



City of
LAUNCESTON

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 3 JULY 2017**

10.00am

COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON

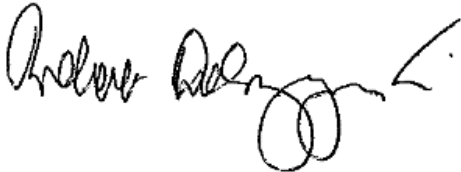
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

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 to Council in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

The reports in this Agenda are provided to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee in order to explain the intent of the process/proposal proposed. Whilst the reports are in Council Meeting format, no decision is being sought.

Venue: Committee Room, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston

Time: 10.00am

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION STATEMENT:

To resolve that the Minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Deputation - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.00am from Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) initiated by Barry Pickett (Natural Environment Manager).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association).regarding the St Patricks River Valley Progress Association's Community Plan.

REPORT:

Mr Rod Johnstone (President), Mr Ian Dalton (Secretary) and Mr Mike Essex (Member - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association) will present the Association's Community Plan for consideration and discussion (Attachment 1).

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

4.1 Deputation - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association ...(Cont'd)

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 Direction -
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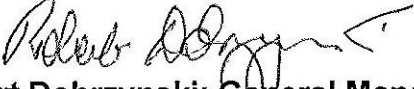
BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

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.


Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. St Patricks River Valley Progress Association Incorporated Community Plan
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Attachment 1 - St Patricks River Valley Progress Association Incorporated Community Plan

ST PATRICKS RIVER VALLEY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

COMMUNITY PLAN

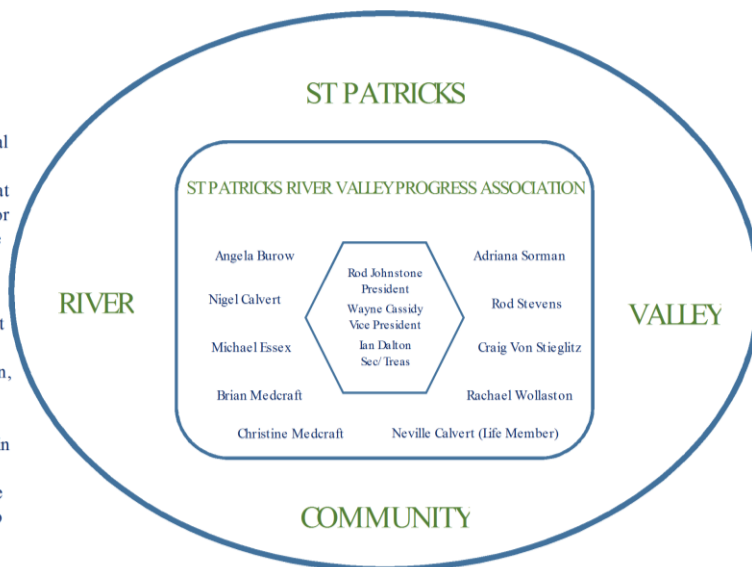
COMMUNITY VISION

A community that works together to support the wellbeing of all residents, protects the community’s assets and promotes the region’s physical and cultural history and its ongoing social and economic development.

Version 1: 2 April 2017

St Patricks River Valley Progress Association Inc.

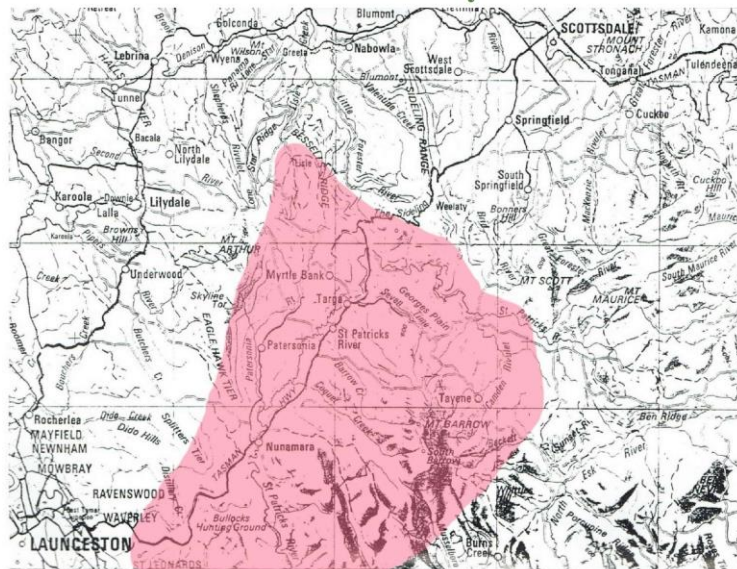
The St Patricks River Valley Progress Association had its beginnings as a sub-committee of the local school parents and friends association that was formed to fight for improvements to the Tasman Highway through the district. In the late 1960’s that group formed the ratepayers’ association, which eventually morphed into the progress association, in recognition of the diversity of issues the group was starting to pursue.



Across the years since it first started, the Progress Association has consistently advocated for improvements to the region’s infrastructure. The fruit of its advocacy has included upgrading and improved maintenance of the Tasman Highway and other roads within the district, action to upgrade mobile phone services in the valley and improvements to the condition and maintenance of the Mt Barrow Discovery Trail.

In many respects, the valley has so far largely untapped potential and there is significant opportunity for it to grow as a centre of popular activities including sightseeing, hiking, fishing, kayaking, mountain biking and horse riding. Such progress as has happened so far has been achieved without the benefit of an overall strategic approach to coordination and promotion. It is hoped that this plan will be the first step towards the region achieving the profile and recognition that it deserves while maintaining a safe and friendly community.

Our Community



St Patricks River Valley is located towards the North East of Tasmania, in the east of the municipality of the City of Launceston. The river nestles between two of the region's most significant natural landmarks, Mount Arthur to the west and Mount Barrow to the east. Mt Barrow is one of the tallest mountains of the north-eastern highlands at 1413 metres, offering magnificent views, rainforest and alpine vegetation. Mount Arthur is a majestic peak standing 1188 metres, overlooking the town of Lilydale to its north.

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St Patricks River

The St Patricks River originates at an elevation of 925m in the locality of Ben Ridge, which lays between mountains such as Ben Nevis (1350m) and Mount Maurice (1117m). It ends at an elevation of 218m, merging with the North Esk River having dropped just over 700 metres over its 68.2km length.

The river wends its way around the north of the Mount Barrow National Park and along its journey is fed by Camden Rivulet, Patersonia Rivulet, Coquet Creek, Barrow Creek and Seven Time Creek. It is considered to be one of Tasmania's prime trout fishing streams, highly regarded for its pristine waters.

The river played an important part in the development of the City of Launceston. In 1857 Launceston's fledgling municipal council constructed its first reticulated water supply, which was made possible by the construction at Nunamara of a weir, a one kilometre water race and a 154 metre tunnel that enabled the diversion of flow from the St Patricks River into a dam on Distillery Creek. The St Patricks River remains a primary source of water for Launceston to this day.

St Patricks River Valley

The St Patricks River Valley is part of the traditional lands of Pyemairrener people and is noted for its environmental heritage and natural beauty. The valley is reputed to have served as the food bowl for Launceston during the establishment of the City and played a leading role in the development of the mining, agriculture and forestry industries in Tasmania.

Permanent settlers first moved into the valley during the 1860's. The ensuing discovery of gold in the Lisle area in the early 1870's and subsequently on the Diddleum Plains and burgeoning agriculture and forestry industries brought about something of a boom period for the district.

Notorious Tasmanian bushranger, Matthew Brady (1799 – 1826), was captured at the Hunting Ground area of the valley in dramatic circumstances by John Batman, who later went on to found the city of Melbourne.

The two main population centres in the valley today are Nunamara (population approximately 270) and Patersonia (200). It is estimated that around one thousand people reside within the valley region.

The district has a number of tourist attractions including the Mt Barrow Discovery Trail, Myrtle Park complex, Mountain Stream Fishery and the John Skemp Field Centre.

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Our Goals for the Community

The plan will enable the Progress Association to provide:

1. All community members with opportunities to have a voice and to be informed
2. Advocacy and representation on a wide range of issues affecting individuals and groups
3. Promotion of the Valley's unique environment and history and its potential as a tourist destination
4. Improved provision of community events and social activities
5. Care and protection of the community's infrastructure and assets
 - 5.1. Nunamara Memorial Hall

Our Community Goals, Actions & Evaluation

1. Provide all community members with opportunities to have a voice and to be informed

Actions	The Measuring Sticks
Promote the work of the Progress Association and the benefits of membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased awareness of the Progress Association's work <input type="checkbox"/> Growth in membership
Conduct a community survey to identify opportunities and prioritise issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Community survey designed <input type="checkbox"/> All residents in the region invited to participate <input type="checkbox"/> Survey results collated, analysed and published <input type="checkbox"/> Community plan reviewed
Support the publication of a community newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> A community newsletter is published regularly and circulated to residents
Appropriately recognise the 50 th Anniversary of the Progress Association	<input type="checkbox"/> The date of the anniversary is identified <input type="checkbox"/> A subcommittee is formed to arrange a celebratory event to acknowledge the Association's founders, key contributors and achievements
Improve the social media presence of the Association	<input type="checkbox"/> An Association website is developed, maintained and regularly updated <input type="checkbox"/> An Association Facebook page is established, maintained and regularly updated <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship opportunities are explored
Trademark the St Patricks River Valley Brand	<input type="checkbox"/> The feasibility of trademarking the St Patricks River Valley brand is investigated <input type="checkbox"/> Application is made to trademark the St Patricks River Valley brand name
Design and trademark a logo for the Progress Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Design of a logo for the Association is completed <input type="checkbox"/> Application is made to trademark the logo

2. Provide advocacy and representation of residents on a wide range of issues affecting individuals and groups

Actions	The Measuring Sticks
Lobby Council, State & Federal Governments for safe and well maintained roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The sealing of the length of Prossers Road is achieved <input type="checkbox"/> The condition of Patersonia Road and road signage in the area is improved <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife warning signs are installed on Tasman Highway in the vicinity of Drivers Run <input type="checkbox"/> The State Government undertakes a program to eradicate weeds on the Tasman Highway roadsides
Support improved mobile phone service in the valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The installation of mobile phone towers in the valley is completed
Lobby for flood damage and log jams St Patricks River to be rectified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing discussions held with the City of Launceston, the State Government and the Federal Government until the issue is resolved
Advocate for the introduction of a Drive Safe at Night campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Representations to relevant authorities result in a Drive Safe at Night program being implemented
Monitor the implications of local government reform for the St Patricks River Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussions occur at meetings of the Progress Association on developments regarding local government reform <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings held with appropriate individuals and agencies to discuss the implications of local government reform for residents of the valley
Support existing agricultural and other businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussions are initiated with farmers and other people conducting business enterprises within the region to identify ways in which the Progress Association might be able to provide support <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes of those discussions are collated <input type="checkbox"/> A strategy to respond to those outcomes is developed

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3. Promote the Valley's unique environment and history and its potential as a tourist destination

Actions	The Measuring Sticks
Gather historical information about the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A call for historical information regarding the region is issued among past and present residents <input type="checkbox"/> Information collected is collated and reviewed to identify significant dates and events <input type="checkbox"/> A calendar and other appropriate summaries of the information are compiled <input type="checkbox"/> The information is used in promoting the region
Map the significant environmental assets and tourist attractions within the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An audit is conducted of the region's environmental assets <input type="checkbox"/> An audit of public and private tourist attractions is conducted <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes of the audit analysed issues/ opportunities identified <input type="checkbox"/> The information collected is collated, prioritised and written up to assist with the promotion of the region
Promote St Patricks River Valley as a recreational and tourism destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A strategy is developed and implemented to promote St Patricks River Valley within Tasmania via local media and other avenues <input type="checkbox"/> A strategy is developed and implemented to promote St Patricks River Valley interstate with the assistance of Tourism Tasmania <input type="checkbox"/> Roadside signage is installed on the Tasman Highway on the outskirts of Launceston and at the base of the Sideling welcoming people to the St Patricks River Valley and providing directions/distances to key centres and local attractions
Liaise with appropriate authorities regarding the health and usability of the St Patricks River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The river is inspected to identify problems in respect of agricultural and recreational usage <input type="checkbox"/> A report of the inspection is written <input type="checkbox"/> A strategy to address the identified issues is developed and implemented

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<p>Promote St Patricks River as a destination for recreational fishing and water-based activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Potential funding sources are identified <input type="checkbox"/> Potential water-based activities are identified that would be possible on the river if it was healthy and well-managed, such as recreational and competitive fishing, kayaking, canoeing and swimming <input type="checkbox"/> The information collected is used to support resolution of identified issues with the river's health and management <input type="checkbox"/> The Association successfully negotiates with the Dorset Council events to be held at Myrtle Park as part of the Northern Rivers Festival <input type="checkbox"/> A promotions strategy for the river is developed and implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Potential sponsorship opportunities are identified
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4. Improved provision of community events and social activities

Actions	The Measuring Sticks
Anzac Day Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A service to commemorate Anzac Day is held annually at Nunamara Memorial Hall
St Patrick's Day Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The potential to hold an event to celebrate St Patrick's Day in the Valley with an event at the Nunamara Memorial Hall is explored
Biannual Community Get-Togethers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> At least two social functions are held annually in the Nunamara Memorial Hall to provide opportunities for residents to interact socially
Make Nunamara Memorial Hall available to people and organisations who can provide services considered worthwhile to the residents of the valley and the wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> See <i>Goal 5.1 Nunamara Memorial Hall</i> (Page 12)
Patersonia get-togethers returned to the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Patersonia get-togethers are again held within the region

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5. Care and protection of the community's infrastructure and assets

Actions	The Measuring Sticks
Map existing community assets in the region	<input type="checkbox"/> An audit is conducted of the region's community assets
Secure the future of the Nunamara Memorial Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> See Goal 5.1 Nunamara Memorial Hall (Page 12)
Map existing public assets in the region	<input type="checkbox"/> An audit is conducted of the region's public assets
Pursue a resolution of the siting of the Nunamara Cenotaph	<input type="checkbox"/> Meetings are held with residents of Nunamara and other people with an interest in the siting of the Cenotaph <input type="checkbox"/> The outcomes of those meetings inform the development of a responsive strategy

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5.1. Nunamara Memorial Hall

Actions	The Measuring Sticks	Estimated Annual Cost/ Income \$
Identify potential uses for the hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Owned by the Progress Association and operated as a community centre of excellence <input type="checkbox"/> Focus for communication to and among Nunamara and wider St Patricks River Valley communities <input type="checkbox"/> Nunamara community social gatherings <input type="checkbox"/> Base for emergency responses (e.g. bushfires) <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of the Region's resources and potential <input type="checkbox"/> Information Centre	
Secure transfer of ownership of the hall to the Progress Association on behalf of the St Patricks River Valley residents	<input type="checkbox"/> A subcommittee of the Progress Association is formed to develop a business case and negotiate the terms of the transfer of ownership <input type="checkbox"/> The members of the Progress Association endorse the terms of the transfer of ownership prior to the transfer being finalised <input type="checkbox"/> The transfer of ownership is completed	
Review the Constitution of the Progress Association to ensure that it conforms to appropriate standards for the holding, management of and securing of significant capital assets	<input type="checkbox"/> The Constitution of the Association is reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations from the review are put before a meeting of the members for ratification <input type="checkbox"/> Any alterations to the Constitution are lodged with the Office of the Attorney General	
Investigate ongoing costs to own and maintain the hall	<u>Estimated Annual Costs</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Insurances	\$ TBA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Public Liability <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance of buildings and equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance of grounds Total Estimated Costs <i>N.B. Capital works to be carried out only if funded by grant monies/ voluntary contributions</i> 	<p>350</p> <p>300</p> <p>400</p> <p>800</p> <p>500</p> <p>1,500</p> <p>400</p> <p>\$4,250</p>
Identify potential income sources to support the assumption of ownership and ongoing financial sustainability	<p><u>Estimated Annual Income Sources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hall hire <input type="checkbox"/> Outside sponsorship <input type="checkbox"/> Bunnings BBQs x 4 per year <input type="checkbox"/> Australian Electoral Commission (average) Total Estimated Annual Income (from known sources only) <p><u>Potential Sources of Income To Be Explored</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Telstra tower (possible \$6k p.a.) <input type="checkbox"/> Celebration of PA 50 years anniversary <input type="checkbox"/> Community education (e.g. healthy rural living, preparation for work in rural settings) <input type="checkbox"/> Home schooling centre <input type="checkbox"/> Markets 	<p>\$</p> <p>400</p> <p>1,850</p> <p>3,600</p> <p>250</p> <p>\$6,100</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers markets <input type="checkbox"/> Themed markets/ demonstration days relevant to the region – mining, forestry <input type="checkbox"/> Food festivals (prepared foods) <input type="checkbox"/> Craft markets <input type="checkbox"/> Bartering markets <input type="checkbox"/> Short term camping/ dump point <input type="checkbox"/> Embarkation/ Departure point for river usage <input type="checkbox"/> Backpackers hostel <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone Service Launch event 	
Identify potential sources of grants to support the Progress Association's ownership of and future development of the hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discussions held with the City of Launceston <input type="checkbox"/> Discussions held with the State Government <input type="checkbox"/> Discussions held with the Federal Government <input type="checkbox"/> Approach made to the Tasmanian Community Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Applications made to the RACT Community Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Applications made to the RACT Community Act of Loyalty <input type="checkbox"/> A map compiled of potential public and private funding sources 	

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4.2 Dog Management Policy Review

FILE NO: SF0079

AUTHOR: Debbie Fortuin (Manager Environmental Services)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider proposed amendments to the Dog Management Policy.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 24 September 2007 - Agenda Item 11.1 - Dog Management Plan

SPPC - 29 May 2017 - Agenda Item 4.3 - Dog Management Policy Review

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Management and Policy Committee discusses the Dog Management Policy 10-Plx-013 (ECM Document #4093884, Version 18) with the proposed amendments.

REPORT:

The Dog Management Policy was first adopted by Council in 2002. It underwent a number of subsequent amendments with a complete review undertaken in 2007, and the current Dog Management Policy was adopted on 24 September 2007.

The *Dog Control Act 2000* outlines the requirement to have a Dog Management Policy as follows:

"7. Dog Management Policy

(1) A council is to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management in its municipal area.

(2) A dog management policy is to include the following:

- (a) a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;*
- (b) the provision of declared areas;*
- (c) a fee structure;*
- (d) any other relevant matter.*

4.2 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont'd)

(3) A council is to –

- (a) invite public submissions relating to a proposed dog management policy; and
- (b) consult with any appropriate body or organisation; and
- (c) consider any submissions and results of any consultation before finalising the policy.

(4) A council is to review its dog management policy at least once every 5 years.

(5) In reviewing its dog management policy, a council is to take the actions referred to in subsection (3)."

The Policy was put out for Public Consultation on Your Voice Your Launceston during December 2016 and January 2017. The survey was further advertised on Council's website and on Facebook. The total number of respondents from the Your Voice Your Launceston survey and separate submissions was 192.

The survey covered off on areas of significant change, namely the tighter measures to ensure registration compliance, single non-discounted dog registration, the lifelong dog registration and the changes to declared areas.

The results were as follows:

1. 85% agreed that the Dog Management Policy contained sufficient information.
2. 85% were in favour of lifelong registration.
3. 84% said they would purchase a lifelong registration at \$100 for the life of their young dog.
4. 80% were in favour of a single registration fee (ie. doing away with the discounted rate) thereby allowing us to send out a first and final notice, followed by enforcement in an attempt to reduce future non-compliances which sit at around 1300 annually.
5. 70% would not make any changes to the proposed declared areas.

Relevant Qualitative Feedback provided included:

1. The need for a discounted lifelong dog registration rate for pensioners (*this has since been included in the fees and charges and a proposed fee of \$50*).
 2. More patrols of the declared areas needed.
 3. The policy does not address penalties (*these are already contained in the Dog Control Act 2000*).
 4. Does not contain information about nuisance barking (*this has since been included in the Policy*).
 5. Need for information on consequences of non-compliance (*this has since been included in the Policy*).
 6. Signage is not clear enough, confusing and difficult (*this has already been identified as an issue by staff and an audit of signage will be planned once the policy has been finalised*).
 7. Patrons would like more off-lead areas and dog parks (*this is a matter for Natural Environment to consider within their Parks Planning activities*).
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4.2 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont'd)

8. Numerous suggestions regarding changes to the declared areas. Practical suggestions made by survey submitters have been included in the proposed amendments to the declared areas as outlined below.
9. Further information sought on legislative defence regarding Dog Attacks - relating to attacks from a dog within its own yard (*this has since been included in the policy*).
10. Better fencing and maintenance of off-lead areas (*this will need to be built into Park's maintenance budget*).

The following outlines the proposed amendments:

1. A Review of the declared areas have proposed changes that have brought them into line with the legislation and as such where some areas were previously (2007) described as Restricted Area No Dogs 24hrs these have been changed to Prohibited Public Area. This category includes areas such as swimming pools, sportsgrounds and playgrounds and these changes have been reflected on the new Maps. The category of Restricted Area to some maps has been added to identify areas that Council have declared (eg. City Park). This needs to be taken into consideration when reading the changes. The proposed declared areas are outlined in the attached Dog Management Policy under the heading **Declared Areas by Location**.
2. A review of the fee's structure and administrative systems has resulted in the proposed introduction of the lifelong registration of dogs. The proposed conditions of this registration are outlined in the attached policy. Currently the City of Launceston has over 10,000 dogs registered. It is not uncommon for staff to be following up in excess of 1,000 outstanding registrations annually. The more people that participate in lifelong registration, the less time and money will be spent on chasing outstanding registrations and renewals. Any loss of income from annual registrations over the life of the dog would be offset by efficiencies made in administration costs. With the average lifespan of a dog estimated at being 10 years, it would be cost effective for an owner to register a dog for the life of the dog. However, currently we have a large population of dogs at different ages, which would not make it beneficial for those owners to subscribe to this fee at this time. It is for this reason that we do not anticipate that the income will be significantly impacted initially, but rather, we expect the transition will be more gradual in nature.

Where a dog dies or moves out of the area within three years of registration, a 50% refund would apply. It is proposed that lifelong dog registrations from other Tasmanian Councils will be recognised here in Launceston and it is hoped that those Councils will reciprocate.

Further changes proposed relate to the administrative processing of registrations. It is proposed that a single non-discounted registration fee be adopted with a first and final renewal notice being sent out at the renewal time. Staff will then begin following up on non-renewals and issue infringements where non-compliance is confirmed. This will allow for administrative, financial and timing efficiencies.

4.2 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont'd)

3. Compulsory microchipping is now a requirement under the *Dog Control Act 2000* since 1 July 2011 and is now reflected in the proposed amended Policy.
4. Statement on Dogs on Lead, Emergency after hours, stray dogs, registration, dog attacks, dangerous dogs, barking dogs, enforcement processes, restricted breed dogs, kennel licence and the delta dog safe education program have all been included to better outline the administration of the requirements of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

In the absence of providing designated areas for dogs to exercise, people will exercise their dogs in areas at their discretion. This could lead to dogs being exercised in sensitive habitats for fauna and flora in parks and reserves around the city, negatively impacting on protected or sensitive fauna populations. By providing designated areas and prohibited areas, some management of these protected environments will be provided.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

Dogs are an important part of our society. Where dogs are not managed properly negative consequences can arise in the form of noise nuisance from barking dogs, or public safety issues from aggressive dogs, or dogs not otherwise under proper control. The Dog Management Policy along with the *Dog Control Act 2000* contributes to the regulation, management and control of dogs. The Dog Management Policy further encourages responsible pet ownership.

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; to seek and champion collaboration to address major issues for Northern Tasmania; to ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way; 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 -

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
 5. To strategically manage our assets, facilities and services
 6. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation
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4.2 Dog Management Policy Review ...(Cont'd)

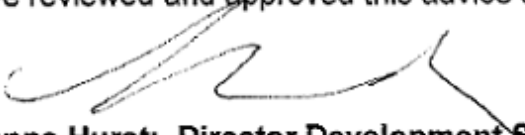
BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Amendments to signage and fencing may need to be undertaken. This will lead to budgetary implications but cannot be calculated at this stage. It is proposed that any changes to the designated dog areas will be costed to the next financial year for roll out at that time.

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. Dog Management Policy 10-Plx-013 (ECM document # 4067854; Version 18)
(distributed electronically)
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4.3 Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce Nomination

FILE NO: SF2377

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To discuss a Council nomination to the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee discusses a nomination to the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce with the nomination to be forwarded to Council for adoption.

REPORT:

The Hon Peter Gutwein (Treasurer and Minister for Planning and Local Government) has invited the Council to nominate a representative to serve on the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT) (Attachment 1).

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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Key Direction -
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4.3 Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce Nomination ...(Cont'd)


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.


Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

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Dear Mayor *Albert,*

I'm writing to invite your Council to nominate a representative to serve on the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT).

The establishment of the TEMT was a significant outcome of the recently signed Launceston City Deal and is funded by both the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Government.

The TEMT is to develop a River Health Action Plan during the coming financial year.

The key tasks in order of priority will be to:

- advise by on how best to mitigate the effect of Launceston's Combined sewerage and storm water system;
- recommend priority investments and actions; and,
- propose future ongoing governance arrangements for the Estuary.

It is expected that the TEMT will report by the end of this calendar year its view of how best to mitigate the effect of the Launceston combined sewerage and storm water system with other key tasks being delivered during the 2017-18 financial year.

The TEMT will report to the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Tasmanian Treasurer and the Mayor of Launceston via the Launceston City Deal Executive Board by the end of 2017.

Allan Garcia, CEO of Infrastructure Tasmania will Chair the TEMT.

Secretariat support for the TEMT will be initially provided by Infrastructure Tasmania and Mr Stewart Sharples, Manager Economic Analysis, Infrastructure Tasmania, Stewart.Sharples@stategrowth.tas.gov.au will be the main State Government contact for the TEMT.

Mr Sharples can be contacted in the first instance on 61664472 to provide details in respect of the operation of the Taskforce.

I expect that the TEMT will convene in the first weeks of July when I expect that it will finalise administrative and operational matters and begin its work to deliver the River Health Action plan.

I hope that your Council is prepared to be involved in this important task and look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Hon Peter Gutwein
Treasurer and Minister for Planning and Local Government

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

6 CLOSED ITEMS

No Closed Items have been identified for this Meeting

7 CLOSE OF MEETING