.
  3. Reduction in revenue in the order of 25% (approximately, a minimum \$250,000 and possible staff redundancies) with questionable stated reductions in "red tape" and improved efficiencies.
  4. Increased audit responsibilities by State Government without adequate staffing resources.
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**15.1 Building Regulatory Framework Review...(Cont'd)**

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5. The need to simplify the "as of right" (permitted pathways) planning requirements for less complicated residential buildings to reduce costs and time delays. The "ResCode" type publications have been introduced in planning and building legislation in other mainland States, particularly Victoria.
6. Introduce technically trained Building Surveyors to lead Permit Authorities and issue the more complex permits. This should be coupled with the inclusion of a Building Inspector accreditation to provide a career pathway in a profession that is dramatically reducing in numbers. This has been agreed to but is not reflected in the legislation and needs to be enacted by the Occupational Licensing Regulation, rather than waiting for enactment in July 2016.
7. Omission of the category of Plumbing Surveyor in the proposed legislation. This has been accepted by the State Government as a serious omission.

In conclusion, the legislation is considered to have positive aspects particularly in terms of strengthening accredited professions and trades including auditing and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements. Whilst it is acknowledged that the State Government is aiming to reduce the cost of delays in development, a lowering of building and plumbing standards is anticipated to result from the amendments as well as an increase in non-compliance.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

Ten-year goals - To continue to meet our statutory obligations and deliver quality services and to continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of our Organisation

Key Directions -

4. To continually improve our service delivery and supporting processes
  5. To strategically manage our assets, facilities and services
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## 15.1 Building Regulatory Framework Review...(Cont'd)

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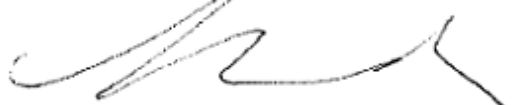
### **BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **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. Tasmanian Regulatory Building Framework Review Completed Response Form
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## **Building Bill 2016**

Attachment 1
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This Bill introduces a new approach to the building and plumbing approval process, where we consider the risk involved in a project.

High risk projects such as multi-storey buildings, building in hazardous areas or non-standard designs will still need a permit, but medium risk projects can be undertaken by a licensed builder with approval granted by a building surveyor.

If the project is considered to be low risk, for example building a small shed or car port, then a licensed builder can do the work without first seeking a permit.

This will significantly reduce the time and cost to gain approval for many small building and plumbing projects.

### **Do you support this risk-based approach to building approvals?**

**YES**       **NO**

### **Do you think we've placed types of building work in the right categories?**

**YES**       **NO**

#### **Provide details:**

Class 1 & 10 buildings in Category 3 should be included in Category 2.

The distinction between Medium and High Risk is arbitrary. What difference in risk between a 120m<sup>2</sup> dwelling and a 225m<sup>2</sup> dwelling, etc.

What is the added value involved in these cases by requiring permits for works certified by a building surveyor? This adds a whole additional layer of red tape to the process.

The intended function of the permit authority is not clear. Is it the plumbing authority, the compliance watchdog or is the role just administrative as the archive of building documentation. Or is there a review/audit function o.b.o. the Director intended?

If Class 2 to 9 work requires a permit to ensure compliance beyond that which a building or plumbing surveyor certifies, then it would be illogical if the person appointed by the general manager is not also an accredited building practitioner.

**Please list your specific comments on the Building Bill here, or attach additional pages.**

Page	Clause	Comments
various	various	References throughout the Bill are made to 'owners of buildings or temporary structures' and 'owners of premises' rather than 'owners of land' as was done in Building Act 2000. The meaning of <i>owner</i> should not refer to premises but to land which is adequately defined in the Acts Interpretation Act 1931 as: " <i>land shall include messuages, tenements, and hereditaments, houses, and buildings of any tenure and any estate or interest therein.</i> "  A land title search enabled verification of land ownership. How can ownership of premises, a building or temporary structure be legally verified?
104	75(1)	It is understood that the interpretations 'adjoining building' and 'adjoining owner' determines that these protection work provisions are designed to protect buildings and persons. What protection provision is there in this Bill regarding the undermining and destabilisation of neighbouring land?  The Building Act 2000 interpretation of 'adjoining property' included land.
121	s92	s102(2)(c) provides "Despite subsection (1), plumbing work is not notifiable plumbing work if any part of the plumbing work is plumbing work that is performed as part of work performed under an emergency order, a plumbing order or a building order." Why doesn't s92 contain a similar provision?
125	97(4)	This is repetition of what is already provided for in s30(1)(a)
194	170	A Certificate of Completion (Plumbing) should be replaced with a Certificate of Final Inspection (Plumbing), similar to those issued by building surveyors. The permit authority may then issue a single Certificate of Completion for a project, contingent on receiving all relevant final inspection certificates.
252, 259	226, 235	Also, the Building Act 2000 wording "in respect of any building work for which the building surveyor has been engaged," is missing!
251	s225(b)	Why it is the permit authority who 'considers' something to be a fire hazard and yet in s228 & s229 it is the general manager who prepares the fire upgrading report and issues a fire upgrading notice?
252	s226(1)	The draft Act seems to put the primary responsibility for acting on non-compliance with the building surveyor (even in the case of low risk work!) The permit authority's role seems to be an afterthought.
253	s226(2)	The Permit authority as was the case with the general manager in Building Act 2000, still does not have the power to issue notices to anyone except owners.
254	s226(6)(7)	These sections are poorly drafted! What if the <i>person</i> is the permit authority? Why should the building surveyor (if there is one!) then be required to provide copies?

## **Any other comments on the Building Bill:**

### **DRAFT Director's Determination - DOC/15/18290**

#### **Category 1 – Low Risk Building Work that can be undertaken by an owner**

##### *2 Additions to residential buildings -*

##### *C - Tanks installed on a roof associated with a heated water service.*

Comment: These may impose loads beyond the design capacity for rafters or trusses. Either include a comment in the table to warn of this or move to Category 2.

##### *H - Air conditioning units.*

Comment: Many noise complaints are received by Council Environmental Health Officers from neighbours due to the location of these units near boundaries.

##### *6 A - Signs. Work in connection with a sign (free-standing or attached to a structure) and the structural support of the sign*

Comment: This determination is welcomed. However, a corresponding determination should be included, outlining requirements for larger signs and hoardings under category 2 and/or 3 due to the greater dead and live loads transmitted to support structures.

#### **Category 2 – Low Risk Building Work that can be undertaken by a licenced builder**

Comment: (Incorrectly headed as Category 1)

##### *I Alterations to existing residential buildings*

##### *D - Erection or alteration of any non-load bearing partition or partition wall in any residential building.*

Comment: Where this applies to Class IB, 2 or 3 buildings, the requirement for more smoke alarms and emergency lighting and exits will also need to be considered. We recommend that this work be Category 3.

#### **Category 3 - Building Work Notifiable to a Building Surveyor - No comments.**

**15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019****FILE NO:** SF4382**AUTHOR:** Wendy Newton (Manager Community, Tourism and Events)**DIRECTOR:** Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

SPPC Meeting - 1 February 2016 - Item 4.3: Committee consideration of the principles of the City of Launceston Draft Events Strategy 2016-19.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves the City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019 as follows:

**Message from the Mayor of Launceston**

The City of Launceston's 2016 – 2019 Events Strategy provides the strategic framework for the City's event related activities. This Strategy aims to gain optimal benefits for the city through events. We are committed to ensuring that the City of Launceston provides the community and visitors with the opportunity to experience and participate in a diverse range of vibrant and stimulating events and cultural activities.

Every year organisations and individuals stage events that create a sense of fun and vibrancy, resulting in a strong sense of community connectivity, pride and sense of place. The Strategy recognises that there is a range of benefits available and that the 'mix' of benefits varies from event to event depending on the event's nature.

Events deliver a range of positive impacts including direct and indirect economic and tourism benefits, promotion of the city's image as a tourism destination, opportunity to build profile and reputation as a great place to live, visit and invest, community, social and environmental outcomes, creativity, innovation and a sense of pride and community experience.

This Events Strategy demonstrates we are committed to making Launceston an even better place to live, visit and invest. City of Launceston recognises this importance by providing event funding to the value of \$446,000 during the 2015/2016 financial year. We are proud to support events in Launceston and we look forward to building on relationships in the events sector and broader community to bring more enjoyment, energy and excitement to Launceston and the wider region.

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## **15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)**

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I am excited about the opportunity the City of Launceston Event Strategy presents and we are confident this direction will result in an outstanding calendar of events for our residents and visitors to enjoy.

MAYOR

Albert van Zetten

### **Introduction**

The City of Launceston (CoL) Events Strategy 2016-2019 provides the strategic framework for the CoL's event related activities. The Strategy establishes a clear pathway for CoL to maximise outcomes and optimise its resources and activities associated with identifying, attracting and supporting community and major events in Launceston. The review was conducted by event consultants Brendan Downey and Tracey Hull from September to November 2015.

### **Event Benefits**

The CoL recognises that events deliver a range of positive impacts including:

- Direct and indirect economic and tourism benefits including new visitors and money into the economy, acting as a catalyst for job creation and employment.
- Promotion of Launceston and the region, providing the opportunity to build our profile and reputation as a great place to live, visit and invest.
- A range of community, social and environmental outcomes that contribute to making Launceston a great place to live.
- Creativity, innovation, a sense of pride and community spirit, increased participation opportunities, enjoyment and entertainment.
- Utilisation and activation of community assets including cultural, entertainment, sport and recreation venues, and attracting people to our city centre precincts.

### **Scope**

The Events Strategy includes major and community events and festivals that take place annually, biennially, occasionally or once off. It includes arts and cultural events, food and beverage, sporting and special interest events, community celebrations and civic commemorations, as well as one-off major events that have capacity to draw a substantial number of visitors to the city. The Strategy does not include business events, or regularly occurring (e.g. weekly or monthly) sporting, arts, cultural and special interest activities and events.

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## **15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)**

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### **2. Strategic Alignment and Partnerships**

#### **2.1 City of Launceston Strategic Plan**

The Events Strategy aligns with relevant local, regional and state community, business, tourism and venue plans and strategies (see Appendix A). It supports the strategic objectives in the City of Launceston's 2014 – 2024 Strategic Plan:

- A creative and innovative city.
- A city where people choose to live.
- A diverse and welcoming city.
- A city that values its environment.
- A city that stimulates economic activity and vibrancy.
- A secure, accountable and responsive organisation.

#### **2.2 Partnerships and Stakeholders**

##### **Event Organisers and Event Visitors**

Event organisers and event visitors are at the core of the Events Strategy. Regular communications and consultation will occur with event organisers and on-going feedback will be sought from event visitors on their experiences in Launceston.

##### **Internal and External Stakeholders**

The Events Strategy requires a coordinated and collaborative approach to maximise the positive outcomes from events. The Strategy will be delivered by a number of CoL Directorates and Service Units, and collaborate partnerships will be implemented with a range of external stakeholders including:

- Event organisers
  - Event venues
  - Tourism Northern Tasmania (TNT)
  - Events Tasmania (ET)
  - Tourism Tasmania (TT)
  - Cityprom
  - Launceston Visitor Information Centre (LVIC)
  - Launceston Chamber of Commerce (LCC)
  - Launceston Tamar Valley Tourist Association (LTVTA)
  - Hawthorn Football Club (HFC) and Australian Football League (AFL)
  - Tourism industry
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## **15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)**

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### **3. Key Principles**

The following key principles underpin the Events Strategy and will guide decision making in relation to the allocation of resources for the identification, attraction, development and support of events. The CoL values a diverse calendar of events, spread throughout the year that provides:

- community, social, cultural, economic, tourism and profile benefits
- a contribution to making Launceston a vibrant and great place to live
- encouragement of creativity and innovation
- a celebration and acknowledgement of our diversity
- an acknowledgment and respect for our natural environment
- event opportunities that are unique to Launceston
- opportunities to showcase the Launceston destination brand including our natural environment, sport, food and wine, arts and culture and heritage
- entrepreneurial approaches and planning for long term self-sufficiency
- implementation of best practice event management including respecting local amenity and minimising negative impacts.

### **Our Priorities**

Priority CoL support will be given to events that are able to generate substantial tourism, economic, profile, community, social or cultural benefits. This will include:

- attracting and securing new events where a cost benefit analysis indicates a substantial and satisfactory return on investment
- supporting, developing and maximising the value of existing events that already deliver substantial benefits
- emerging events when they have the potential to deliver substantial benefits
- encouraging events in off peak and shoulder tourism seasons to provide the sought-after impacts when demand is traditionally lower.

Facilitation support will be provided to both major and community events. A relatively higher proportion of the event funding budget (up to 65%) will be allocated to major events to reflect the higher operating costs of major events and the positive economic and tourism returns they generate. A cost benefit analysis will be conducted on all events seeking significant support from the CoL, with the key focus being on attracting and supporting events that deliver the highest yield and return on investment.

In order for the CoL to support new opportunities and initiatives, CoL will work with event organisers who have been receiving ongoing annual funding to ensure those events receiving funding demonstrate new initiatives that contribute to the outcomes sought within this Strategy.

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## **15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)**

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Recognising that events are delivered by community and professional event organisers, the CoL will:

- implement transparent, proactive and customer focussed event compliance programs to support event organisers
- value and actively facilitate collaborations and partnerships with key stakeholders
- promote and support best practice event management.

### **4. Key Goals**

Five key goals have been identified for the CoL in relation to its investment in events.

#### **Goal 1: Tourism, economic and profile**

Maximise the economic, tourism, community and profile benefits achievable from events.

#### **Goal 2: Community, social and lifestyle**

Encourage and support a diverse events calendar that contributes to making Launceston a desirable place to live, work and invest in.

#### **Goal 3: Asset usage**

Maximise the promotion, usage and financial return on City of Launceston owned and managed event venues.

#### **Goal 4: City activation**

Plan an events program that activates and creates vibrancy in the city centre.

#### **Goal 5: Community safety and amenity**

Facilitate the safe conduct of events and fulfil the CoL's regulatory responsibilities in a customer focussed manner.

### **4.1 Goal 1: Maximise the economic, tourism and profile benefits achievable from events**

The CoL will strategically assess major event opportunities to determine which events will deliver the most beneficial economic, tourism, destination promotion and community returns. Priority support will be given to events that align to the key principles (Section 3) and:

- Generate increased visitation, length of stay and high economic yields.
  - Positively promote the profile of Launceston and the region in intra and interstate markets, and align with the unique brand attributes of Launceston.
  - Fill gaps in the existing events calendar, particularly when there is low accommodation occupancy and minimal impacts on existing events.
  - Utilise CoL's key facilities as event venues.
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## 15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)

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### 1. Key Strategies

- **Event Attraction Plan** - identify new major event opportunities, conduct feasibility and business case analysis to determine likely returns, and facilitate key stakeholder's involvement.
- **Marketing, leveraging and brand** - coordination of key marketing and leveraging stakeholders to maximise outcomes and promote the Launceston brand.
- **Calendar coordination and promotion** – where possible, coordination of the events calendar to maximise outcomes, and promotion of the calendar.
- **Event sponsorship program** - support to events delivering the most beneficial economic, tourism and community outcomes.
- **Event industry development** - support the development of skills, networking and the sharing of resources between event organisers.
- **Measuring impacts** - research and monitoring to measure impact of events, perceptions and visitor experiences.

### 2. Measures of success

Key measures of success will include:

- An increase in the number of events generating a significant tourism impact including:
  - An increase in the number of event visitors.
  - Increased length of stay and economic yield from visitors (measured by accommodation occupancy, visitor numbers and likely spend per visitor).
- An increased profile and positive exposure for Launceston.
- High levels of satisfaction of event organisers and event visitors.
- A diversified calendar of events, spread throughout the year, including outside of peak tourism season.

### 4.2 Goal 2: Community, social and lifestyle outcomes

The CoL will encourage and support a diverse calendar of events that contributes to making Launceston a desirable place to live, work and invest in.

The CoL will prioritise support to events that align to the key principles (section 3) and achieve the following outcomes:

- **Contribute** to a vibrant and diverse calendar of events throughout the year that are affordable and accessible to local residents.
  - **Strengthen** Launceston's position as a highly desirable place to live, visit and invest.
  - **Encourage** and support creativity, innovation and local talent.
  - **Build** community spirit, pride and a sense of place.
  - **Enable** social connections to take place within the community, including volunteering and participation opportunities.
  - **Celebrate** or commemorate unique aspects of Launceston and significant occasions.
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## 15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)

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### 3. Key Strategies

- **Event development and support** - support the conduct of community events delivering beneficial outcomes, provide training and information to event organisers and their volunteers to improve capacity and capability, facilitate partnerships to aid growth and sustainability.
- **Event funding program** - funding to support events delivering community outcomes.
- **Calendar management** - collate, promote and disseminate the Launceston calendar of events and provide advice to event organisers on suitable dates.
- **Marketing** – promotion of events to residents, ratepayers, businesses, visitors and other stakeholders.
- **Event delivery** - deliver key civic events and other events when they align to the CoL's Strategic Priorities and Department Business Plans.

### 4. Measures of success

Key measures of success will be:

- A diverse calendar of community focussed events throughout the year, catering for large sections of the community.
- High levels of community participation, engagement and satisfaction with events, measured by attendance numbers, event surveys and CoL's Community Satisfaction Survey.
- Community pride and sense of belonging.

### 4.3 Goal 3: Maximising the promotion, usage of and financial return on City of Launceston owned and managed facilities and infrastructure as event venues.

The CoL will prioritise its support of events that maximise the use of key event assets including Aurora Stadium, QVMAG, Princess Theatre, Albert Hall, City Park, Cataract Gorge Reserve, and other parks and gardens, laneways Leisure and Aquatic Centre, and various sport and recreation venues.

### 1. Key Strategies

- **Event attraction and marketing** – develop an Event Attraction and Marketing Plan to identify strengths, assets, new event opportunities and key target markets for venues.
  - **Event Infrastructure Plan** - undertake an infrastructure and asset audit to identify strategic priorities for future infrastructure investment, and incorporate into CoL's capital works and asset upgrade programs.
  - **Community Access** - review the community usage policy to enable greater access by community organisations.
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## 15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)

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### 2. Measures of success

- Development of event infrastructure investment plan.
- Development and implementation of a marketing plan and event attraction plan to promote CoL's facilities and infrastructure as event assets.
- Increased usage and economic yield from CoL's event venues.

### 4.4 Goal 4: City Activation

Plan a program of events that activate and create vibrancy in the city centre.

### 3. Key activities

- **Launceston City Heart Events and Activation Program** - identify, develop, fund, deliver and measure events in the city centre.
- **Marketing and communications** - develop and implement a Marketing and Communications Plan to promote the event activities in conjunction with relevant stakeholders.
- **Infrastructure planning** - event related input into the infrastructure and capital works programs associated with the City Heart program.

### 4. Measures of success

- Comprehensive events program that appeals to the local community, measured by attendance, satisfaction surveys and community perception.
- Positive feedback from the majority of retailers and businesses in the city centre.

### 4.5 Goal 5: Community Safety and Amenity

The CoL will facilitate the safe conduct of events and fulfil CoL's regulatory responsibilities in a customer focused manner.

### 5. Key Activities

- **Event Approvals** - updated and streamlined, user friendly event application and permit process, tailored to suit the size and impact of the event.
  - **Event information and best practice event management** - provision of user friendly on-line event resources (including updated Events Toolkit), encourage and support best practice event management including environmental sustainability and accessibility.
  - **Training and communications** - regular communications with and training of event organisers.
  - **Fees and charges policy** – review policy to reflect the needs and capacity of community and commercial event organisers and the goals of the Events Strategy.
  - **Monitoring** - implement a program to monitor the impact of events on the community, amenities and environment, and implement continuous improvement activities.
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## 15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)

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### 6. Measures of success

- Event organiser satisfaction with event compliance process.
- Improved efficiencies in the approval and permitting of events.
- Development and distribution of an Event Toolkit.
- Regular communications with and training of event organisers.
- Safe events, with no or minimal incidents or negative impacts on the community.

### 5. Reviewing the Plan

The Events Strategy will be reviewed as part of CoL's strategic planning process to ensure that it continues to meet the changing needs of the community and the evolving tourism and events sectors.

### Appendix A: Associated Strategies and Plans

#### City of Launceston

- City of Launceston's Strategic Plan 2014-2024
- The Greater Launceston Plan, 2014

#### Tourism

- Main Report for Launceston Strategic Tourism Plan, February 2012
- The Tasmanian Visitor Economy Strategy 2015 - 2020
- Tourism Northern Tasmanian – Regional Events Strategy (Draft)
- Events Tasmania Strategic Plan
- Launceston City Council Interpretation and visitor experience plan, produced by Hierophant, 13 May 2013

#### Venues

- Aurora Stadium Major Event Strategy 2015-2018 (Draft) and Aurora Stadium Major Event Strategy Action Document (Draft)

#### Community and Business

- Cityprom – Strategic Plan 2014-2017

### Appendix B: Definitions

For the purposes of the Strategy and the events funding program, events will be broadly classified into the following types:

- **Community events and festivals** – events that bring the community together to celebrate, entertain, fundraise or provide participation opportunities. They include a diverse range of cultural, artistic, sporting, food and beverage, charity and special interest events. Community events primarily attract locals and/or people from within the region.
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## 15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)

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- **City activation events** – events primarily designed to activate city precincts as part of the City Heart program. They attract both locals and visitors.
  - **Major events** – events attracting a significant number of attendances, including locals and visitors from intra and/or interstate. They generate significant tourism and economic impacts, a positive profile for Launceston in intra and/or interstate markets and deliver a range of benefits for the local community.
  - **Signature events** – events attracting significant attendance and visitation, including visitors from interstate and possibly internationally. They deliver substantial tourism and economic benefits, a positive media profile interstate and/or internationally and significant community benefits.
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### REPORT:

The Events Strategy review has been undertaken to strengthen the City of Launceston's strategic framework for event related activities. The review was conducted by event consultants Brendan Downey and Tracey Hull from September 2015 to January 2016.

The review process included face-to-face interviews and phone consultations with a range of stakeholders including event organisers, event venue managers, key event industry representatives, government, tourism and business organisations, City Aldermen and officers. An online survey was also sent to event organisers, venues, accommodation providers, retailers and the hospitality sector. Event related policies, guidelines and plans were reviewed along with Strategic Plans from the City of Launceston, State Government and associated industry stakeholders.

Feedback from internal and external stakeholders has been overall positive in terms of the strategic direction. Once the Strategy is endorsed by Council, an Action Plan will be developed in consultation with stakeholders to determine priorities, responsibilities and timelines for delivering the Events Strategy.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Consideration contained in the report.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

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**15.2 City of Launceston Events Strategy 2016-2019...(Cont'd)**

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**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Consideration contained in the report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024:

Priority Area 1 - A creative and innovative city

Priority Area 2 - A city where people choose to live

Priority Area 4 - A diverse and welcoming City of Launceston

Priority Area 5 - A city that values its environment

Priority Area 7 - A city that stimulates economic activity and vibrancy

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

Resources to deliver the endorsed Events Strategy to be considered in 2016-2017 Budget process.

**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**

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**16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS**

**16.1 Leisure & Aquatic Centre Security Fence**

**FILE NO:** SF0873/SF0874

**AUTHOR:** Ben Davis (Manager LAC)

**DIRECTOR:** Rod Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)

**DECISION STATEMENT:**

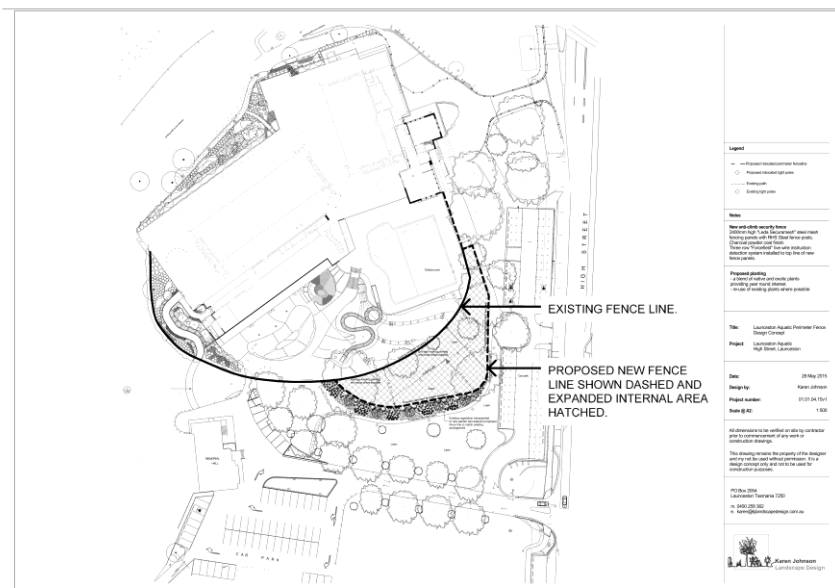
To obtain approval from Council for the alignment of a new security fence for the Leisure & Aquatic Centre (LAC).

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council Meeting - 12 October 2015 - DA0331/2015 (Withdrawn) - Aquatic Centre, Construction of a new security fence  
 SPPC Meeting - Item 4.2 - 7 December 2015  
 SPPC Meeting - Leisure & Aquatic Centre (LAC) Fence Requirements - 1 February 2016 - Aldermen discussed the orientation of the proposed fence line and the impact on park lands.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the alignment of a new security fence for LAC as budgeted for in the 2015/2016 LAC capital works budget be as per the Site Plan (Attachment 1 - Site Plan describing the proposed works) as indicated below:



## **16.1 Leisure & Aquatic Centre Security Fence...(Cont'd)**

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### **REPORT:**

This report relates to the alignment of a new security fence at the Leisure & Aquatic Centre that was presented at the Council Meeting of 12 October 2015, but was withdrawn by the General Manager. This new alignment will create an enlarged area for patrons with improved shading (via existing, established trees) within close proximity to the outdoor pools area.

The Site Plan provided with the original application (included as Attachment 1 to this report) sets out the proposed new fence alignment. As a result of this change, the pedestrian footpath linking the Aquatic Centre and Windmill Hill Memorial Hall car parking areas will also require realignment.

### **Landscaping Works**

As part of the fence re-alignment works, the existing garden bed located adjacent to the existing fence line (on the external side of the fence), is proposed to be relocated. All existing viable planting will be salvaged, and be transplanted adjacent to the new fence line, in the same arrangement. Any plants that cannot be salvaged for relocation will be replaced on a like-for-like basis.

As per the current arrangement, the relocated plants will be arranged in a linear form, parallel to the fence line, with larger species of trees and shrubs located adjacent to the fence, and smaller groundcover varieties adjacent to the pedestrian pathway.

None of the existing mature trees located in the vicinity of the proposed works are proposed to be removed, including a memorial Turkey Oak tree, planted by the Rotary Club of Launceston.

The enlarged area within the proposed new fence line will be landscaped as a grassed area for use by facility patrons. Given the works propose to only relocate (or replace, like-for-like as necessary) the existing planting in the same arrangement, the proposal is considered to be in keeping with the existing character of the surrounding area, and have minimal impact with regard to the *Landscaping and Scenic Management Code* provisions of the Planning Scheme.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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**16.1 Leisure & Aquatic Centre Security Fence...(Cont'd)**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

The realignment of the security fence will enhance experience for patrons to LAC by providing a larger family friendly space with ample shade from existing trees in area.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 2 - A city where people choose to live

Ten-year goal - To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, study and play

Key directions -

3. To contribute to enhanced public health and amenity to promote a safe and secure environment

**16.1 Leisure & Aquatic Centre Security Fence...(Cont'd)**

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**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**


The new alignment will allow for increased space enhancing the visitor experience and allow increased capacity during the peak summer months resulting in a positive impact on the LAC business result.

The cost increases are marginal (grass still needs to be mowed, gardens tended to etc). In addition cost savings will be realised through a reduction in security costs and the addition of pool covers resulting in energy savings.

**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.

  
**Rod Sweetnam: Director Facilities Management**

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**17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY DIRECTORATE ITEMS**

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

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**18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS****18.1 Quarantine Road Highway Closure (verge section adjacent to 241-247 Hobart Road)**

**FILE NO:** SF1895, 62560, DA0463/2015

**AUTHOR:** Robert Holmes (Property Coordinator)

**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a request to close part (100m<sup>2</sup>) of Quarantine Road.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorises the Director Infrastructure Services to commence proceedings required under Section 14 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* in respect of a proposal to close part of Quarantine Road adjacent to the southern boundary of 241-247 Hobart Road measuring approximately 29 metres in length having an area of approximately 100m<sup>2</sup> as shown on the plan marked Attachment 1.

Subject to there being no objections received during the notification period, that Council forms the opinion that the said part of Quarantine Road can be closed because of lack of use.

The applicant is to pay the costs of highway closure advertising and any other Council out-of-pocket expenses.

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**REPORT:**

The developer of a proposed drive through bottle shop at 241-247 Hobart Road has requested Council consider closing part of the Quarantine Road nature strip because of lack of use in order to facilitate improved access to the rear of the site.

The request is made on the basis that the developer will either lease or purchase the land from the Department of State Growth and in order for disposal to be considered it is necessary to remove public rights associated with the land.

A permit is to be issued under delegated authority to permit the use as a bottle shop under DA0463/2015. That permit contains a condition that the permit has no force or effect until part of the Quarantine Road highway is formally closed in accordance with Section 14 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*.

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## **18.1 Quarantine Road Highway Closure (verge section adjacent to 241-247 Hobart Road)...(Cont'd)**

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Quarantine Road is a local highway and is declared as maintainable by the corporation under Section 21 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* and as such is shown on the Council map.

Section 14 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* requires Council to determine that a highway can be closed for reasons limited to the following - "*for the public benefit, in the interests of public safety or because of lack of use ...*"

Section 14 of *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* prescribes the necessary procedures that must be followed in order to remove public rights from a local highway. One of those requirements is notification to the public to determine if there are objections to the proposed closure. If at the end of the 28 day notification period there are objections the matter would need to be brought back to Council for further consideration.

At such time the Council could choose to either abandon the closure proposal or alternately refer each objection to the Magistrates Court (Administrative Appeals Division) for determination. In such cases the hearing process would take some time and would need to be at the applicant's expense.

### **Officer assessment:**

Currently, the section of Quarantine Road in question is a collector road linking the Kings Meadows area to Norwood and St Leonards.

At its narrowest point from the southern boundary of 241-247 Hobart Road the Quarantine Road reservation is approximately 27.00 metres in width. The proposed closure retains a reservation width that will vary between 27.00 and 30.00 metres. The Director Infrastructure Services has determined such width is adequate for both current and foreseeable future road network needs.

Upon completion of the formal highway closure process once public highway rights are removed the area reverts to the registered proprietors being the Crown. As such the land becomes available for lease or purchase as determined by the Crown.

The recommendation is to implement the highway closure procedure in order to determine if there are objections. On the basis that no objection is received the relevant part of Quarantine Road can be closed because of lack of use.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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**18.1 Quarantine Road Highway Closure (verge section adjacent to 241-247 Hobart Road)...(Cont'd)**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 3 - A city in touch with its region

Ten-year goal - To ensure Launceston is accessible and connected through efficient transport and digital networks

Key Directions -

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

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

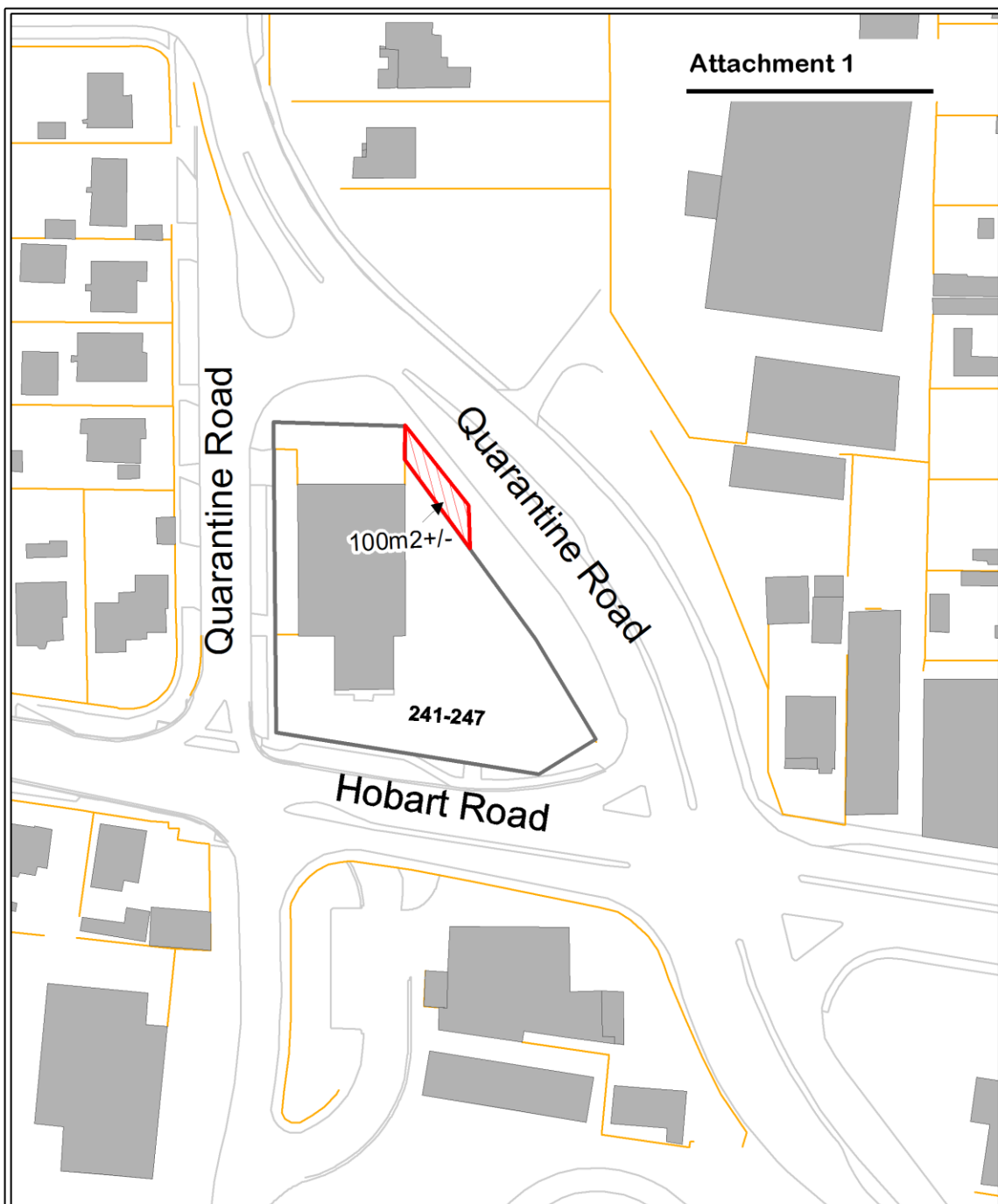
I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.



**Harry Galea: Director Infrastructure Services**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Site Plan showing proposed road closure
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**Proposed closure of part of Quarantine Road  
Section 14 Local Government (Highways) Act 1982**

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Spatial Information





**18.2 Bushfire Management Strategy****FILE NO:** SF7017**AUTHOR:** Dannielle Denning (Parks Planner)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider adopting the Bushfire Management Strategy for Council owned and managed land 2015-2025.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:****Council Item 18.1 - 13 July 2015**

Council determined to release the draft Bushfire Management Strategy for public comment.

**SPPC Workshop Item 4.5 - 6 July 2015**

Discussion regarding the release of the draft Bushfire Management Strategy for public comment.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopts the Final Bushfire Management Strategy and Standard Operating Procedures (ECM Document No. 3676802).

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**REPORT:****Background**

Council owns and maintains approximately 400 hectares of open forest, woodland and grassland vegetation in 35 reserves across the municipal area. The majority of this bushland is located within or adjacent to Launceston's urban area. There are 11 Fire Management Plans covering 24 of the Council owned or maintained reserves in place. Since 1997, these plans have guided bushfire management activities within the reserves, including planned burning of bushland areas.

It was considered timely to review the Council's bushfire management practices in light of considerable changes made to bushfire management policies following significant bushfire events in Tasmania and Victoria resulting in the loss of life, property and community assets. Policies focus on the need for building community resilience and improving bushfire preparedness with modelling predicting longer bushfire seasons and extreme weather conditions as a result of climate change.

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## **18.2 Bushfire Management Strategy...(Cont'd)**

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### **Strategy Development**

The Council engaged a locally based company, Ground Proof Mapping to undertake the review of the Council's bushfire practices and align the reserve fire management plans with current best practice for protecting life and property, as well as maintaining and enhancing biodiversity. The first phase of the review was to prepare an overarching bushfire strategy and standard operating procedures that would guide the development of the individual fire management plans for each reserve.

The draft Bushfire Management Strategy and Standard Operating Procedures, developed in consultation with key internal and external stakeholders including the Tasmania Fire Service, Parks and Wildlife and the Tamar Fire Management Area Committee, were discussed at the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Workshop on 6 July 2015 and at the Council Meeting on 13 July 2015. Council resolved to release the Strategy to the community for a four week public comment period.

### **Community Consultation**

A copy of the draft Bushfire Management Strategy and the Standard Operating Procedures were made available for public viewing from 9 October 2015 to 17 November 2015 on 'Your Voice Your Launceston' and promoted via social media, emails to essential community services and 2,205 registered participants, community newsletters and daily radio advertising during the first and last week of the official four week period. Hardcopies were also made available at the Town Hall Customer Service Centre. There were no individual submissions made to the Council during the public comment period.

There were, however, 203 visits to the website, 116 participants downloaded a document and 13 participants completed a short survey.

A summary of survey responses and comments addressing the issues raised are presented in Attachment 1. Of the 13 participants, only one disagreed with the management objectives and strategic actions outlined in the strategy. Comments related to clearing vegetation in reserves, fuel hazard reduction and general maintenance of fire breaks, impact and timing of burns, building/subdivision requirements adjacent to reserves and the planting of native vegetation corridors in suburbs increasing the fire risk. The issues regarding vegetation clearance, fuel hazard reduction and general maintenance will be addressed in the individual fire management plans following a comprehensive risk assessment and consultation process. Subdivision and new buildings adjacent to reserves is managed through the development approval process via the Bushfire Prone Area Code.

### **Strategy Finalisation**

Minor changes to the strategy have been made by the consultant following the public comment period. These changes are highlighted in yellow in the document (Attachment 2). Heritage Forest was added to the list of reserves included in the review due to its size and potential fire risk. It is recommended that Council adopt this document with the minor amendments as the Final Bushfire Management Strategy along with the Standard Operating Procedures.

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## **18.2 Bushfire Management Strategy...(Cont'd)**

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### **Future Actions**

The second phase of the review is underway, with the first individual reserve fire management plan being undertaken for the Cataract Gorge Reserve. The review will include a comprehensive fire risk assessment and detail actions required to reduce the bushfire risk and align with legal requirements and current best practices standards. The community will be invited to comment and contribute to this process. The plan will guide annual on-ground maintenance works. Phases three and four of the review will see fire management plans completed for all of the Council owned and maintained reserves.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The strategy has the potential to provide significant economic outcomes through the protection of property and valuable assets both within and external to the Council's reserves.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Best practice bushfire management maintains biodiversity, water quality and reduces weeds in the reserve. The impact of smoke will also be minimised.

### **SOCIAL IMPACT:**

The project has a positive social impact by building community resilience, improving community bushfire preparedness, and reducing the likelihood of catastrophic damage as a result of bushfire.

### **STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024  
Priority Area 1 - A creative and innovative city  
Ten-year goal - To foster creative and innovative people and industries  
Key Directions -  
6. To contribute towards artistic, cultural and heritage outcomes

Priority Area 2 - A city where people choose to live  
Ten-year goal - To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, study and play  
Key Directions -  
1. To continue to offer and attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston  
3. To contribute to enhanced public health and amenity to promote a safe and secure environment  
4. To promote Launceston's rich heritage and natural environment  
6. To promote active and healthy lifestyles

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## 18.2 Bushfire Management Strategy...(Cont'd)

Priority Area 5 - A city that values its environment

Ten-year goal - To reduce the impacts on our natural environment and build resilience to the changing intensity of natural hazards

Key Directions -

3. To enhance community awareness and resilience to uncertain weather patterns

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation

Ten-year goals - To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information, and to strategically manage our assets, facilities and services

Key directions -

1. To develop and consistently use community engagement processes

### BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

The review of the Council's bushfire management strategy comprises four phases. There will also be ongoing operational costs associated with implementing the actions identified in the individual fire management plans.

**Table 1 - Bushfire Management Strategy Review Phases.**

Phase	Outcome	Timing	Budget
1	Bushfire Strategy and Standard Operating Procedures	2014-15	\$30,000
2	Fire Management Plan for Cataract Gorge Reserve	2015-16	\$30,000
3	Fire Management Plans for Punchbowl Reserve, Carr Villa Flora Reserve and Memorial Park, Distillery Creek Gorge, Hardwicke Street Reserve, Havelock Reserve, Lilydale Falls Reserve, Merthyr Park, Woods Reserve and Youngtown Regional Park.	2016-17	\$40,000
Phase	Outcome	Timing	Budget
4	Fire Management Plans for Bluegum Park, Cambridge Street Reserve, Christina Place Park, Fraser Reserve, Freelands Lookout, Granville Street Reserve, Heritage Forest, Ingamells Reserve, Karoola Recreation Ground, Los Angelos Bushland Reserve, Machens Reserve, Meadow Ridge Reserve, Miami Place Park, Myrtle Park, Norwood Bushland Park, Pamela Court Reserve, Ravenswood Bushland Reserve, Rocherlea Old Rail Trail, Rocherlea Recreation Ground, Salisbury Crescent Park, Tasman Highway Bushland Reserve, Thomas Martin Reserve, Ti Tree Crescent Park, Vermont Road Bushland Park and West Launceston Community Park.	2017-18	\$60,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$160,000</b>

**18.2 Bushfire Management Strategy...(Cont'd)**

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**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. Results of Survey
  2. Final Bushfire Management Strategy for Council Owned and Managed Land 2015-2025 and Standard Operating Procedures 2015 (distributed electronically).
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**Bushfire Management Strategy for Council Owned and Managed Land 2015-2025 - Public Consultation - Survey Responses - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
1	Agree		Agree		
2	Agree	Reducing the pressure to clear native vegetation (because of fire risk), especially within reserves but also on private land.	Agree	Designing subdivisions and building so that fire hazard reduction is managed within a property and native vegetation is retained.	I've only looked at the summaries you've provided, which seem brief but pretty sensible
	ISD Response:	This is unavoidable in some situations, however clearing of native vegetation will be minimised wherever possible and should only occur within the asset protection zones and fuel modified buffer zones within the reserves – these are located on the residential interface. Planned fire does not necessarily remove or clear vegetation, rather, the litter accumulated from this vegetation. The impact of any treatment method on threatened species if they are present is considered.		The development approval process and the E1.0 Bushfire Prone Areas Code apply to new subdivisions and habitable building work within 100m of bush fire prone land. Bushfire hazard management plans are required to be completed by accredited practitioners.	Noted.
	ISD Recommendation:	<b>No action. Asset protection zones and fuel modified buffer zones will be clearly identified within the reserve fire management plans.</b>		<b>No action. Development approval process deals with this.</b>	No action.
3	Agree		Agree		No
4	Agree	re 3 pre burns are notorious for "getting away" as they are usually done during work hours when winds can whip up and conditions turn nasty. Also, people tend to go home at 5pm and often fires are not thoroughly extinguished. While controlled pre burns are important, it is also important to control weeds with the safe use of herbicides rather than relying on burning.	Strongly Agree		

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
	ISD Response:	Working cooperatively with TFS, appropriate resourcing and burning under suitable weather conditions as prescribed will minimise this. Most planned burns are fully extinguished where possible, in areas where accessibility is an issue, they may continue to burn until rain arrives, which is common practice for all state fire management agencies. Weed management in reserves is ongoing and involves a range of techniques.			
	ISD Recommendation:	Amend section 5 of strategy (p. 20) adding objective 6 to work cooperatively with other firefighting agencies, ensuring that management and suppression of bushfire is undertaken safely, efficiently and cost effectively.			
5	Agree	Consult with recreational user groups with reference to impact of burns / timing of burns on specific activities - e.g. mountain biking; rock climbing; orienteering.	Agree		
	ISD Response:	Parks and Recreation maintain an events calendar for each of the reserves. Burns will be planned to avoid events. Recreational users will be included in burn notifications.			
	ISD Recommendation:	No action. Recreational users will be included in burn notifications.			

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
6	Agree	How are the various reserves going to be managed, in particular the protection of public and private assets within or adjacent to these reserves.	Neutral	Improving firebreaks adjacent to private property with a regular maintenance regime for access and erosion. A number of firebreaks I have seen while walking would be barely be accessed by a very capable 4wd, I couldn't imagine negotiating them with a full tank of water and a fire unit. Trees regularly fall over them and erosion can change the entire accessibility in months.	More specific management plans made public for concerned neighbours of reserves.
	ISD Response	Asset protection zones and fuel modified buffer zones will be clearly identified within the reserve fire management plans.		Reserve fire management plans will address this. If required, new construction, upgrade or closure of fire trails will be prescribed. This will be to the standard as outlined in the Fire Trail Category - Standard Operating Procedure in the Strategy Documentation. Maintenance audits will be required.	Community engagement is a strategic action in strategy for developing the reserve fire management plans. Adjoining landowners will be consulted along with interest groups and other stakeholders such as business, community organisations in preparing and implementing the plans.
	ISD Recommendation:	No action. Fire management plans will detail management for each reserve.		No action. Fire management plans will detail management for each reserve.	No action. Community will be given opportunity to participate in development of fire management plans.



Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
7	Neutral	<p>what a stupid question "have we listed . . ." yes it meets the description of a list. What is missing is the requirement under the Boundary Fences Act regarding keeping boundaries clear of fire hazards, which council practices currently appears to ignore.</p>	Strongly Agree	refer to previous comment	<p>If the requirements to keep our boundaries clear of fire hazards were met by council and private landholders, we would have considerably fewer 'wicks' or 'fire corridors' which would then minimise the spread of fire. Property owners that allow dry grass and blackberries to accumulate along boundary lines is a very good way to allow a fire to spread very quickly and also ensures that more property damage will occur and thus put more lives at risk. The requirement has been in place via legislation for many many years and it is about time council heeded this requirement and also ensured that property owners also did the same. The same can be said about the management of all declared weeds . . . Currently council takes way too long in dealing with complaints of fire hazards, just this last week I followed up yet again a complaint that was made ten months ago regarding just such a matter, which can only be described as a pathetic response from council, considering I'm STILL awaiting a response. Stop talking about it and actually DO something.</p>

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
	ISD Response:	Asset protection zones and fuel modified buffer zones will be clearly identified within the reserve fire management plans.			A specialist has been engaged to review CoL's fire management practices and identify specific operational measures required to reduce fire risk. Works will be guided by the plans.
	ISD Recommendation:	No action. Fire management plans will detail management for each reserve.			No action. Fire management plans will detail management for each reserve.
8	Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		I frequently walk on the Zig Zag track to the Gorge. I would like to bring to the council's notice that there is a large quantity of very dry fallen Sheoaks in the Zig Zag Reserve particularly around the end of Hill Street. This fuel build up has needs some urgent attention before the fire season.
	ISD Response:				Maintenance works to mechanically remove debris was undertaken recently with funding from the Reimagining the Gorge Project. This area will be assessed as part of fire management plan for Cataract Gorge Reserve and will include further works to be undertaken.
	ISD Recommendation:				No action. Fire management plans will detail management for each reserve.

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
9	Agree		Agree		I would like to see an action plan, with a timeline, particularly for the Cataract Gorge. The chance of a catastrophic fire has escalated in the past few years.
	ISD Response:				Additional maintenance works have been undertaken with funding from the Reimagining the Gorge Project.
	ISD Recommendation:				No action. Work has commenced on the fire management plan for Cataract Gorge Reserve. Cataract Gorge Reserve was identified as a high priority due to size, high visitation and significant number of adjoining neighbours.
10	Agree		Agree		
11	11 Agree		Agree		

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
12	12 Agree	The council needs to create buffer zones between suburbs and bushland to prevent bushfires reaching peripheral suburbs. There are far too many cases of bushland occurring either in or against urban areas which is in most cases not only unsightly but also of great risk to properties. This is usually private land however so it must fall under planning that these hazards get removed whenever land is developed.	Agree		Planting of native vegetation around highways and public parklands within the city and its immediate surrounds needs to stop. Areas such as the border between Mt Pleasant Estate and Connector Park have artificial bushland strips that potentially serve as bushfire corridors right into the suburbs. Planting natives in these built up areas is of little to no benefit to the native ecosystem and poses a hazard to urban areas and to wildlife which may be lured out of wild bushland across roads to get to these islands of vegetation. If plantings are to occur between bushland and built up areas they should consist of bushfire resistant trees such as oak, elm or poplar (or generally any large deciduous trees) which have repeatedly in the past demonstrated their ability to serve as active bushfire barriers as they lack volatile oils and do not burn even in the most intense of blazes (though the tree will often suffer heat damage but better it than people's property or infrastructure)

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
	ISD Response:	Development approval and E1.0 Bushfire Prone Areas Code apply to new subdivision and habitable building work within 100m of bush fire prone land. Asset protection zones and fuel modified buffer zones will be clearly identified within reserve fire management plans.			Vegetation provides a range of benefits in urban areas including improved air quality, sun protection, reduced stormwater runoff, visual amenity, screening, windbreaks, wildlife habitat and prolonged life of asphalt. CoL encourages a range of non-native and native planting in its streets, parks and gardens. Bushfire risk is a consideration.
	ISD Recommendation:	No action. Fire management plans will detail management for each reserve.			No action.
13	13 Disagree	Removal of fire hazards without starting fires, continual general maintenance to maintain open areas as tidy. A basic understanding that unless you have the capacity to look after what you have, perhaps you could sell off some of those areas for private use and care that are currently beyond you capacity to keep safe.	Disagree	Competent on the ground management, rather than theoretical plan management. Further to the first request to stop using fire as a means of fire control, I would suggest you have more frequent than annual monitoring. Suggesting your first problems with annual inspection prior to the fire season, determining when the fire season begins (many recent examples suggest a fire season in this country can be anytime) and if you identify a problem prior to the season, does it allow the opportunity to remedy in time?	Talk is cheap and everyone has an opinion, employ someone who is willing to take responsibility and support them with the labour to undertake the task, rather than implement a plan that will talk about what you could have done.

Survey #	Have we listed all the Fire Management Objectives described in Section 5? Do you agree with them?	Are there any other Objectives the Council could consider?	Do you agree with the Strategic Actions described in Section 6?	Do you have any other Actions which the Council could consider?	Is there anything else you would like to see included? Do you have any other comments about the strategy or procedures?
	ISD Response:	A combination of planned burning and alternative vegetation management will be prescribed in the individual fire management plans. Generally alternative vegetation management is undertaken in the asset protection zones and fuel modified buffer zones within the reserves – these are always located on residential interface. The Council is currently reviewing the Open Space Strategy which will identify land for disposal and retention.		CoL has staff committed to maintaining and developing skills to implement the fire management plans. Additionally CoL has an agreement with TFS whereby TFS will assist CoL with larger burns which CoL cannot manage with current resources. The start of the fire season is determined by TFS, based on soil dryness, and seasonal forecasts. The field audits that will be recommended in the fire management plan will be planned to occur well prior to the likely fire season commencement to allow adequate time for field operations if required. Auditing and maintenance schedules need to be flexible to ensure they occur at the appropriate time given changing seasons.	A specialist has been engaged to review CoL's fire management practices for each of the reserves and identify specific operational measures required to reduce fire risk. Operational works will be guided by the plans. A review of funding and resourcing to complete the works associated will be required. CoL is working with TFS to improve staff training.
	ISD Recommendation:	No action. Fire management plan will detail management for the reserve including annual auditing and maintenance.		No action.	No action.

**19 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS**

**19.1 Progress against 2015/2016 Annual Corporate Plan Actions as at 31 December 2015**

**FILE NO:** SF6177/SF5652

**AUTHOR:** Leisa Hilkmann (Corporate Planning Administration 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 31 December 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council accepts the report on progress against 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 December 2015.

**REPORT:**

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

Progress is summarised in the following table:

Action status	Actions	Cumulative %
Off target (off track)* - less than 60% of target achieved	6	17
In progress - between 60% and 79% of target achieved	1	3
On target (on track) - at least 80% of target achieved	23	68
Completed	4	12
<b>Total number of Actions</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100</b>




\* see information supplied in Report

Attachment 2 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 Ten-year goals for each Priority Area (Attachment 1).

## 19.1 Progress against 2015/2016 Annual Corporate Plan Actions as at 31 December 2015...(Cont'd)

Key Directions and Actions in the document are listed in tables following on from 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
	Less than 60% of target achieved

The following six Actions are off-track as at 31 December 2015:

1. **Action:** Leisure and Aquatic Perimeter (LAC) Fence Installation - A new and realigned perimeter fence at LAC, creating more park space and natural shade for customers along with improved security  
**Responsible Director:** Rod Sweetnam, Facilities Management  
**Comments:** The Development Application (DA) for the perimeter fence is ready to be resubmitted. An updated timeline will be developed after the DA process is complete.
  
2. **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, Development Services  
**Comments:** A project proposal has been prepared for consideration and endorsement.
  
3. **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, Corporate Services  
**Comments:** Vision Australia's Accessibility Toolbar for Word was released on 3 December 2015. The task can be progressed once RTIs have been completed.



## 19.1 Progress against 2015/2016 Annual Corporate Plan Actions as at 31 December 2015...(Cont'd)

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4. **Action:** Undertake hydraulic modelling and understand urban flood risk  
**Responsible Director:** Harry Galea, Infrastructure Services  
**Comments:** A contractor (Cardno) has been engaged to build robust defensible calibrated models to an acceptable industry standard of our urban network and provide us with associated documentation (Modelling/Flood Study Report). Currently, four of the ten identified catchments are in the model build phase and nearing completion.

This modelling project will provide us with an overall understanding of our stormwater network and provide an estimate of the number and magnitude of our stormwater issues. This will enable us to rank and prioritise future capital works.

5. **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, Development Services  
**Comments:** Literature review and GIS analysis has commenced. A draft state-wide code is under review and submissions developed. A submission to the Scenic Protection Code Briefing Paper has been provided to the Planning Reform Taskforce which outlined issues with the code that were identified.

A project plan is currently under development which will provide the framework in order to facilitate the project. A community consultation strategy is being developed in conjunction with Communications and Spatial departments. The consultation strategy will aim to engage with the community through various social media platforms in an interactive nature. Timeframes for community consultation are being finalised.

6. **Action:** Public halls review - Review usage levels, catchment areas, building condition, leasing and long term capacity  
**Responsible Director:** Harry Galea, Infrastructure Services  
**Comments:** It is intended to present a report to Council in May 2016. A report presented at a December 2015 Aldermen Workshop considered likely recommendations and actions and resulted in support to discuss potential outcomes with the more significantly affected groups.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Considered within this report.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Considered within this report.

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## **19.1 Progress against 2015/2016 Annual Corporate Plan Actions as at 31 December 2015...(Cont'd)**

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### **SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Considered within this report.

### **STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 4 - A diverse and welcoming city

Ten-year goal - To offer access to services and spaces for all community members and to work in partnership with others to address the needs of vulnerable and diverse

Key direction -

5. To offer equitable access to services and facilities, including the design of public spaces that are accessible and suited to all abilities

Priority Area 5 - A city that values its environment

Ten-year goal - To reduce the impacts on our natural environment and to build resilience to the changing intensity of natural hazards

Key directions -

2. To manage the risks of climate-related events, particularly in the area of stormwater management
5. To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment

Priority Area 6 - A city building its future

Ten-year goal - To drive appropriate development opportunities as well as infrastructure, land use planning and transport solutions

Key directions -

2. To develop and take a strategic approach to development sites to maximise public benefits of development
3. To ensure that the planning system at a local and regional level is effective and efficient

Priority Area 7 - A city that stimulates economic activity and vibrancy

Ten-year goal - To develop a strategic and dedicated approach to securing economic investment in Launceston

Key directions -

1. To actively market the City and Region and pursue investment
  2. To provide an environment that is conducive to business and development
  3. To promote tourism and a quality Launceston tourism offering
  4. To promote and attract national and international events and support the sector to ensure a diverse annual events calendar
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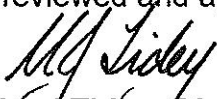
**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

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:**

1. City of Launceston Strategic Plan Report - Priority Areas, 10-Year Goals and Key Directions.
  2. 2015/16 Annual Corporate Plan Actions - Progress to 31 December 2015 (distributed separately).
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Attachment 1

## Strategic Plan 2014-2024

### Strategic Plan Report - Priority Areas, 10-Year Goals, and Key Directions

<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>A creative and innovative city</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	1.1	To foster creative and innovative people and industries
<b>Key Direction</b>	1.1.1	To establish appropriate mechanisms to support the retail sector
	1.1.2	To understand and support the establishment and growth of creative industries in Launceston
	1.1.3	To optimise the use and usability of our assets for different types of activities
	1.1.4	To support and promote alternative uses of underutilised buildings
	1.1.5	To promote the wide variety of learning opportunities within Launceston
	1.1.6	To contribute towards artistic, cultural and heritage outcomes

<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>A city where people choose to live</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	2.1	To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, study and play
<b>Key Direction</b>	2.1.1	To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston
	2.1.2	To support the CBD and commercial areas as activity places during day and night
	2.1.3	To contribute to enhanced public health and amenity to promote a safe and secure environment
	2.1.4	To promote Launceston's rich heritage and natural environment
	2.1.5	To plan for better connections between the river and Launceston
	2.1.6	To promote active and healthy lifestyles

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<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>A city in touch with its region</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	3.1	To ensure Launceston is accessible and connected through efficient transport and digital networks
<b>Key Direction</b>	3.1.1	To engage with neighbouring Councils, as well as infrastructure and transport providers, to improve access to greater Launceston for all modes of transport through planning and advocacy
	3.1.2	To improve and maintain accessibility within the City of Launceston area, including its rural areas
	3.1.3	To regularly review our strategic approach to parking in Launceston
	3.1.4	To promote digital connectivity for industry sectors, households and the community

<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>A diverse and welcoming city</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	4.1	To offer access to services and spaces for all community members and to work in partnership with others to address the needs of vulnerable and diverse communities
<b>Key Direction</b>	4.1.1	To understand the needs and requirements of the key community service providers and stakeholders
	4.1.2	To plan services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics of our community
	4.1.3	To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity
	4.1.4	To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community
	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
	4.1.6	To support the delivery of programs and events for people to connect with each other through participation in community activities and civic life

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<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>A city that values its environment</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	5.1	To reduce the impacts on our natural environment and build resilience to the changing intensity of natural hazards
<b>Key Direction</b>	5.1.1	To contribute to air and river quality in Launceston by liaising with the community, business and other stakeholders
	5.1.2	To manage the risks of climate-related events particularly in the area of stormwater management
	5.1.3	To enhance community awareness and resilience to uncertain weather patterns
	5.1.4	To implement floodplain management plans in the Invermay area
	5.1.5	To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment

<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>A city building its future</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	6.1	To drive appropriate development opportunities as well as infrastructure, land use planning and transport solutions
<b>Key Direction</b>	6.1.1	To advocate and collaborate to address regionally significant infrastructure and transport solutions
	6.1.2	To develop and take a strategic approach to development sites to maximise public benefits of development
	6.1.3	To ensure that the planning system at a local and regional level is effective and efficient
	6.1.4	To explore opportunities to minimise heavy freight movements through residential areas and the central area

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<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>A city that stimulates economic activity and vibrancy</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	7.1	To develop a strategic and dedicated approach to securing economic investment in Launceston
<b>Key Direction</b>	7.1.1	To actively market the City and Region and pursue investment
	7.1.2	To provide an environment that is conducive to business and development
	7.1.3	To promote tourism and a quality Launceston tourism offering
	7.1.4	To promote and attract national and international events and support the sector to ensure a diverse annual events calendar
	7.1.5	To support sustainable population growth in Launceston
	7.1.6	To facilitate direct investment in the local economy to support its growth

<b>Priority Area</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation</b>
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	8.1	To communicate and engage consistently and effectively with our community and stakeholders
<b>Key Direction</b>	8.1.1	To develop and consistently use community engagement processes
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	8.2	To seek and champion collaboration to address major issues for Northern Tasmania
<b>Key Direction</b>	8.2.1	To lead the implementation of the Greater Launceston Plan by collaborating on relevant initiatives
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	8.3	To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way
<b>Key Direction</b>	8.3.1	To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	8.4	To continue to meet our statutory obligations and deliver quality services
<b>Key Direction</b>	8.4.1	To continually improve our service delivery and supporting processes
<b>10-Year Goal</b>	8.5	To continue to ensure the long term sustainability of our Organisation
<b>Key Direction</b>	8.5.1	To strategically manage our assets, facilities and services
	8.5.2	To maintain a financially sustainable organisation
	8.5.3	To strengthen our workforce capabilities

**19.2 LGAT General Meeting - 12 February 2016****FILE NO:** SF2217**AUTHOR:** John Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)**DIRECTOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the items listed for decision, noting and discussion at the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council considers the items listed for decision, noting and discussion at the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2016 and adopts the motions as presented with Council's view to be conveyed through the Council delegate.

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**REPORT:**

The LGAT General Meeting will be held in Launceston on 12 February 2016. The outline of the Meeting Agenda Items with recommendations (where applicable) for the consideration of Council is attached (refer to Attachment 1).

The full Meeting Agenda is provided at Attachment 2 and the Minutes for the LGAT General Meeting of 29 October 2015 are provided at Attachment 3.

The purpose of this report is to provide Aldermen with the opportunity to comment on these items and provide advice to the Council representative for the LGAT Meeting on 12 February 2016.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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**19.2 LGAT General Meeting - 12 February 2016...(Cont'd)**

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**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024  
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation  
Ten-year goals - To communicate and engage consistently and effectively with our community and stakeholders  
Key Directions -  
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information

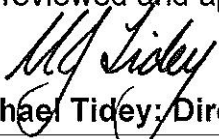
**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**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. Items for Decision, Noting and Discussion at LGAT General Meeting - 12 February 2016
  2. LGAT General Meeting Agenda - 12 February 2016 (distributed electronically)
  3. Minutes for LGAT General Meeting - 29 October 2015 (distributed electronically)
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Ag Item	Pg No.	Motion	Submitting Council	CoL Comment
<b>Items for Decision</b>				
2.1	10	<p><b>Rating of Residential Properties Owned by Charities</b></p> <p>1. That Members note recent case law which suggests that although a property may be owned by a charitable institution, occupancy by private residents is not a charitable purpose; and</p> <p>2. That Members agree to take a common and equitable approach to the rating of independent living units which takes as a core assumption that private residential occupancy is not a charitable purpose and is not exempt from general rates.</p>	LGAT	<p><b>Recommendation Supported</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-</p>
2.2	13	<p><b>Federal Election</b></p> <p>That Members discuss and agree priorities for LGAT's Federal Election Submission.</p>	LGAT	<p><b>Recommendation Supported</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-</p>
2.3	15	<p><b>Regional Local Government Authorities</b></p> <p>1. That Members note the work being undertaken between LGAT and the Regional Authorities to clarify roles and responsibilities and identify opportunities to collaborate for the benefits of members.</p> <p>2. That Members highlight issues for consideration in clarifying and enhancing the respective roles of the organizations.</p>	LGAT	<p><b>Recommendation Supported</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-</p>
2.4	18	<p><b>Deductibility of Election Expenses/Limits on Election Expenditure</b></p> <p>1. That Members note the Report; and</p> <p>2. That Members agree that mapping a sectoral position in relation to any changes to election expenditure be done as part of the broader review of the Local Government Act.</p>	LGAT	<p><b>Recommendation Supported</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-</p>

**19.2 LGAT General Meeting - 12 February 2016...(Cont'd)**

Ag Item	Pg No.	Motion	Submitting Council	CoL Comment
2.5	19	<b>Member Allowances and Superannuation</b> That Members agree LGAT should seek from the State Government, an independent review of Elected Member Allowances.	LGAT	<b>Recommendation Supported</b> -
<b>Items for Noting</b>				
3.1	24	That Members note the Strategic and Annual Plan report.	LGAT	<b>Recommendation - Noted</b>
3.2	25	That Members note the State and Federal Budget Submissions report	LGAT	<b>Recommendation - Noted</b>
3.3	27	That Members note the progress of the State Government's planning reforms and the key issues for the Local Government sector.	LGAT	<b>Recommendation - Noted</b>
3.4	29	That Members note the report on the Tasmanian Building Regulatory Framework	LGAT	<b>Recommendation - Noted</b>
3.5	31	That the Members note the report on current policy activity and in particular:  1. There will be a 'Round Three' of the Bridges to Renewal Program announced in 2016;  2. LGAT will soon be contacting councils on a regional basis to discuss the potential for a broader role out of the Northern Councils Street Lighting Project; and  3. The Working Group formed to look at waste tyre storage in Tasmania has provided its initial report to Minister Groom.	LGAT	<b>Recommendation - Noted</b>
<b>Items for Noting</b>				
3.6	39	That Members note the Partnership between LGAT and MAV report	LGAT	<b>Recommendation - Noted</b>

19.2 LGAT General Meeting - 12 February 2016...(Cont'd)

Ag Item	Pg No.	Motion	Submitting Council	CoL Comment
<b>Items for Discussion</b>				
4.1	41	Poker Machines and the Gaming Act	Brighton	<b>Recommendation - To be determined from the meeting discussion</b>
4.2	41	Bed and Breakfast Accommodation	Kingborough	<b>Recommendation - To be determined from the meeting discussion</b>
4.3	43	Councillors Declaration of Office	Kingborough	<b>Recommendation - To be determined from the meeting discussion</b>

**20 GENERAL MANAGER'S DIRECTORATE ITEMS****20.1 Notice of Motion from Council's Annual General Meeting 2015****FILE NO:** SF0098**AUTHOR:** Tegan West (Committee Clerk)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Mr Robin Smith's Notice of Motion passed at the Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 7 December 2015.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Item 5.1 - Annual General Meeting 2015 - 7 December 2015

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council does not support Mr Robin Smith's Notice of Motion of the Annual General Meeting of 7 December 2015, which states:  
*That Council (or their contractors) in the course of repaving the city malls, do not continue with the practice of using a brick cutting machine in close proximity to pedestrians and business due to excessive noise pollution.*
  2. That the mover of the Motion at the Annual General Meeting be advised of the Council's decision.
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**REPORT:**

At the Annual General Meeting 2015 the following Motion was put by Mr Robin Smith:

*That Council (or their contractors) in the course of repaving the city malls, do not continue with the practice of using a brick cutting machine in close proximity to pedestrians and business due to excessive noise pollution.*

The motion was carried and has been forwarded to Council for consideration.

Mr Harry Galea, Director Infrastructure Services, commenting in the AGM report advised that:

- The restriction can be written into contracts but would add significantly to the contract cost and may even be impractical to implement
  - Bricks are cut to measure and hence this activity occurs immediately at the worksite
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**20.1 Notice of Motion from Council's Annual General Meeting 2015...(Cont'd)**

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- The plan is to carry out paving the Quadrant as night works, hence noise to pedestrians and businesses will be minimum or nil, and
- Every effort has been made and will continue to be made to minimise disruption.

It is the recommendation of this report, for the reasons outlined above, that the brick cutting machine continues to be used on the worksite with consideration being given for the pedestrians and businesses in close proximity to the works being carried out.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston 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 direction -

1. To develop and consistently use community engagement processes
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information
4. To continually improve our service delivery and supporting processes

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

The cost of cutting the bricks off-site would add significantly to the contract cost.

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20.1 Notice of Motion from Council's Annual General Meeting 2015...(Cont'd)

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**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**

**20.2 Questions on Notice from Council's Annual General Meeting 2015****FILE NO:** SF0098**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

Mrs Angela Prosser-Green asked the following questions:

1. What was the cost of producing the 2014/2015 Annual Report?

**Response:**

*(Emma Price - Manager Communications)*

The cost to produce the Annual Report for 2014/2015 was \$8,084.50 plus gst.

2. What is being done to promote heritage issues in Launceston?

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst - Director Development Services)*

The Annual Plan Action contained within the Annual Report 2014/2015 related to the Heritage Advisory Committee's role and the development of a set of priority heritage activities for the City of Launceston. Of particular relevance to the question asked at the AGM, during the 2014/2015 reporting year the Committee endorsed the following key priorities which have or are currently being actioned:

- The annual City of Launceston Heritage Awards and Student Heritage Snap! (Photography) Awards
  - The review of the Launceston Interim Planning Scheme Heritage List (a two-year project commenced in the 2015/2016 financial year)
  - Support of the National Trust in the lighting of the Strathroy Bridge
  - Facilitation of the placement of a Foundation Stone of the former Commercial Travellers Association headquarters located in Charles Street, Launceston
  - Development of a process to enable proponents of developments involving heritage listed properties to present early concept proposals to the Heritage Advisory Committee for feedback.
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**20.2 Questions on Notice from Council's Annual General Meeting 2015...(Cont'd)**

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3. What is the Council's opinion regarding the many properties that are proposed to be removed from the State Heritage Register?

***Response:***

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst - Director Development Services)*

The Council has not adopted a formal position regarding the review of the State Heritage Register. City of Launceston officers have a role in liaising with Heritage Tasmania to ensure that any properties identified for potential removal from the State Heritage Register are currently included within the local register. The City of Launceston is undertaking a separate project to review the completeness of the local register and identify guidelines for additions or removal from the register. This is a two-year project commenced in the current financial year which will involve a community engagement process.

4. Could the inaccuracies in the Annual Report be rectified?

***Response***

*(Emma Price - Manager Communications)*

Inaccuracies that were identified in the Annual Report will be corrected and the online document updated.

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**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 Council Items have been identified as part of this Agenda**

**23 MEETING CLOSURE**