



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **COUNCIL AGENDA**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2023  
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, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:**

**Date: 24 August 2023**

**Time: 1.00pm**

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### **Certificate of Qualified Advice**

#### **Background**

To comply with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas):

1. A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless -
  - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing -
    - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
    - (ii) the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
  - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

#### **Certification**

I certify that:

- (i) the advice of a qualified person has been sought where required;
- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- (iii) a copy of the advice, or a written transcript or summary of advice provided orally, is included with the agenda item.



**Michael Stretton  
Chief Executive Officer**

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### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - AGENDA ITEM 8**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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- You may speak for up to two minutes, either for or against the Recommendation.
- You may not ask questions or enter into debate with Councillors or Council Officers.
- Your statement is not to be defamatory, inappropriate or abusive, or be intended to embarrass any person, including Councillors or Council Officers.
- The Chair may direct you to stop speaking if you do not follow these rules, or if your statement repeats points that have already been made.
- Audio from our Council Meetings is streamed live via YouTube.

Your respectful contribution is welcome and appreciated.

### **LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER**

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

**2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48*

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

**4. 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 10 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)*

**5.1. Council Workshop Report - 17 August 2023**

**FILE NO:** SF4401

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Leanne Purchase (Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, notes the Council Workshops conducted and attended since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

Workshop conducted on 17 August 2023:

**Christmas in the City 2023**

*Councillors received a briefing on the activities and activations planned for this year's Christmas in the City. The briefing included updates on the Christmas tree, decorations, and activities planned for the city.*

**Lilydale Men's Shed**

*Chief Executive Officer Michael Stretton provided Councillors with an update on the Lilydale Mens' Shed.*

**Harvest Market - Site Options**

*Chief Executive Officer Michael Stretton presented the Harvest Market Alternate Site Options investigation and report for Councillor consideration.*

**Councillor Professional Development Opportunities and Access**

*Councillors were reminded about online learning available via the Office of Local Government and were asked to contribute to a discussion on professional development so that any identified needs or interests can be addressed in future Workshops.*

**City Heart**

*Councillors were provided an update on progress with City Heart.*

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**Launceston Aquatic Centre Overview**

*Councillors were provided an overview of the Centre, its current operations, memberships and support it provides to the community, followed by a site visit.*

*In Attendance:* Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Deputy Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Dr G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton.

*Apologies:* Councillor L M McMahon

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**REPORT:**

Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* says that the Agenda of an Ordinary Council Meeting is to include the date and purpose of any Council Workshops held since the last Meeting.

Attendance is recorded for noting and reporting in the Council's Annual Report.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

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**6. COUNCILLORS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS**

**No Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications have been identified as part of this Agenda.**

**7. 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 Councillors).*

**No Community Reports have been identified as part of this Agenda**

**8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

**8.1. Public Questions on Notice**

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

**8.1.1. Public Questions on Notice - Benjamin Gofton - Elphinwood Square and Flood Mitigation Measures in Newstead - 15 August 2023**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 15 August 2023 by Benjamin Gofton, have been answered by Shane Eberhardt (General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network).

**Questions:**

1. What strategies can LCC employ to improve the quality of playground equipment, plant some nice trees like a magnolia, have nicer grass with no weeds and stop people driving on the greenspace?

**Response:**

*This year, the City of Launceston will be undertaking a Recreation and Open Space Strategy that will consider all of our 61 play spaces. Council officers will consult with the community to include recommendations on improvements for play spaces, including access improvements, improved equipment where identified and other amenities depending on the level of service of the park. Actions from the Strategy will inform the City of Launceston's future planning and program for play space upgrades that fits with the Future Capital Works Program.*

*The community will be invited to be a part of the strategy and help to inform decisions and future planning. This will likely occur in the next three months and the community will be encouraged to keep in contact and keep an eye on our social media as the strategy progresses.*

*All City of Launceston's parks and play spaces are serviced and maintained by the City of Launceston Operational staff. For any identified maintenance requirements or issues with these spaces, customers are welcome to lodge a request through contact us at [contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au).*

*The Council is developing an urban greening strategy and implementation plan that will inform future planting priorities.*

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2. What is Launceston City Council in conjunction with the state and federal governments doing to make the levee banks in the Newstead area unquestionably strong so that downward pressure can be placed on our insurance in the long term?

**Response:**

*The Insurance Council of Australia has outlined that 2022 was a record year for insured losses across Australia, driven by flooding across the country. The City of Launceston cannot comment on the specific actions of insurers and their treatment of properties across the flood plain (i.e. Invermay vs Newstead) or what may influence these differences. All property owners are encouraged to have informed discussions with their insurers regarding the flood risk posed at their property. The City of Launceston has, on multiple occasions, provided relevant information for property owners to take to their insurers. Whilst levees provide a significant level of protection, they do not flood proof properties, and a residual flood risk remains for these properties that are protected by flood levees.*

*The Newstead Levee was constructed in 2018 and provides a similar level of protection to that afforded by the levees surrounding Invermay and the flood prone areas of the City. Evacuation orders, such as that issued during the October 2022 floods, remain the best option for reducing the risk to life during a flood event.*

*The City of Launceston, and the Launceston Flood Authority, ensure that the Launceston Flood Protection System is adequately maintained and fit for purpose as intended. The City's focus is also on ensuring that our flood prone community, whether protected by levees or not, understand their risk and are adequately prepared for flood events.*

*A recently awarded Disaster Ready Fund grant will provide additional early warning intelligence. This will address gaps identified during recent floods and is expected to allow more time for critical operational decisions to be considered. The system will have a public facing element that will provide information to the community to inform their decisions.*

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**8.2. Public Questions Without Notice**

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

**9. PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council acts as a Planning Authority in regard to items included in Agenda Item 9 - Planning Authority.

**9.1. PSA-LLP0012 - Local Heritage Listings**

**FILE NO:** PSA-LLP0012

**AUTHOR:** Iain More (Senior Town Planner Policy and Projects)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Dan Ryan (Community and Place Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider and determine a development application pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston  
Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 40D of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, agrees to, and initiates Amendment PSA-LLP0012, to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule, to:
    - a. remove 88 properties from the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets where applicable, as shown in Attachment 1 to this report;
    - b. insert 13 property datasheets for existing listings within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets, as shown in Attachment 2 to this report; and
    - c. add 40 properties to the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and create 40 new datasheets within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets, as shown in Attachment 3 to this report.
  2. Pursuant to section 40F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, certifies draft amendment PSA-LLP0012; and
  3. Pursuant to sections 40G and 40H of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, determines the period for public exhibition be 28 days.
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## REPORT: APPLICATION FOR PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Launceston has prepared by its own motion, under section 37(1) and section 40D(b) of *the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act), a scheme amendment to:

- a. remove 88 properties from the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets where applicable ;
- b. insert 13 property datasheets for existing listings within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets; and
- c. add 40 properties to the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and create 40 new datasheets within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets.

The Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston, will be referred to as *the scheme* in this report. The Launceston Local Provisions Schedule will be referred to as the LPS in this report.

The amendment will ensure the local heritage list reflects the existing situation on properties with heritage or cultural significance. The change is considered consistent with all levels of policy and will encourage appropriate design and development on sites to protect their cultural heritage.

### 2. HERITAGE STUDY AREA

The study area for the project is the entirety of the Launceston municipality. There were 1,131 properties identified to either be removed or added to the heritage listing, or where datasheets were required to be amended or created to existing properties on the list to reflect the current situation on site.

Attachments 1 through to 3 describe the properties that form part of this amendment. The properties subject to this amendment are scattered throughout the urban areas of the municipality, primarily located on residential land. Various overlays affect the properties including natural values, bushfire, flooding, landslip, and contamination. The controls within the Scheme are able to evaluate the risk by these overlays and assist in ensuring development into the future is able to be assessed appropriately.

### 3. BACKGROUND

The review has stemmed from the City of Launceston committing to an ongoing review of the local heritage list to ensure:

- Existing properties on the list are still culturally or historically appropriate to be maintained on that list;
- Examine existing datasheets to ensure they reflect the existing character and situation of the site;
- Remove properties which no longer hold cultural or historical values;
- Add properties onto the list that have cultural or historical significance.

After being commissioned by Council, in 2007 the 'Launceston Heritage Study', prepared by Paul Davies was finalised. The summary report reviewed the current heritage listing of the city, as well as identified properties that could be inserted into the local heritage list.

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This report provided a background to review the properties individually to ascertain their historic cultural heritage value.

Council's former heritage planner worked with a heritage consultant to review the report and undertake an analysis of the properties in question. This included reviewing the existing list as well as proposed listings. It was through this process that changes to the list were determined necessary. This included updating and creating datasheets associated with currently listed properties, removing properties from the list where their heritage value had been compromised, and inserting new properties into the list along with datasheets. The background work to date has helped form the amendment in its current form.

#### **4. INFORMAL CONSULTATION**

Council engaged in informal, targeted public consultation in April 2023 writing to all potentially impacted landowners. Of the letters sent out:

- 33 agreed with the changes or inclusion of the property on the list;
- 54 agreed but suggested amendments to the datasheets;
- 148 disagreed with the findings; and
- 886 did not respond.

As a result of the findings of this consultation, it was decided to stage the heritage list review. This would ensure that where there was little or no disagreement between the **findings, an initial amendment would allow the list to be amended. Where there was** contention, disagreement, or further investigation required, it was decided that a further stage will deal with those properties in question.

The current application includes those properties where the owners agreed with the findings, as well as the removal list. Those properties where the owners agreed but with suggested changes have been reviewed as part of this process. This included contacting the owners to discuss the listing, and making changes where necessary. Of the 54 responses, 26 have been resolved, with their datasheets amended, and have been added to the current amendment.

#### **5. STRATEGIC REVIEW PROCESS**

The Launceston Local provisions Schedule forms part of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston. Part of this schedule is LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places. This table lists all current local heritage listings for Launceston (1450 listings total). Further to the local schedule is Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets. The datasheets provide information about property listings, including statements of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values. There are currently 143 datasheets within the Appendix, noting that not all properties listed in the table have a corresponding datasheet.

This amendment is the first of a series of proposed amendments to implement the review. The overall review looked at 261 properties requiring updating, 88 properties being removed, and 782 new listings proposed.

#### **6. LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 - ACT REQUIREMENTS**

Planning legislation in Tasmania allows the Planning Authority, by its own motion, to prepare a draft amendment of an LPS, in accordance with section 40D of the Act.

#### **40D. Preparation of draft amendments**

A planning authority –

- (a) must prepare a draft amendment of an LPS, and certify it under section 40F, within 42 days after receiving the request under section 37(1) to which the amendment relates, if –
  - (i) it decides under section 38(2) to prepare a draft amendment of an LPS; or
  - (ii) after reconsidering, in accordance with a direction under section 40B(4)(a), a request under section 37(1) whether to prepare a draft amendment of an LPS, it decides to prepare such an amendment; or
- (b) may, of its own motion, prepare a draft amendment of an LPS; or
- (c) must, if it receives under section 40C(1) a direction to do so, prepare a draft amendment of an LPS and submit it to the Commission within the period specified in the direction or a longer period allowed by the Commission.

Practice Note 12 developed by the Tasmanian Planning Commission (the Commission) includes additional guidelines to prepare supporting documents for an amendment to an LPS. Supporting documentation should include:

- the purpose and expected outcomes of the amendment
- background reports
- analysis
- relevant land use strategies
- relevant studies formally adopted by the Council
- an assessment of the amendment against relevant parts of the regional land use strategy.

Under section 40H of the Act, the draft amendment must be exhibited for public comments for a period of 28 days.

#### **6.1 CONSIDERATIONS FOR AN AMENDMENT**

Under section 38(1), a Planning Authority may prepare a draft amendment of an LPS if it is satisfied that the amendment meets the LPS criteria. The LPS criteria are set out in Section 34.

#### **34. LPS Criteria**

- (2) *The LPS criteria to be met by a relevant planning instrument are that the instrument:*
  - (a) *contains all the provisions that the SPPs specify must be contained in an LPS;*  
*and*

Response:

The proposed Amendment does not alter the State Planning Provisions.

- (b) *is in accordance with section 32; and*

Response:

The proposed Amendment is for rezoning of land in the Launceston municipal area, as identified in the instrument of certification, which has been prepared in accordance with section 32 of LUPPA.

(c) *further the objectives set out in Schedule 1; and*

Response:

A response to the objectives are under Section 7 of this report.

(d) *is consistent with each State policy; and*

Response:

A response to the State policies are under Section 8 of this report.

(da) *satisfies the relevant criteria in relation to the TPPs; and*

Response:

The Tasmanian Planning policies have not been implemented.

(e) *as far as practicable, is consistent with the regional land use strategy, if any, for the regional area in which is situated the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates; and*

Response:

A response to the Regional Land Use Strategy is under Section 9.1 of this report.

(f) *has regard to the strategic plan, prepared under <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1993-095> Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), that applies in relation to the land to which the relevant planning instrument relates; and*

Response:

A response to the strategic plan is under Section 10 of this report.

(g) *as far as practicable, is consistent with and co-ordinated with any LPSs that apply to municipal areas that are adjacent to the municipal area to which the relevant planning instrument relates; and*

Response:

The adjacent municipal areas have adopted the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. However, the proposed Amendment to the LPS will not impact the adjacent municipal areas.

(h) *has regard to the safety requirements set out in the standards prescribed under the [Gas Safety Act 2019](#).*

Response:

The *Gas Pipelines Act 2000* is not applicable to the proposed development.

## 7. SCHEDULE 1 OBJECTIVES

### 7.1 PART 1 - OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING SYSTEM OF TASMANIA

Assessment Against the Objectives Outlined Below:

The objectives of the Resource Management and Planning system of Tasmania are:

- (a) ***to promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity;***

Response:

The identified sites are located within a developed urban area, with limited natural values. Where natural values are applicable, C7.0 Natural Assets Code will be applicable.

- (b) ***to provide for the fair, orderly and sustainable use and development of air, land and water:***

Response:

The sites are identified within the urban area within the Regional Land Use Strategy. The removal and placement of properties onto the heritage list is considered appropriate to protect and maintain the historical cultural heritage of not just the site, but the region overall. The listings and de-listings will not alter the sustainable use and development of air, land, or water.

- (c) ***to encourage public involvement in resource management and planning;***

Response:

The public will have the opportunity to comment on this proposal during the exhibition period, which will run for 28 days. The public will have the opportunity to lodge written representations to the application during the exhibition period and they will be considered by the planning authority and referred to the Tasmanian Planning Commission. If any representations are received, the Tasmanian Planning Commission may hold a public hearing to deal with the representations.

- (d) ***to facilitate economic development in accordance with the objectives set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c);***

Response:

The de-listing of the 88 properties will allow unfettered development subject to the provisions of the scheme. The addition of the 40 properties will ensure the heritage values of the city area upheld, and will still allow development to occur subject to the requirements of the heritage code.

- (e) ***to promote the sharing of responsibility for resource management and planning between the different spheres of Government, the community and industry in the State.***

Response:

The proposed Amendment will be referred to TasWater and the Tasmanian Heritage Council during formal exhibition. If the Amendment is initiated, the Tasmanian Planning Commission will advertise and assess the development.

## 7.2 PART 2 - OBJECTIVES OF THE PLANNING PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT

Assessment Against the Objectives Outlined Below:

***The objectives of the planning process established by this Act are, in support of the objectives set out in Part 1 of this Schedule -***

***(a) to require sound strategic planning and co-ordinated action by State and local government; and***

Response:

The amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy and the Scheme

***(b) to establish a system of planning instruments to be the principal way of setting objectives, policies and controls for the use, development and protection of land; and***

Response:

An application made pursuant to section 40D of the Act must be considered against the objectives of the Act and the planning system of Tasmania more broadly for compliance. The introduction of new properties on the local heritage register will enable the land to be assessed against the relevant provisions of the Scheme.

***(c) to ensure that the effects on the environment are considered and provide for explicit consideration of social and economic effects when decisions are made about the use and development of land; and***

Response:

The amendment has considered the effects on the natural values of the subject sites and water resources.

***(d) to require land use and development planning and policy to be easily integrated with environmental, social, economic, conservation and resource management policies at State, regional and municipal levels; and***

Response:

The proposed amendment is consistent with the local, regional and State policies as assessed by this report.

***(e) to provide for the consolidation of approvals for land use or development and related matters, and to co-ordinate planning approvals with related approvals; and***

Response:

Not applicable.

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- (f) ***to secure a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment for all Tasmanians and visitors to Tasmania; and***

Response:

The amendment will not constrain a safe working and living environment.

- (g) ***to conserve those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value; and***

Response:

Any places within the study area listed as having heritage value will benefit from further provisions that will affect the property from flood.

- (h) ***to protect public infrastructure and other assets and enable the orderly provision and co-ordination of public utilities and other facilities for the benefit of the community; and***

Response:

Not applicable.

- (i) ***to provide a planning framework which fully considers land capability.***

Response:

Land capability has been considered.

Based on the assessment provided by the applicant above, it is considered that the proposed draft amendment complies with the objectives set out in Schedule 1.

## 8. STATE POLICIES

The proposed Amendment assessment against State policy as follows:

<b>State Policy</b>	<b>Response</b>
State Policy on the <i>Protection of Agricultural Land 2009</i>	The policy only applies to rural land and the identified sites are located outside the rural area.
State Policy on <i>Water Quality Management 1997</i>	The provisions of this Policy are reflected in the C7.0 Natural Assets Code in the planning scheme. The assessment of the application addresses this Code to achieve the objectives of this Policy.
State Policy on <i>State Coastal Policy 1996</i>	The State Coastal Policy applies to Tasmania's coastal area, including all islands except for Macquarie Island. The coastal zone includes State Waters (as defined in the <i>Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995</i> ) and all land 1km from the high water mark. As some identified properties are within this area, the principles must be addressed.

State Policy on <i>State Coastal Policy 1996 continued</i>	Principles	Response
	Natural and cultural values of the coast shall be protected	The proposed addition and removal of listed properties will have no significant impacts on the natural and cultural values of the coast, as the sites exist within a developed urban area. The stormwater provisions and the <i>Urban Drainage Act 2013</i> will continue apply to the subject area.
	The coast shall be used and developed in a sustainable manner	The subject sites are located in an existing developed urban area and the proposed Amendment will not expand into greenfield coastal areas.
	Integrated management and protection of the coastal zone is a shared responsibility.	The subject sites are located in an existing developed urban area and will be subject to the flood code and Invermay/Inveresk Flood Inundation SAP where applicable.
National Environment Protection Measures	<p>Section 12A of the <i>State Policies and Projects Act 1993</i> states that a National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) is taken to be a State Policy. The following, therefore, require consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambient air quality 2002</li> <li>• Diesel vehicle emissions 2001</li> <li>• Assessment of site contamination 1999</li> <li>• Used packaging materials 1999</li> <li>• Movement of controlled waste between States and Territories 1998</li> <li>• National pollutant inventory 2000</li> </ul> <p>The Codes within the planning scheme deal in detail with the relevant matters listed above.</p>	

## 9. ASSESSMENT OF LPS AMENDMENT

### 9.1 Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy

Pursuant to section 34(2)(e), an amendment may only be made to a local provision if the amendment is, as far as is practicable, consistent with the regional land use strategy. Relevant to this amendment is the Regional Land Use Strategy of Northern Tasmania (RLUS).

The RLUS sets out policy basis and strategies to manage change, growth and development to 2032 including land use, development and infrastructure decisions made by local government. The version used for this assessment is dated 23 June 2021. An assessment against the goals of the strategic planning framework is below:

<b>C4.1 Goal 1: Economic Development</b> <b>To facilitate economic development and productivity through integrated land use and infrastructure planning.</b>
<b>Strategic Direction G1.1</b> <b>Capitalise on the region's sources of competitiveness by identifying future growth opportunities for sustainable competitive advantage.</b>
<i>Response:</i> <i>The removal and introduction of identified properties onto the local heritage places register will have no impact on future growth opportunities, as the sites are in established neighborhoods.</i>
<b>Strategic Direction G1.2</b> <b>Adopt an integrated and coordinated approach to government infrastructure, transport and land use planning.</b>
<i>Response:</i> <i>Future infrastructure, including coordinating new infrastructure and transport will be able to be considered upon future applications encompassing any listed or de-listed property.</i>
<b>Strategic Direction G1.3</b> <b>Develop a thorough understanding of key industry needs, including future demand and location requirements.</b>
<i>Response:</i> <i>This will be achieved through Recognising the 'drivers' of tourism, including natural values, heritage, food and wine, and local character, to which this amendment directly relates.</i>
<b>C4.2 Goal 2: Liveability</b> <b>To promote liveability measures for social and community development and the betterment of healthy, strong and vibrant urban and rural settlements.</b>
<b>Strategic Direction G2.1</b> <b>Identify Urban Growth Areas to advance a sustainable urban settlement pattern.</b>
<i>Response:</i> <i>The removal and introduction of identified properties onto the local heritage places register will have no impact on urban growth areas, nor any effect on the urban settlement pattern.</i>
<b>Strategic Direction G2.3</b> <b>Promote local character values.</b>
<i>Response:</i> <i>The amendment seeks to ensure the cultural heritage character of the city if maintained by identifying the historic heritage values of individual properties to ensure they are maintained into the future.</i>

**Strategic Direction G2.2  
Plan for socio-demographic changes.**

*Response:*

*The removal and introduction of identified properties onto the local heritage places register will not affect socio-demographic changes.*

**Strategic Direction G2.4  
Enhance social inclusion.**

*Response:*

*The removal and introduction of identified properties onto the local heritage places register will not affect social inclusion.*

**C.4.3 Goal 3: Sustainability**

**To promote greater sustainability in new development and develop stronger community resilience to social and environmental change.**

**Strategic Direction G3.1**

**Promote and protect the Region's unique environmental assets and values.**

*Response:*

*Any future development would be subject to the relevant provisions of the scheme protecting unique environmental assets and values.*

**Strategic Direction G3.2**

**Establish planning policies to support sustainable development, address the impacts of climate change, improve energy efficiency and reduce environmental emissions and pollutants.**

*Response:*

*Future development would be required to address any impacts of climate change, energy efficiency, environmental emissions and pollutants, as they would be relevant and prescribed under the planning scheme.*

**C.4.4 Goal 4: Governance**

**To provide cooperative and transparent leadership and regionally supportive local governance structures to advance integrated strategic land use objectives/outcomes, including the goals, strategies and policies of the RLUS.**

**Strategic Direction G34.1**

**Advance regional leadership.**

*Response:*

*The amendments are required to address all relevant sections of the regional strategy, state, and local policies. This report has considered all of these and is supportive of the change to the current planning scheme.*

9.1.1 Regional Planning Policies

Section E of the RLUS sets out the regional policies and key planning policies and actions.

**E.2 Regional Settlement Network Policy**

<b>Residential Design</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>RSN-P15 In established urban areas where an existing urban or heritage character study has been undertaken and adopted by Council, provide for development that is consistent with that study and reinforces and enhances the strengths and character of the area in which it is set.</p> <p>RSN-P16 Achieve high quality design outcomes for all new prominent buildings and public spaces in the Launceston Central Business District, regional activity centres and transit communities.</p> <p>RSN-P17 Provide accessible and high-quality public open space in all new 'Greenfield' and infill development by creating well designed public places</p>	<p>RSN-A17 Adopt and/or apply within infill and higher residential density areas any medium density guidelines developed by the State. RSN-A18 Develop and support a master plan for the Launceston CBD (being the CAD and inner-city core areas as defined by the Launceston City Council planning scheme) to confirm and position the future strategic planning of the city as the Principal Activity Centre for Northern Tasmania.</p>

Response:

The amendment seeks to identify properties that contain historic cultural heritage values, and properties where those values have been lost. The addition of new properties on the local heritage register and updating the datasheets of existing properties will ensure that the heritage values of individual sites are retained. This will ensure that the character of the sites in the area is strengthened.

**E.6 Social Infrastructure and Community Policy**

<b>Cultural Heritage</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>CH-P01 Recognise, retain and protect cultural heritage values in the region for their character, culture, sense of place, contribution to our understanding of history.</p> <p>CH-P02 Recognise, manage and preserve regional archaeological values</p>	<p>CH-A01 Investigate planning means to recognise and list places, precincts of heritage significance within planning schemes and spatially define them with associated map overlays.</p> <p>CH-A02 Planning schemes are to require an assessment of impacts on heritage-listed places, precincts and landscapes.</p> <p>CH-A03 Provide for the protection of identified significant cultural heritage and archaeological sites.</p>

	CH-A04 Ensure that development is undertaken in accordance with an archaeological management plan where soil disturbance within areas of archaeological significance is proposed.
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Response:

Whilst the amendment does not encompass any sites of archaeological significance, the review has identified new sites, as well as updating existing sites on the list. This will ensure the cultural significance of each individual site is protected.

**10. CITY OF LAUNCESTON CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2024**

Pursuant to section 20(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) an amendment must have regard to the strategic plan of a council referred to in Division 2 of Part 7 of *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) as adopted by Council at the time the planning scheme is prepared. The relevant strategy is the City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014-2024.

The assessment of the application has had regard to the LSP and is generally consistent with the principles and goals as it:

- Supports housing choice and diversity in a planned location;
- Stimulates population growth in the municipal area; and
- Considers the impacts on the natural values of the site.

The assessment of the application has had regard to the LSP and is generally consistent with the principles and goals which are outlined below:

**A city where people choose to live**

Goal 2: To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work and play.

Response:

*Launceston is the most populous Local Government Area (2019 - ABS) in Tasmania and is notable for its heritage listed buildings. The addition of new properties on the local heritage register, as well as the updating of existing listings, will ensure the unique heritage value of the properties is retained. The removal of heritage listings that no longer have any historical value will ensure the integrity of the list is maintained.*

**A city that values its environment**

Goal 5: To reduce the impacts on our natural environment and to build resilience to the changing intensity of natural hazards.

Response:

*Any future development over any of the listed properties will be subject to the relevant natural environment codes of the scheme to ensure the properties are protected against the impacts of the natural environment.*

**A city building its future**

Goal 6: To drive appropriate development opportunities as well as infrastructure, land use planning and transport solutions.

Response:

*The introduction of new properties and amending the datasheets for existing listed properties will be subject to the requirements of the local heritage code. The code will ensure development opportunities are able to be realised whilst maintaining the historic cultural values of the properties. The removal of the 88 properties ensures that the properties are able to be developed subject to the planning scheme but without heritage consideration.*

**A city that stimulates economic activity and vibrancy**

Goal 7: To develop a strategic and dedicated approach to securing investment in Launceston.

Response:

*The removal and introduction of identified properties onto and out of the local heritage places register will allow for investment into culturally significant sites, as well as opening up properties for unfettered development.*

**A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation**

Goal 8: 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
- To continue to ensure the long-term sustainability of our Organisation

Response:

*Informal targeted consultation occurred in April 2023, seeking comment from affected landowners. The result of the consultation allowed for a targeted amendment for properties to relatively quickly be added or removed from the list as part of this current amendment.*

*Further amendments will progress into the future to deal with issues, comments, and concerns stemming from the initial consultation.*

**11. REFERRAL AGENCIES**

Under section 56S(1) of the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008*, a planning authority must refer a draft amendment to the relevant regulated entity. The proposed amendment will be referred to TasWater if the amendment is initiated. Under section 56S(2) of the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008*, the relevant regulated entity may provide comment during the public notification period.

**12. CONCLUSION**

Subject to the recommended conditions, it is considered that the proposal complies with the Scheme and it is appropriate to recommend for approval.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

The Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston contains provisions intended to implement the objectives of the Resource Management Planning System. The application has been assessed using these provisions and as such the economic, environmental and social impacts have been considered.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Launceston  
City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. PS A- LL P 0012 - Attachment 1 - Remove [9.1.1 - 6 pages]
2. PS A- LL P 0012 - Attachment 2 - Amend [9.1.2 - 30 pages]
3. PS A- LL P 0012 - Attachment 3 - New [9.1.3 - 87 pages]
4. PS A- LL P 0012 - Instrument [9.1.4 - 1 page]



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Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston  
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Heritage List Review**

***Remove 88 properties from the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets where applicable***

**1.0 PROPERTY LIST**

<b>#</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Folio of Register</b>
1	75-77 INVERMAY RD INVERMAY TAS 7248	197636/1
2	207-215 CHARLES ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	106113/1
3	13-15 BEDFORD ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	126268/1
4	19 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	117188/1
5	UNIT 1 25 ELPHIN RD LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	112787/1
6	UNIT 2 25A ELPHIN RD LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	112787/2
7	UNIT 3 27 ELPHIN RD LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	112787/3
8	9 BALACLAVA ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	33333/2
9	145-151 PATERSON ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	35759/1
10	UNIT 2 173 GEORGE ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	134585/2
11	31 ELIZABETH ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	222047/1
12	3/127-129 Wellington Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	141863/3
13	69 Station Road ST LEONARDS TAS 7250	28083/14

14	UNIT 1 116-118 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	147748/1
15	UNIT 12 116-118 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	147748/12
16	67 Station Road ST LEONARDS TAS 7250	28083/13
17	4-6 Boland Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	153116/1
18	32 CANNING ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	16805/2
19	182-184 CHARLES ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	122970/1
20	120 BATHURST ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	37567/1
21	25 GLEADOW ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	166258/1
22	90 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174105/1
23	88 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174105/2
24	84 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174105/3
25	82 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174105/4
26	123 St John Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174528/1
27	123 St John Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174528/2
28	10-14 BEDFORD ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	232552/1
29	1-3 BEDFORD ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	197487/1
30	3-11 DRY ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	206548/1
31	13-19 DRY ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	126286/1
32	17-19 ESK ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	50343/6

33	27-29 ESK ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	217267/1
34	2 FRANK ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	22162/1
35	11 GLEADOW ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	60035/1
36	13 GLEADOW ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	229414/1
37	15-19 GLEADOW ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	60549/1
38	30-32 HOLBROOK ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	56574/3
39	28 HOLBROOK ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	228910/1
40	63-65A INVERMAY RD INVERMAY TAS 7248	46137/1
41	67-71 INVERMAY RD INVERMAY TAS 7248	100480/1
42	83-87 INVERMAY RD INVERMAY TAS 7248	214558/1
43	17-31 RUSSELL ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	5272/3
44	13-15 RUSSELL ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	237111/1
45	8 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	225572/1
46	24 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	79361/4
47	26 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	201172/1
48	UNIT 3 128 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	60055/3
49	131 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	23683/1
50	105 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	22338/1

51	101 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	222496/1
52	97 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	109811/1
53	69 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	147029/1
54	57 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	47542/1
55	49 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	142557/1
56	21 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	216856/1
57	115 Brsbane Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	102588/1
58	56 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	106178/1
59	98 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	95801/8
60	96 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	198933/1
61	146-148 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	197072/1
62	150 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 72450	95876/7
63	152-154 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	29356/1
64	156 Charles Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7251	124363/1
65	186 CHARLES ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	53163/1
66	254 CHARLES ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	29311/1
67	159 GEORGE ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	38215/1
68	79A-81 George Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7251	15168/4
69	102 MARGARET ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	48/4018

70	2-4 MIDDLE ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	197621/1
71	179A ST JOHN ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	146111/1
72	88 St John Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	32939/1
73	86A St John Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	149987/1
74	136 Wellington Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	37657/1
75	10 YORK ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	122791/1
76	122 York Street, LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	33765/1
77	8-10 Invermay Road INVERMAY TAS 7248	101864/2
78	106-114 BATHURST ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	22393/1
79	2-10 Tamar Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	41377/1
80	UNIT 1 2 ELPHIN RD LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	56623/1
81	SUITE 7 2 ELPHIN RD LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	56623/7
82	266A CHARLES ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	50255/1
83	2 BALFOUR ST LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	179315/2
84	5-7 BEDFORD ST INVERMAY TAS 7248	64094/2
85	202 George Street, Launceston	175794/1
86	18 Balfour Street, Launceston	175794/2
87	1202/8 Boland Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	156397/1202
88	123 St John Street LAUNCESTON TAS 7250	174528/3

**THE COMMON SEAL of the  
City of Launceston is affixed,  
pursuant to the Council's resolution  
in the presence of:-**

**Date:**

**Michael Stretton  
Chief Executive Officer**

**PSA-LLP0012**  
**Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston**  
**Launceston Local Provisions Schedule**  
**Heritage List Review**

*Insert 13 property datasheets for existing listings within Appendix A: Local  
Historic Heritage Code Datasheets*

**1.0 PROPERTY LIST**

<b>#</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Folio of Register</b>
1	24 BOURKE STREET, LAUNCESTON	203307/1
2	7 BALACLAVA STREET, INVERMAY	33333/1
3	20 CLAREMONT STREET, EAST LAUNCESTON	168592/1
4	31 GLEADOW STREET, INVERMAY	227091/1
5	34 BALFOUR STREET, LAUNCESTON	124161/1
6	2 BABINGTON STREET, LAUNCESTON	83910/1
7	8 MIDDLE STREET, LAUNCESTON	218722/1
8	12 CROWN STREET, LAUNCESTON	21999/1
9	86 MARGARET STREET, LAUNCESTON	204352/1
10	197 GEORGE STREET, LAUNCESTON	113257/1
11	20 BALACLAVA STREET, INVERMAY	28938/1
12	20 GOODWIN STREET, INVERMAY	233733/1
13	98-100 GLEADOW STREET, INVERMAY	61499/3

**2.0 DATASHEETS**

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A218**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

24 Bourke Street

**Folio of the Register:** 203307/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation Vernacular, c1895

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the streets being of high importance



Figure 1

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston. 24 Bourke Street was the home of James R Lyall in the 1930s and early 1940s. He died in 1943 aged 64. According to his obituary he was the son of James Lyall snr who had the biggest blacksmithing and horse-shoeing business in Launceston. James had a tailoring business in York Street for 45 years. He was also a founding member of the Northern Tasmanian Trotting Club ( <i>Examiner 29 June 1943, p.2</i> ).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.
(iii) a class of building or place - 24 Bourke Street is highly significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of an early Federation vernacular style. Exclusions to significance include the gardens. Also significant as a 19th century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.



**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A296**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

7 Balaclava Street

**Folio of the Register:** 33333/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation Victorian/Federation, c1894

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including rear garden area, with facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 2

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -  
Highly significant as an early dwelling demonstrating a period of development in Launceston and its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.  
One of a large group of small workers cottages that demonstrate the form of working class housing that characterised Launceston around the 1900 period on small lot sub-divisions on the flood plain and which contrasts dramatically with the substantial houses built on hills and rises overlooking the area. Each house varies in design but all are modest, mostly of timber with steep pitched iron roofs, built close to the street alignment with small rear yards. Built and detailed showing pride in the workmanship. This cottage set close to the street alignment features typical late Victorian/early Federation modest building form with central front door with windows each side and cast iron fretwork to verandah.  
Listed in the Post Office Directory in 1894 with Samuel Bennett in residence. This property has had a number of residents including Alfred R Turner (1896), 1900 Jack Matthews (1900), 1905 Roberts Crooks (1905), and George G Perham (1910). Alfred Turner was listed again in 1915 and remained until after the death of his wife, Mary Emily, who died aged 85 in 1950 (*Examiner*, 11 Nov 1950, p.3). They shared 13 children, 45 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -  
7 Balaclava Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate a working man's cottage example of the early Federation domestic building form reflecting Victorian features.  
Exclusions from significance include garden plantings, the front dwarf wall balustrade to verandah/fence and gate.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.
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**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A393**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

4 Irvine Street

**Folio of the Register:** 55300/15

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, 1894



Figure 3

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including garden area, with facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised Launceston. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.</p> <p>The building has historic significance for its place in a major phase of development of Launceston, aesthetic value for its fine form and detail, some social value as part of the collective timber housing that makes Launceston a desirable place to live and for its streetscape value.</p> <p>A good example of a modest early Federation cottage with projecting gabled bay, fine timber detailing to verandah and gable, eaves brackets and fine timber detailing around the windows on the bay.</p> <p>Builder J and T Gunn for Miss Davis. 1894-5, 1899 not numbered, 1905 Thomas Henry Davies, 1910 Michael S Moore, 1915, 1920, 1925 George White, 1930 James Miller, 1935 Horace H Hudson, 1940-1 George Rundle, 1944-5, 1948.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>4 Irvine Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a very good early Federation domestic building form.</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include garden plantings.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A461**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

20 Claremont Street

**Folio of the Register:** 168592/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation Victorian, c1890

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with facades visible directly from the street being of high importance



Figure 4

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as an early dwelling demonstrating a period of development in Launceston and its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

The building has historic significance for its place in a major phase of development of Launceston, aesthetic value for its form and detail, some social value as part of the collective timber housing that makes Launceston a desirable place to live and for its streetscape value. A single storey weatherboard building displaying a large bay with pyramidal roof and a verandah with cast iron brackets and frieze.

Henry Crocker purchased this property from William Clark Wilson in 1887. He and his second wife Elizabeth (nee Chilcott) resided there from about 1892 being listed in the 1892/93 P O Directory. Henry was in business (coach building) with his son Joshua and died aged 67 in 1900 (*Examiner 15 Jan 1900, p. 1*). The property transferred to Elizabeth Crocker in 1900 after Henry's death and then transferred to Joshua and Henry Crocker in 1916. Other owners included: 1917 A. Parker; 1921 c. G. Harris (also occupied); 1923 W. G. Towns and F. J. Gunn. The Campbell family first rented from 1925 (Samuel A. Campbell) then daughter Estelle Kathleen Campbell purchased the property in 1959. Samuel, son Alec (last surviving Tas soldier to serve at Gallipoli) and Estelle (journalist for *The Examiner*, *Women's Weekly* and *The Mercury* up to 1978) have been significant occupants.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

20 Claremont Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate a high quality example of the late Victorian/early Federation domestic building form.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A332**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

31 Gleadow Street

**Folio of the Register:** 227091/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, 1905

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 5

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and indicative of the working class housing that characterised Launceston. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

One of a large group of small workers cottages that demonstrate the form of working class housing that characterised Launceston around the 1900 period on small lot sub-divisions on the flood plain and which contrasts dramatically with the substantial houses built on hills and rises overlooking the area. Each house varies in design but all are modest, mostly of timber with steep pitched iron roofs, built close to the street alignment with small rear yards. Built and detailed showing pride in the workmanship. This house set close to the street alignment features typical late Victorian/early Federation modest building form with projected hipped and squared bay window; offset front door with window one side; bracketed eaves; and detailed cast iron fretwork to the bullnosed verandah.

Gleadow Street was listed in the Post Office Directory from 1890 but numbers were not listed until 1899. This address was not listed in the Post Office Directory until 1905 with James Duff in residence. He remained until around 1910. Other residents include Alfred A Wood (1915), Thomas Stephens, sen (1920-1930), and Charles R Tidey from around 1935 until around 1948.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

31 Gleadow Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a Federation working class domestic building form. Exclusions to significance include: replacement sections to fencing, double glazed windows, rear shed and new roof sheeting.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:



(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A68**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

34 Balfour Street

**Folio of the Register:** 124161/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian Georgian Federation, c1890

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 6

<p>(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:</p>
<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.</p> <p>This was part of a larger property incorporating numbers 30-34 Balfour Street. A house owned and occupied by Samuel Sicklemore was here in 1891, while Charles Scott was owner/occupier in 1895. The property was subdivided around 1900 and this number was listed in the Post Office Directory by 1905 with Mrs Ruth Williams as the occupant of the house. By 1910, William Nash lived here. Between 1913-1916 Frank Smith lived here. He lost his infant son in 1913 and passed away in 1916 aged 34 (<i>Examiner Mon 3 Jan 1916</i>) Johnathon McQueen then lived here up to 1940.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>34 Balfour Street is of historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a single storey timber Victorian Georgian conjoined cottage.</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include the brickwork under the verandah, gardens and fence.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.</p>
<p>(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:</p>

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A2**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

2 Babington Street

**Folio of the Register:** 83910/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian Italianate, c1890

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance



Figure 7

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built in a consistent manner during the same period grouped together.</p> <p>George Babington owned land on the southern side of Middle Street in 1880-1882, which later became Babington Street. Babington Street first appears under this name in the assessment rolls of 1891. It first contained six houses that were all let and owned by George and John Paton (<i>TAHO NS644/1/128</i>). In September 1889 the Examiner had reported that four semi-detached cottages containing four rooms, bathroom and scullery, and verandahs front and back had been completed for Messrs Paton Brothers in Middle Street (<i>Launceston Examiner 13 September 1889, p.3</i>).</p> <p>These are likely to have been amongst the first houses in what was to become Babington Street. 2 Babington Street dates from c1890 (Tasmania Post Office Directories). From the late 1890s to c1920 it was occupied by Albert C Plummer. Plummer was a champion rower and employee of the Launceston Marine Board for many years. He also built the ketch 'Triumph' which he traded out of Launceston to other northern ports (<i>Examiner 3 May 1947, p.3</i>).</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>2 Babington St is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a typical brick fronted timber Victorian Italianate conjoined cottage.</p> <p>Also significant as a 19th Century building form contributing to the character of inner Launceston suburbs.</p> <p>Exclusions to significance include the modern addition to the rear.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A14**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

8 Middle Street

**Folio of the Register:** 218722/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian era, Georgian, c1850

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the streets being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 8

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of timber dwellings grouped closely together.

There were houses at numbers 2-4 and 8 Middle Street by at least c1880 (Launceston Assessment Rolls). According to research on file at TAHO (NS644/1/128) number 8 could date back as far as 1854. In 1880 number 8 was owned by William Jacques. In 1887 he was 74 years of age and the house apparently was two-roomed and dilapidated (*The Tasmanian 12 November 1887, p. 1*).

By 1896/97 number 8A is also listed in Middle Street in the Post Office directories. An example of a simply detailed one storey Victorian building that gives inner residential Launceston much of its character. It features a corrugated metal roof, simple massing, small paned windows and symmetrical front facade.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

8 Middle St is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the basic characteristics of a simple Inter-war cottage.

Also significant as a 20th Century building form contributing to the character of inner Launceston suburbs.

Exclusions from significance include the 2019 deep colours; side gates and concrete driveway.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A28**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

12 Crown Street

**Folio of the Register:** 21999/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian, c1888

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 9

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

Property currently named "Romani". Crown Street was originally called Victoria Street. From 1889 a house land and stables were listed with James Dally as owner and R. Lidster as occupant which appears to be a larger site. The next owner, Thomas Wells in 1888, of just the corner part of the site which was then sold to Archibald Martin in 1889. By 1900 through to 1923 the owner was William Bain, Detective Sergeant (c/- Police Station) with George West (1905) and Joseph Cobbett (1910) as tenants. Janet Blackburn bought the house in 1923 and had a tenant named Hosking there in 1925. By 1940 the owner was Charles Jowett with Sydney King in occupancy.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

12 Crown Street is of historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a single storey timber Victorian domestic building.

Exclusions from significance include the alsonite to the verandah roof, concrete to verandah and modern mesh fence.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons -

This site is of historic heritage significance because its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.



**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A47**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

86 Margaret Street

**Folio of the Register:** 204352/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian Georgian Regency, c1870

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 10

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the ongoing phases of development of Launceston.  In 1870 the cottage was empty and owners listed as Sherwin's Estate Trustees so potentially built some time before then. Mrs Webb in 1875 and Robert Robins in 1880 were tenants. Ann Reading was listed as owner in 1884 with John Carroll through to at least 1889. In 1895 the house was part of Ann Reading's estate and occupied by Ann Tipper through to around 1900. Other residents listed in the Post Office Directory include James Morid (1905), Richard West (1910), George Laphorne (1915), Claude E Badley (1920), Lewis Saltmarsh (1925), Thomas Flaherty (1930), Johnathon Rusden (1935), and Walter Milner (1940-1945). Advertisement for a gent boarder at this address in 1912 ( <i>Examiner 23 Mar 1912, p. 10</i> ). Occupied by the John and Coral Fenner family (John, Lloyd, Maurice, Ellen, Margaret and Greta) and Mr and Mrs T Denison in the 1940s. John Cecil Fenner (44) died suddenly in April 1945. He was a returned soldier ( <i>Examiner 26 Apr 1945, p.2, 4 and 25 Nov 1947, p.6</i> ).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.
(iii) a class of building or place - 86 Margaret Street is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the characteristics of a modest Victorian Georgian Regency cottage set on the street frontages.  Also significant as a 19th Century building form contributing to the character of inner Launceston suburbs.  Exclusions from significance include: Modern (21st C) additions to side and rear.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.
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**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A136**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

197 George Street

**Folio of the Register:** 113257/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian with Federation detailing, c1881

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site with the façades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 11

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

Built around 1881, the property was owned by Edward West until around 1900. Occupants prior to 1900 include Mrs Tomes, Frank Styant Brown and George Darling Gould. In 1905 Charles Hume, resident secretary of Australia Widows Fund, was listed in the Post Office Directory, other residents include George M Kidd (1910), David M Anner (1915-1920), Alex Murray (1925), Athol W Bird (1930-1935), Arthur Johnson (1940-1948).

(ii) creative or technical achievement - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

197 George Street is of heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a late Victorian domestic building with Federation style timber detailing.

Also significant as a late 19th century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs and streetscape.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons -

This building is of heritage significance because its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A290**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

20 Balaclava Street

**Folio of the Register:** 28938/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Victorian, c1880

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including rear garden, with facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 12

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as an early dwelling demonstrating a period of development in Launceston and its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

One of a large group of small workers cottages that demonstrate the form of working class housing that characterised Launceston around the 1900 period on small lot sub-divisions on the flood plain and which contrasts dramatically with the substantial houses built on hills and rises overlooking the area. Each house varies in design but all are modest, mostly of timber with steep pitched iron roofs, built close to the street alignment with small rear yards. Built and detailed showing pride in the workmanship. This cottage set on the street alignment features typical late Victorian modest building form with a centred front door with window each side, concave verandah roof and simple post and balustrade detailing (not original).

1884 - Michael Cahill owns and occupies house and stable. Listed in the Post Office Directory in 1894 with Michael Cahill in residence. He remained until around 1905, after the death of his wife in 1903. Thomas Coghlan was listed from around 1910 until his death in 1933, age 72 (*Examiner*, 1 Oct 1933). Other residents listed include Charles H Stephens (1935) and Mrs Emma C Corcoren, (1940-1948).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

20 Balaclava Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate a working man's cottage example of the late Victorian domestic building form.

Exclusions to significance include the dormer window.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A344**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

20 Goodwin Street

**Folio of the Register:** 233733/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, c1900

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site and facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 13

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and indicative of the working class housing that characterised Launceston. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

One of a large group of small workers cottages that demonstrate the form of working class housing that characterised Launceston around the 1900 period on small lot sub-divisions on the flood plain and which contrasts dramatically with the substantial houses built on hills and rises overlooking the area. Each house varies in design but all are modest, mostly of timber with steep pitched iron roofs, built close to the street alignment with small rear yards. Built and detailed showing pride in the workmanship.

This cottage set on the street alignment features a Federation modest building form with a hipped roof, centred front door with double hung window each side and simple timber fretwork and modern sympathetic timber detailing to the balustrade/fence and gate of the verandah.

This address was not listed in the Post Office Directory until 1905 with John H Dandy in residence. He remained until about 1910. Other residents include William G Bracken (1915), 1920 not listed, George A Wallace (1925), John T Rusden (1930), 1935 William Richardson (1935), John Brooks, waterside worker (1940-1), S Palmer, painter (1944-5), and E Carl Bassett (1948).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

20 Goodwin Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a Federation working class domestic building form.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:



(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

98-100 Gleadow Street

**Folio of the Register:**

61499/3

**Description:**

industrial building as shown in Figure 1 - One storey, Inter-war era, c1925

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as an example of a good industrial building built during the major phase of industrial development of Launceston around the wharfs. The building adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.

Former L. W. Smith Pty Ltd building. The buildings were originally built for Rapson Tyre and Rubber Co (also known as Dunlop Perdriau Rubber Co. Ltd). Foundation stone laid for the factory in March 1928 (*The Mercury 13 Mar 1928, p.7*). They were purchased by Leslie William Smith in 1938 where he developed the largest wool carbonising and scouring works in the southern hemisphere. As the business grew he extended his works to St Leonards. He died age 51 (*Examiner, 6 Nov 1950, p.4*).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - No applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a large Inter-war industrial building form complete with chimney stack.

Elements to be excluded from significance include: Modern modular office to side; large shed addition at right; fence and gates.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Significant as the main building for the industrial business of J W Smith Pty Ltd, a highly important Launceston business, and connection to Leslie William Smith.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**THE COMMON SEAL of the  
City of Launceston is affixed,  
pursuant to the Council's resolution  
in the presence of:-**

**Date:**

**Michael Stretton  
Chief Executive Officer**



**PSA-LLP0012**  
**Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston**  
**Launceston Local Provisions Schedule**  
**Heritage List Review**

*Add 40 properties to the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and create 40 new datasheets within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets*

**1.0 PROPERTY LIST**

<b>#</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Folio of Register</b>
1	23 PINE AVENUE, NEWSTEAD	206092/1
2	7 BIFRONS COURT, EAST LAUNCESTON	17260/6
3	25 BAIN TERRACE, TREVALLYN	60959/1
4	25 GLEN DHU STREET, SOUTH LAUNCESTON	138159/1
5	79 BAIN TERRACE, TREVALLYN	81807/1
6	4 NORWOOD AVENUE, NORWOOD	198882/1
7	145-147 WELLINGTON STREET, LAUNCESTON	172763/1
8	300 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ST LEONARDS	5510/1
9	6 LANOMA STREET, EAST LAUNCESTON	55013/3
10	7 GORGE ROAD, TREVALLYN	22856/3
11	3 BEULAH GARDENS, EAST LAUNCESTON	70486/2
12	4 IRVINE STREET, INVERMAY	55300/15
13	318 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ST LEONARDS	102034/1
14	94 MARGARET STREET, LAUNCESTON	121082/1
15	10 BELL STREET, SOUTH LAUNCESTON	49260/1
16	19 WELMAN STREET, LAUNCESTON	134068/1
17	2 SHERWINS AVENUE, LAUNCESTON	60715/2
18	268 CHARLES STREET, LAUNCESTON	41546/1
19	7A WEST TAMAR ROAD, TREVALLYN	220254/1
20	78 HILL STREET, WEST LAUNCESTON	201778/1
21	58 HOLBROOK STREET, INVERMAY	17680/2
22	103 ELPHIN ROAD, NEWSTEAD	202612/1
23	20 LANOMA STREET, EAST LAUNCESTON	144507/1
24	22 DUKE STREET, WEST LAUNCESTON	29237/21
25	52 INVERMAY ROAD, INVERMAY	150129/1
26	64 ROBIN STREET, NEWSTEAD	55051/1
27	18 LAURA STREET, WEST LAUNCESTON	114041/1
28	8 BEREAN STREET, EAST LAUNCESTON	55015/10
29	10 CONNAUGHT CRESCENT, WEST LAUNCESTON	91768/9
30	21 ABBOTT STREET, EAST LAUNCESTON	146299/1
31	2 GLOUCESTER STREET, WEST LAUNCESTON	17261/28
32	20 FORSTER STREET, INVERMAY	240030/1
33	10 FORSTER STREET, INVERMAY	59817/6
34	98 INVERMAY ROAD, INVERMAY	231807/1
35	4 LYTTLETON STREET, EAST LAUNCESTON	221464/1

36	43 PENQUITE ROAD, NEWSTEAD	160841/1
37	15 WYETT STREET, WEST LAUNCESTON	56558/23
38	13 BIRDWOOD STREET, MOWBRAY	55255/134
39	45 BOURKE STREET, LAUNCESTON	177931/1
40	47 BOURKE STREET, LAUNCESTON	177931/2

**2.0 DATASHEETS**

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.1669**

**Town/Locality:**

Newstead

**Address:**

23 Pine Avenue

**Folio of the Register:**

206092/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figures 1 and 2 - One storey detached, Victorian era, 1860



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

<p>(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:</p>
<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a rare group of dwellings built as farm dwellings in the more immediate surrounds of Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the main street's streetscape as well as having individual significance.</p> <p>The farmhouse for Elphin Farm which replaced the original (located across Pine Ave) burnt down in 1860. Elphin Farm was run by Richard Dry (transported from Ireland) and his wife Anne. The original property boundary was from Olive Street, Hoblers Bridge Road to the Railway. Their son Sir Richard Dry became the first Tasmanian Born Premier of the State in 1866. The Elphin Farm land was subdivided during the 1940s to make way for houses for returned servicemen built by the State Government under the Agricultural Bank housing scheme. Prior to this the Riverside Golf Club was opened here in September 1930 on farmland owned by Alfred Henry Luck. The course was relocated to West Tamar in 1934 as the 'greens were substandard'.</p> <p>belonging to the Rev. William Dry in the 1880s. In the 1890s Mr Alfred Fry possible lessee with a portion of the Elphin estate. Mr A H Luck lived in the house until his death in 1943 (<i>Advocate</i>, 15 Feb 1943, p.2). In the 1950s the property was possibly owned and occupied by Roland H Roberts. From Libraries Tasmania Archives - subdivision map with 23 Pine Avenue being on Lots 156 and 157 - source: <a href="https://stors.tas.gov.au/AF927-1-52">https://stors.tas.gov.au/AF927-1-52</a>. Remained a farmgate selling produce to the community into the 1960s.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements -</p> <p>The place is significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement and compositional balance with an impressive facade with shuttered openings,</p>

simple rectangular brick chimneys, plain timber verandah framing with bell-cast verandah roof and a large steep pitched main roof.
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the very fine and significant characteristics of fine Victorian period Georgian style farmhouse building form. Exclusions from significance include: Later period garage; retaining walls (refer Figure 2).
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - The place is significant as the home of Richard Dry Snr and the early home of Sir Richard Dry, first Tasmanian born Premier of the State.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**



Figure 2 - View of garage and gardens from street



**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A551**

**Town/Locality:**  
East Launceston

**Address:**  
7 Bifrons Court

**Folio of the Register:** 17260/6

**Description:**  
Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Inter-war Spanish Mission, 1934

**Specific Extent:**  
The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance.

**Figures of specific extent:**  
Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

<p>(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:</p>
<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a small group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston in a small sub-division around a major house. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.</p> <p>One of a small group of 1930-1940 period style houses in a sub-division around a major house. Each building demonstrates an aspect of the period stylistically in a cohesive and fine precinct. A very fine and rare Spanish Mission house with all the key elements of the style including rendered walls, shutters, decorative face brickwork to archways and front fence, shaped gables and simple massing. A very fine house and garden setting.</p> <p>No Bifrons Court addresses listed in Post Office Directories until 1933. Property first appears in Post Office Directories in 1935 occupied by Keith R Ritchie.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements -</p> <p>The place is significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement with the well detailed facade with fine detailing in the Spanish Mission style, roof and chimney details, fence and garage design detailing (as shown in Figure 2).</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>7 Bifrons Court is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate very fine and rare characteristics of a Spanish Mission style of Inter-war domestic building form.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:



Figure 2

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A160**

**Town/Locality:**

Trevallyn

**Address:**

25 Bain Terrace

**Folio of the Register:** 60959/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Inter-war Bungalow, c1919

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance.

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable



Figure 3

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:	
(i) local history -	Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during a major phase of development in Launceston.  Renamed from Trevallyn Terrace and Trevallyn Crescent to Bain Street in 1949. Being previously 25 Trevallyn Terrace. In the assessment rolls for 1920 to at least 1925 The owner and occupant is George Hills. There is no house in the 1919 assessment rolls before that date. Alfred J Jorgensen owns and occupies the house and land from the late 1920s until at least 1951.
(ii) creative or technical achievements -	Not applicable.
(iii) a class of building or place -	25 Bain Tce is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of an Inter-war Bungalow style building.  Also significant as an early 20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.  Exclusions to significance include glazed addition to side, later period windows to gable.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics -	Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:	
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons -	Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.525**

**Town/Locality:**

South Launceston

**Address:**

25 Glen Dhu Street

**Folio of the Register:**

138159/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Late Victorian era, c1890



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the both streets and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance. According to the Assessment Rolls in 1935 Cecil George was in residence. Other residents include John Dean (1940).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - No applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a modest Late Victorian domestic building form. Exclusions from significance include: 20 <sup>th</sup> century additions to rear; roof tiles; rear garden and rear sheds.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A168**

**Town/Locality:**

Trevallyn

**Address:**

79 Bain Terrace

**Folio of the Register:** 81807/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figures 1 and 2- Inter-war Bungalow, c1918

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable



Figure 4



Figure 2

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the same period grouped together.

On the 1896 Town Map this block appears to be part of land owned by W. Boulton.

Renamed from Trevallyn Terrace and Trevallyn Crescent to Bain Street in 1949. No. 79 being originally No. 19 Trevallyn Crescent (1930) previously No 21.

The first owner appears to be Charles Cousins, sold in 1915 to Fred Foster and then sold again to Reginald E Lovett in 1917. In 1918 he resided in Harriet Dell's house nearby. Lovett (keen yachtsman and rifleman, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Lovett, Hobart) remained in the house until his death in 1953. He was an accountant, was manager of Geard's Garage, and then moved on to McKinlays Pty Ltd until he retired in 1946/7. Further history Figures 3 and 4.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

79 Bain Terrace is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a typical elevated timber Inter-war bungalow building.

Also significant as a 20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.

Exclusions to significance include the lattice infill to side, modern addition (refer Figure 2).



(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

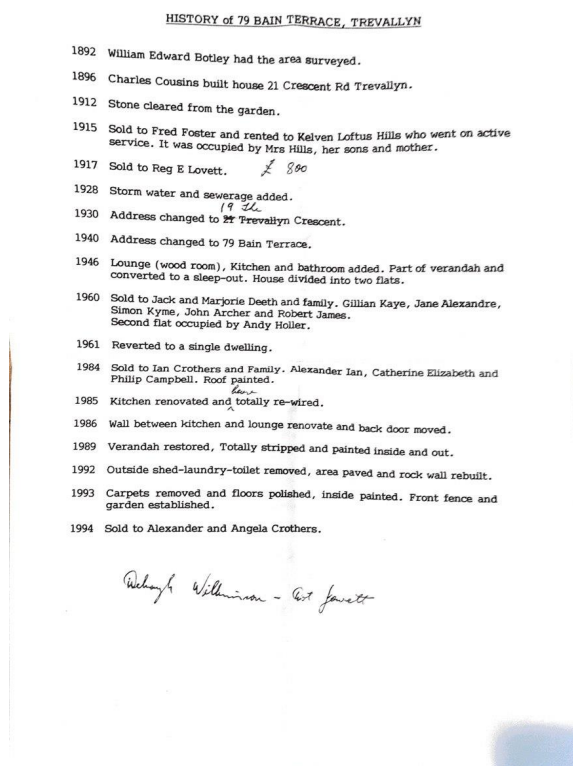


Figure 3 – Further History



Figure 4 - 1967 Aerial – No 79 Bain Tce House in centre.

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

Norwood

**Address:**

4 Norwood Avenue

**Folio of the Register:**

198882/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3 - One storey detached, Inter-war era, c1921



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

<p>(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:</p>
<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing on large lots that characterised the period in this area. The building and gardens are distinctive and add to the collective value of the streetscape (refer Figures 2 and 3) as well as having individual significance.</p> <p>1919 Alfred Charles Apthorpe (Motor Garage Proprietor - Apthorpe Motors) bought the approx 2 acre Lot 1 on the corner of Penquite Rd and Norwood Ave from Clement and Clara Stephenson. They had purchased in 1911 from Arthur Gilbert Genders who appears to have been the developer and had also sold part of his 57 acres to the Northern Golf Lands Co Ltd, which potentially became more of the Golf Club now nearby. For the first time A. C. Apthorpe is noted as the last resident on Penquite Road before Norwood Avenue in the Post Office Directory 1922 - previously the last listed was Scotch College. Mr Apthorpe was ill for over 12 months and passed away on the mainland, whilst undergoing treatment, in 1927. In the 1950s the lot was owned by Reginald Edward Gardner who purchased the 2 acres odd from John Hill in 1951.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a good Inter-war domestic building form and gardens.</p>

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:



Figure 2



Figure 3

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

145-147 Wellington Street

**Folio of the Register:**

172763/1

**Description:**

Commercial building as shown in Figure 1 - Two storey detached, Inter-war era, Art Deco, c1930



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site and building with facades visible from the street being of high significance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a small number of former commercial and residential buildings, built during the same period, in this fringe area of the central business district.  The 1935 Assessment Roll shows Charles Dimmack with a house, shop and stables at 145, and, William Dimmack with house stables and land at 147. By 1940 the Assessment Roll shows 145 and 147 as land owned by Chas E. John and Arthur F. Bowen which may indicate the period for the construction of the current building. The 1948 P O Directory shows Keating and Allen, Furniture Dealers at 145-147 (with residents above Robert Shaws at 147 and George A Wilcox at 145), and, C. J. and A. Bowen Builders at 147A. In the 1957 Roll 145 is a house and land occupied by Kenneth C. Smith owned by the Bowens; No.147 has a shop and land owned and occupied by Peter Heyes ( <i>The Mercury</i> , 27 June 1953, p.20) - seller of farming equipment and trucks. The <i>Saturday Evening Express</i> advertisement of 4 February 1950, has Waldron Bros, Furniture Branch, at 145-147 Wellington Street.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the key characteristics of an Inter-war period Art Deco style commercial building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Soffit lining to awning; aluminium shopfront to right side shop; roller shutters to side windows; elevation to rear; sheds to rear of property.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A443**

**Town/Locality:**

St Leonards

**Address:**

300 St Leonards Road

**Folio of the Register:** 5510/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 -  
Federation Victorian/Federation, c1890

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens,  
with the facades visible directly from the  
street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 5

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of village and township development and future growth of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised village areas around Launceston. Each building is distinctive and adds to the collective value as well as having individual significance.

The building has historic significance for its place in a major phase of development of Launceston, aesthetic value for its fine form and detail, some social value as part of the collective housing that makes Launceston a desirable place to live and for its streetscape value. This house is a good example of the typical late Victorian/early Federation form featuring fine detailing, bracketed eaves, projected hipped faceted bay, verandah with simple timber detailing.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

300 St Leonard's Road is of historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics and quality detail of a late Victorian/early Federation domestic building form.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable



(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.1621**

**Town/Locality:**

East Launceston

**Address:**

6 Lanoma Street

**Folio of the Register:**

55013/3

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Two storey detached, Original Federation Queen Anne with Arts and Crafts Alterations, c1905 and c1925



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  Annie Mary Jane, Edith Olivia and Jessie Lanoma Barwood purchased the property in 1911 from A. C. Douglas (Carpenter) who had bought the land from Alice Florence Scott and Robert Steele Scott in 1905. A Captn Barwood resided there in 1915 ( <i>P O Directory</i> ). George James Edwards bought the property in 1922 who sold to William Henry and Eva Madeline Patten in 1923. They immediately sold it to Mary Lucy Deane who was the wife of James Francis Deane, a painter. In 1926 it was sold once more to May Fanny Brownrigg.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - The place is significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement and compositional balance with attributes of the period with the elaborate curved verandah detailing, the unusual dormer surrounds, decorative chimneys and steep pitched tiled roofs.
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a good Federation domestic building form. Exclusions from significance include: Carport/garage; fencing.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A189**

**Town/Locality:**

Trevallyn

**Address:**

7 Gorge Road

**Folio of the Register:** 22856/3

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Inter-war Federation, 1919

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the street (Gorge Rd) being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 6

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the same period grouped together.

This road was changed from Trevallyn Cres and Creek Rd to Gorge Rd in Oct 1930. The address was first listed as land in 1915 owned by Edgar Harold Ritchie and then only appears as a house in 1920 owned and occupied by John S. Calder. By the late 1920s/1930 it was owned by Thomas and Ivy Margaret Daniels. A Lloyd Daniels also occupied the house in 1938 (*Examiner 14 Mar 1938*). By 1938 Ivy Daniels resided there by herself and then had a tenant by 1940 - Horace Krushka. Occupied by Miss Krushka in 1948 (*Examiner 24 Dec 1948*). Advertised as a Bed and Breakfast in 1950 (*Examiner 13 Sept 1950*).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

7 Gorge Road is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of an Inter-war typical elevated timber Federation Bungalow style building with prominence in the streetscape.

Also significant as an early 20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.

Exclusions to significance include the enclosure under the verandah with weatherboard infills, later period windows to side elevation, hard landscaping, concrete deck and stairs, fences, carport to Bain Tce, and, garden sheds.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.742**

**Town/Locality:**  
East Launceston

**Address:**  
3 Beulah Gardens

**Folio of the Register:**  
70486/2

**Description:**  
 Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Inter-war era, c1935

**Specific Extent:**  
The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**  
Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history -  Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston within a small sub-division. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  Beulah Court was allotted land in 1935 according to the Assessment Roll. Houses were built by 1939 and the area was known as Beulah Gardens. In 1940 this property was owned and occupied by Ernest and Edith Baker. In 1941 the Examiner reported a fete held in the court to raise fund for the Red Cross. Residents of Beulah Gardens made their gardens and verandahs available for stalls and sideshows. Mrs E Baker was the superintendent of the Launceston Red Cross depot and hosted afternoon tea at her home ( <i>Examiner, 10 Mar 1941, p.6</i> ).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place -  Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of an Inter-war Tudor Revival or Old English domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Later garage addition; front fence and hard landscaping.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region -Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A393**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

4 Irvine Street

**Folio of the Register:** 55300/15

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, 1894

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including garden area, with facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 7

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised Launceston. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.</p> <p>The building has historic significance for its place in a major phase of development of Launceston, aesthetic value for its fine form and detail, some social value as part of the collective timber housing that makes Launceston a desirable place to live and for its streetscape value.</p> <p>A good example of a modest early Federation cottage with projecting gabled bay, fine timber detailing to verandah and gable, eaves brackets and fine timber detailing around the windows on the bay.</p> <p>Builder J and T Gunn for Miss Davis. 1894-5, 1899 not numbered, 1905 Thomas Henry Davies, 1910 Michael S Moore, 1915, 1920, 1925 George White, 1930 James Miller, 1935 Horace H Hudson, 1940-1 George Rundle, 1944-5, 1948.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>4 Irvine Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a very good early Federation domestic building form.</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include garden plantings.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.</p>



(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A447**

**Town/Locality:**

St Leonards

**Address:**

318 St Leonards Road

**Folio of the Register:** 102034/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation Victorian/Federation, c1890

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 8

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of village and township development and future growth of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised village areas around Launceston. Each building is distinctive and adds to the collective value as well as having individual significance.

The building has historic significance for its place in a major phase of development of Launceston, aesthetic value for its fine form and detail, some social value as part of the collective housing that makes Launceston a desirable place to live and for its streetscape value. This house is a good example of the typical late Victorian/early Federation form featuring fine detailing, bracketed eaves, projected hipped faceted bay, and bullnosed verandah with cast iron fretwork.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

318 St Leonard's Road is of historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics and quality detail of a late Victorian/early Federation domestic building form.

Exclusions to significance include the gardens, high timber front fence and solar panels.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A48**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

94 Margaret Street

**Folio of the Register:** 121082/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, c1892

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance.

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 9

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the ongoing phases of development of Launceston.</p> <p>In 1889 this property was listed as Allotments in the Assessment Roll, but a house was situated here by 1892, owned by Sherwin's Estate and occupied by John Robert Hart. In 1894 Constable John Mason lived here. Other residents listed in the Post Office Directory include Andrew W Shield (1900), Robert Hutchinson (1905), Johnathon J Quill (1915), William D Fisher (1920), Frederick H Mason 1925 – 1935), Sydney A Atherton (1940), and Thomas Denison (1945). Advertisement for a gent boarder at this address in 1912 (<i>Examiner</i> 23 mar 1912, p. 10). Occupied by the John and Coral Fenner family (John, Lloyd, Maurice, Ellen, Margaret and Greta) and Mr and Mrs T Denison in the 1940s. John Cecil Fenner (44) died suddenly in April 1945. He was a returned soldier (<i>Examiner</i> 26 Apr 1945, p.2, 4 and 25 Nov 1947, p.6).</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>94 Margaret St is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a very early Federation cottage style.</p> <p>Also significant as an 19th/20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston inner suburbs.</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include the verandah infilled where original stairs removed and ramp added to side.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.
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**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

South Launceston

**Address:**

10 Bell Street

**Folio of the Register:**

49260/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey attached, Late Victorian era, 1888



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a collection of semi-detached residential buildings built during a major phase of development of Launceston. The buildings are distinctive and add to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having high individual significance.  Early owner of Lot 25 was Daniel Leitch (Tinsmith) who purchased the whole of Lot 25 from William Tattersall in 1888. Leitch sold part to George Frake (Painter) in 1889 and the boundary was centred on the party wall of the existing building. In 1907 The Equitable Building Society and Wm Kerlake sold part of Lot 25 to Patrick Sheehan. Frederick Helman Baker purchased No. 10 (part of Lot 25) from Patrick Sheehan in 1917. Occupant was R Linnell in 1935. The 1940 Assessment Roll list the owner as Frederick Baker with occupant as David Curran.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of one of a pair of modest Late Victorian semi-detached domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Replacement roofing.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A265**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

19 Welman Street

**Folio of the Register:** 134068/1

**Description:**

Victorian Filigree dwelling as shown in Figures 1 and 2, c1889.

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance



Figure 10

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during a major phase of development of Launceston.

Built around 1889 (perhaps as early as 1884) the original owner occupier was W C Wilson. Mr Richard H and Mrs Sleeman occupied the house around 1891/2 and advertised for servants (*Daily Telegraph 1 Jan 1891, p.1* and *Launceston Examiner 12 Apr 1892, p.1*). They advertised to purchase a piano in 1895 (*Launceston Examiner 8 May 1895, p.1*). Was for sale, then for let or sale, in 1896 and was described across the advertisements as a superior 8 roomed residence, electric light and garden (*Launceston Examiner 31 Oct 1896, p.12* and *14 Nov 1896, p.12*). Occupied by Marcus Brownrigg in 1900 (PO Directories). 1903 a Miss Murray was an organiser for the M.C.L. Fair (*Examiner 4 Mar 1903, p.7*). At this address Atholbrae School and Kindergarten was advertised from 1903 by E and C Murray (Principals) at 19 Welman St (*Daily Telegraph 14 Jul 1903, p.1*; *Examiner 19 Jul 1904, p.1* and *26 Jan 1907, p.10*).

Atholbrae School was noted until c1910 as donating to the Free Kindergarten Association (*Examiner 16 Sept 1910, p.4*) and was E. C. Murray was still at this address in June 1914. Mrs Mary J Murray was listed in the PO Directories 1905-1930, Misses EC and LF Murray and Miss E Harris in 1935. In 1939 the house came up for let (6 room house, sunroom, kitchen, laundry and garage) (*Examiner 25 Apr 1939, p.1*). Miss Murray, Harris and McLachlan were listed in 1940. In the 1940s the house was occupied by Reginald Gale in 1945 and Mr and Mrs L. G. Baker (*Examiner 19 Mar 1948, p.7*).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

19 Welman St is highly significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a Victorian house.

Also significant as a 19th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston inner suburbs.



Exclusions to significance include the two storey modern addition to northern side (containing bathrooms generally). Verandah has been replaced with 'like for like' in Early 21stC.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

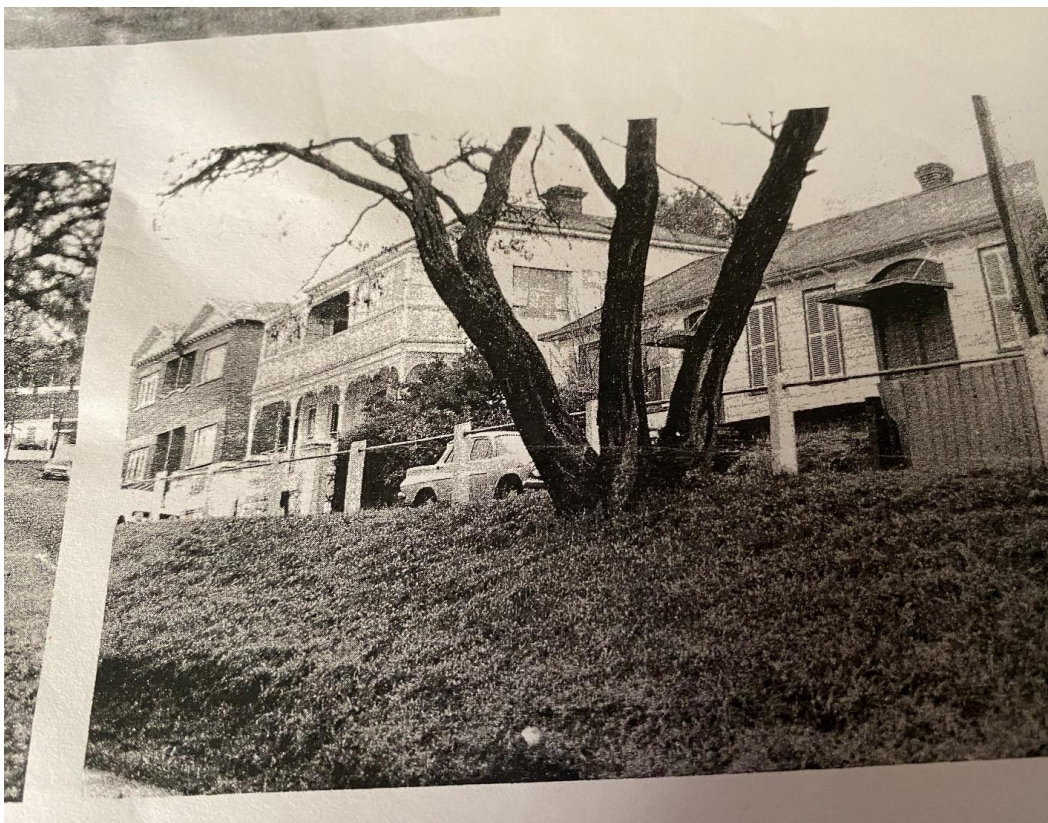


Figure 2 – c1960s Street View (Photo from un-named book as provided by owner - 2023)

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A52**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

2 Sherwins Avenue

**Folio of the Register:** 60715/2

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation Victorian, c1900

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 11

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -  
Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the ongoing phases of development of Launceston.  
Sherwin's Avenue (off Margaret Street) first appears as a street in the Post Office Directories c1912-1915 and it is likely that numbers 2, 4 and 6 date from that time (although number 2 looks to possibly be a bit earlier). Mrs A. E. Green occupied the house in the 1920s and had all her furniture for sale in 1923 (*Daily Telegraph* 22 Aug 1923, p.8).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -  
2 Sherwins Avenue is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a Federation era cottage with Victorian style.  
Also significant as a 19th/20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston inner suburbs.  
Exclusions from significance include – None.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A111**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

268 Charles Street

**Folio of the Register:** 41546/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Inter-war Arts and Crafts, c1930

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 12

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the ongoing phases of development of Launceston.

House named "Spurr Wing House" since occupation by the 'Spurr Wing Incorporated' charitable organisation.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

268 Charles St is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the variance of an Inter-war Arts and Crafts style house in an imposing position.

Also significant as a 20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.

Exclusions to significance include the addition to western side onto an earlier addition as part of the attic level.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Since 1982 the property has been operated by 'Spurr Wing Incorporated' and

offers accommodation for rural and remote patients requiring radiation and chemotherapy at Launceston General Hospital, as well as their next of kin.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A216**

**Town/Locality:**

Trevallyn

**Address:**

7A West Tamar Road

**Folio of the Register:** 220254/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Inter-war Modern, c1930

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 13

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the ongoing phases of development of Launceston.

A building on this site dates from c1930 when it was described as a flat and land owned by Herbert Rose and occupied by A. G. Atkinson. Herbert Rose was a local shoe shop owner who died in 1936 (*Examiner 5 February 1936, p.6*) and the property remained listed under his Estate until at least 1941. Tenants in that time period were George Millar and Bert Redshaw. Around 1935 7C and 7B were also added and owned respectively by R.E. and F.J. Padman and Dorothy Thompson, with the Padmans owning both by 1940.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

7A West Tamar Hwy is highly significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of an Inter-war Modern style.

Also significant as an early 20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.

Exclusions to significance include alum framed sliders replacing original windows.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable



**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A237**

**Town/Locality:**

West Launceston

**Address:**

78 Hill Street

**Folio of the Register:** 201778/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation Victorian, 1902



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Figure

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the streets being of high importance.

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston.  About 1935 No. 78 became the new street number instead of No. 62. About 1902 the owner was William Keogh and by 1905 the tenant was Alfred Mauser. Other tenants included Egbert Hutchinson 1910 and William Branaghan 1915. Keogh was back in occupancy in 1920 to at least 1949.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.
(iii) a class of building or place -  78 Hill Street is significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a quality elevated timber Federation building with detailing showing the slow transition from Victorian.  Also significant as a very early 20th Century building form contributing to the character of Launceston suburbs.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**



Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A359**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

58 Holbrook Street

**Folio of the Register:** 17680/2

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, c1915

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with facades visible from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 15

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised Launceston. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.

The building has historic significance for its place in a major phase of development of Launceston, aesthetic value for its fine form and detail, some social value as part of the collective timber housing that makes Launceston a desirable place to live and for its streetscape value. A good Federation house with typical details, modest form, projecting bay with projected gable detail, and simple fretwork detailing.

Builder has been noted as Adams by Davies. James Robertson's estate was divided up around 1910 to make Forster Street. From about 1915-22 the property occupied by Roy A Coogan. In the 1925 Assessment Roll John W Ikin (tinsmith) owned and occupied a house on this site until around 1948. In 1935 the street name changed from Gunn Street to Holbrook Street (*Examiner*, 10 Sept 1935, p.6).

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable.

(iii) a class of building or place -

58 Holbrook Street is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of a good modest Federation domestic building form.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable.

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet - LAU-C6.1.A463**

**Town/Locality:**

Newstead

**Address:**

103 Elphin Road

**Folio of the Register:** 202612/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Federation, 1909

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable



Figure 16

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a large group of dwellings built during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and a confident application of style. Its townscape associations are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.  A very fine Federation terrace located on one of the major residential roads in Launceston. Containing a wide range of houses from modest to very grand this house exemplifies the Federation period with high quality design and craftsmanship, fine timberwork, incorporation of numerous decorative elements in an harmonious composition designed to impress.  House number was 85 before 1910; First occupied by Leslie Gurr. 1917 death of Leslie Gurr ( <i>Daily Telegraph</i> 22/3/1917, p. 1); 1936 occupied by Mr and Mrs WH Brooks 'Leprena'.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - The place is significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement with the simple massing of the form and high quality detailing of timber decorative elements.
(iii) a class of building or place - 103 Elphin Road is of high historic heritage significance because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics and very fine detail of a Federation two storey conjoined domestic building form.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1. ....**

**Town/Locality:**

East Launceston

**Address:**

20 Lanoma Street

**Folio of the Register:** 144507/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Two storey detached, Inter-war era, 1926

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a rare group of dwellings attached to churches that were built during the major phase of development of Launceston and also indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive as part of the church group and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  Noted in Post Office Directories as No. 10 Lanoma in 1930s and No.16 in 1940-41. 1928 - Rev Wn. E. Greenwood. 1927 and 1929/30 - Rev F. J. McCabe; 1935-48 at least - home of the Rev A. H. Roake.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the highly significant characteristics of an Inter-war English Revival domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Timber paling fence; aluminium windows; additions to side; garage.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons -
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The place is significant in that it has a strong meaning for the community because of its social and religious associations as part of the Anglican Church of Tasmania and its constituents.
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1. ....**

**Town/Locality:**

West Launceston

**Address:**

22 Duke Street

**Folio of the Register:** 29237/21

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Inter-war era, 1922

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street with setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history -  Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the range of domestic buildings that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  House vacant in 1923 P O Directory which suggests newly built house unoccupied, as not listed 1922. Listed in 1924 P O Directory with Charles Tyson as occupant. The 1925 Assessment Roll lists the property as 'House and land' with Charles F Tyson as owner/occupant. He remained at the property until 1940.
(ii) creative or technical achievements -  Significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement and compositional balance with well-designed bungalow style with projecting gable; timber cladding; decorative glazed verandah enclosure with arched windows; circular window and projected bay with interesting angled corner windows. House complete with good gardens and fence to street.
(iii) a class of building or place -  Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a fine timber Inter-war Bungalow domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Garage to side.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable



(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region -Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.1003**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

52 Invermay Road

**Folio of the Register:**

150129/1

**Description:**

Former bank and dwelling building as shown in Figures 1 to 4 - Two storey, Inter-war era, 1938



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as a representative example of commercial architecture of the period, on a prominent corner, in a high growth area.  Listed in the Post Office Directory in 1940 as the Launceston Bank for Savings with K R Westbrook as Manager. Prior to this it was listed as workshop and land for H M Quinn, Builder. Architects for works over time have been H S East and Roy Smith.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement and compositional balance with a façade that features many of the key elements of the style including curved forms, metal framed windows, projecting concrete hoods, lined parapet detail and well composed forms.
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a fine Inter-war Art Deco commercial form.  Exclusions from significance include: Ramp to door; internal front door; stairs to rear; back porch; Bryan Street fence; screens to windows.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Significant as one of the many works designed by Roy Smith and Hubert S East, a highly important architectural practice in Launceston.

Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:



Figure 2 – View from Invermay Road



Figure 3 – View of main building from Bryan Street



Figure 4 – View of rear section from Bryan Street

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.1187**

**Town/Locality:**

Newstead

**Address:**

64 Robin Street

**Folio of the Register:**

55051/1

**Description:**

Building as shown in Figures 1 - Two storey meeting hall, Post War era, 1952 and 1964

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a few buildings built post war for community groups, specifically the Masonic Lodge, in Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  The foundation stone of the Heather Lodge's new temple was laid in 1952 (refer Figure 2). It was the first time the ancient Masonic ceremony had been performed in Launceston for over 50 years. ( <i>Examiner</i> , 2 Jun 1952, p.5) Further additions occurred in 1964. The architect involved being Roy Smith, Willing and Newman and builders H J Martin and G J Luck.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a large Post War domestic building form complete with fence.  Exclusions from significance include: Addition to the side; metal sheet fencing.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons -  
Significant for the connection to the Masonic Lodge and local community.



Figure 1



Figure 2 – Foundation Stone

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Significant as one of the many works designed by architect involved being Roy Smith, Willing and Newman.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.151**

**Town/Locality:**

West Launceston

**Address:**

18 Laura Street

**Folio of the Register:**

114041/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Federation era, 1901



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a small group of earlier dwellings built during a phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.</p> <p>1886 Arthur Petley purchase from John Francis Parsonage. Petley (who also owned land on the corner of Lanoma and Arthur Streets) sold to Elizabeth Pope Knight in 1900. House built for Mrs Knight by W Winsor. Mrs Knight being the wife of Alfred Pilkington Knight, a farmer at Lebrina. 1902 PO Directory lists Capt H Knight as occupant. PO Directory from 1910 lists Capt Alfred P Knight as occupant. 1917 Assessment Roll notes Alfred P Knight owner with Alfred P Knight occupant. A Mrs E P Knight being his wife. The glass over the front door has the date 1859 (?) which does not relate to the transactions on titles.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a good Federation Victorian farmhouse style domestic building form.</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include: Lattice lych gate; Front door; Possibly pavers to verandah.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable



**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.160**

**Town/Locality:**  
East Launceston

**Address:**  
8 Berean Street

**Folio of the Register:**  
55015/10

**Description:**  
 Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Federation era, c1905

**Specific Extent:**  
The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**  
Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

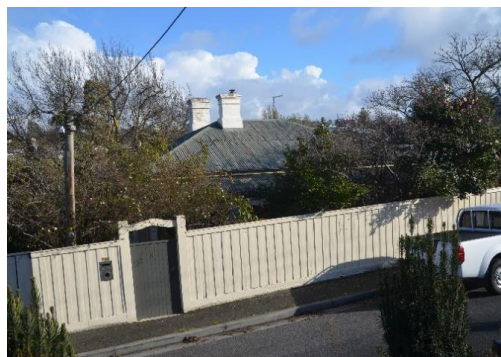


Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Built around 1905 the Assessment Roll listed the property as a 'House' with Palmer Kent Sydes as owner. The P O Directory 1905 has Frederick Titmus as occupant. By 1910 Clarissa Murray resided here and in 1917 James Durno was owner/occupant. Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not significant
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a Federation domestic building form. Elements to be excluded from significance include: Fencing.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not significant
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not significant

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**



Figure 2 - House to centre of picture

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.222**

**Town/Locality:**

West Launceston

**Address:**

10 Connaught Crescent

**Folio of the Register:**

91768/9

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Inter-war era, c1925



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

<p>(i) local history -</p> <p>Highly significant as one of a small grouping of domestic buildings built during a major phase of development of Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.</p> <p>In Aug 1923 Janet Masterman, the wife of Mervyn H Masterman (Bricklayer), bought the block from Louisa and Maria Ditcham. The street numbers in this Crescent changed over the years. House appears to have been built about 1925-30 as their private home. The 1948 P O Directory has the Mastermans still at No 10.</p>
<p>(ii) creative or technical achievements -</p> <p>Significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement and compositional balance in all of the three in the group and all exhibiting fine workmanship and detail work, particularly seen in timber and fretwork detailing and in this instance the use of coloured brick. The chimneys are especially well detailed and the front fence and gate of the period remain intact.</p> <p>This particularly fine example features a variance on the typical Inter-war form with simplified bay under a false gable, well detailed gable infills; fine leadlight glazing to the verandah and detailed brickwork front fence.</p>
<p>(iii) a class of building or place -</p> <p>Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a good early Inter-war Bungalow domestic building form complete with fence to street.</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include: Garage; metal tile roof.</p>
<p>(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.329**

**Town/Locality:**  
East Launceston

**Address:**  
21 Abbott Street

**Folio of the Register:**  
146299/1

**Description:**  
Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Federation era, c1895

**Specific Extent:**  
The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**  
Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history -  Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  Built for Mrs Orbell as a six room weatherboard cottage by J. G. Price. Built around the mid-1890s the Assessment Roll lists the property as 'House and land' with Charles and Mary Orbell as owner/occupants. The house was named "Flodden" and was where the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W Davis married in 1916 ( <i>Examiner</i> , 12 Jan 1916, p.1).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place -  Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a fine late Victorian style Federation domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Later period front fence; 1930s/40s garage; later period addition to side and enclosure.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.72**

**Town/Locality:**

West Launceston

**Address:**

2 Gloucester Street

**Folio of the Register:**

17261/28

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 and 2 -  
Two storey detached, Post War era,  
c1940

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens,  
with the facades visible directly from the  
street and setbacks from the street being  
of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable



Figure 1



Figure 2

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a small group of dwellings built during a major phase of suburban development of Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.

Listed in the 1944 Assessment Roll as 'House and land, lot 28' with H. Prosser and Christina Green as owner/occupant. Christina Green purchased the land as Lot 28 in the Havelock Estate in 1940.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a Post War Arts and Crafts style domestic building form.

Exclusions from significance include: Lean-to shed to side; roller door to garage.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable



**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.905**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

20 Forster Street

**Folio of the Register:**

240030/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Federation era, c1910



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.

Built around 1910 by Gunn. The 1917 Assessment Roll lists the property as 'House and land' with William W Ling as owner/occupant. It remained the family home until around 1940.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a high quality Federation domestic building form.

Exclusions from significance include: Addition to side (possible verandah enclosure); garage; rear addition.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.912**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

10 Forster Street

**Folio of the Register:**

59817/6

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Federation era, c1908

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**



Figure 1

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance. Henry Edward Fowell brought the title from Hannah Room in 1908. The 1917 Assessment Roll lists Henry Edward Fowell as owner/occupant. It remained their family residence through to the 1930s ( <i>Examiner</i> , 19 Jul 1934, p.6.).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a high quality Federation domestic building form. Exclusions from significance include: Timber retaining walls; front fence; timber fence to patio/deck.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.998**

**Town/Locality:**

Invermay

**Address:**

98 Invermay Road

**Folio of the Register:**

231807/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Early Federation era, 1892



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history -  Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period around Launceston. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  From a date prior to 1899 Robert Armstrong was owner/resident until his death in 1942 age 67. Armstrong was a well-known citizen in Launceston and had been a member of the staff of the Examiner for 50 years ( <i>Examiner</i> , 9 Nov 1942, p.2).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - No applicable
(iii) a class of building or place -  Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a late Victorian/early Federation Italianate domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Enclosure to verandah; front fence; replacement roof.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**  
East Launceston

**Address:**  
4 Lyttleton Street

**Folio of the Register:**  
221464/1

**Description:**  
Dwelling as shown in Figures 1 and 2 - One storey detached with attic - Inter-war era, English Revival, 1938

**Specific Extent:**  
The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**  
Not applicable



Figure 1

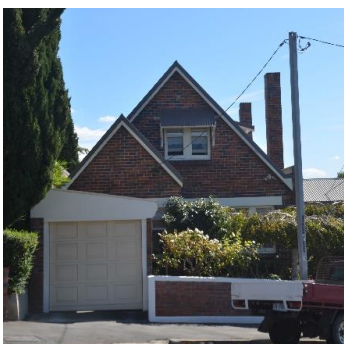


Figure 2

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period in this area. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance. PO Directory for 1939 (first listing) and 1940 has Russell R. Whitehead as occupant; 1948 has Claude L. Adkins as resident.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of an Inter-war English Revival style domestic building form (refer: Figures 1 and 2). Exclusions from significance include: Additions to rear; garage door; replacement roofing.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable



**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

Newstead

**Address:**

43 Penquite Road

**Folio of the Register:**

160841/1

**Description:**

Terminus building only, as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Inter-war era, Utilitarian, c1940



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

Part of title only. The whole of the terminus building is of high significance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:	
(i) local history -	<p>Highly significant as one of a large group of civic buildings constructed during the major phase of suburban development of Launceston and a confident application of style. Its townscape associations, as a bus/tram terminus building, are regarded as important to the community's sense of place.</p> <p>Designed by the City Engineer and Building Surveyor, William Elmhirst Potts. Potts appointed to the Launceston position in 1930 (<i>The Mercury</i>, 7 Oct 1930, p.5) and to Hobart in 1944 (<i>The Mercury</i>, 23 Sept 1944, p.2). Potts was a returned soldier from WW1, graduated from engineering at the University of Sydney and held numerous significant positions in his career including that at Launceston working on many important city projects including flood protection. He retired in December 1944.</p>
(ii) creative or technical achievements -	Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place -	<p>Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics and very fine quality of a small civic structure (bus/tram terminus).</p> <p>Exclusions from significance include: Roller door to street front; dwelling and gardens.</p>
(iv) aesthetic characteristics -	<p>The place is significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement with the highly detailed brickwork, parapet roof, quoining and Modern form.</p>

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - The place has a special association with the life and work of William Potts, City Engineer and Building Surveyor from 1930 to 1944.

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**  
West Launceston

**Address:**  
15 Wyett Street

**Folio of the Register:**  
56558/23

**Description:**  
Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 -  
One storey high set detached,  
Late Inter-war era, Modern, 1941



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**  
The whole of the site including  
gardens, with the facades visible  
directly from the street and  
setbacks from the street being of  
high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**  
Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history -  Highly significant as one of a group of dwellings built during the major phase of development of Launceston and indicative of the housing that characterised the period in this area. The building is distinctive and adds to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having individual significance.  Keith Edward James Robinson purchased the land in November 1939 from the Launceston Savings Investment and Building Society. Listed as Land in the 1940 Assessment Roll. A house was built by 1941 as listed in the PO Directory 1941-42. In 1944 it was listed in the Assessment Roll as Keith Robinson as owner/occupant.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place -  Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a Late Inter-war Modern style domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Replacement aluminium window; garage door; carport.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

Mowbray

**Address:**

13 Birdwood Street

**Folio of the Register:**

55255/134

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - One storey detached, Inter-war era, Federation, c1923



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history -

Highly significant as a potential early farmhouse within a collection of residential buildings built during a major phase of development of Launceston. The buildings are distinctive and add to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having high individual significance.

Elizabeth Cobbett purchased the property (Lot 134 Sect 3) from The Tasmanian Permanent Executors and Trustees Assoc Ltd in 1922 (Historic Title 298/88). Previously owned by Ernest William Gibson (inherited from William Crookes Grubb) and after selling a number of lots he sold to The Tasmanian Permanent Executors and Trustees Assoc Ltd in 1921. According to the 1925 Assessment Roll the owner/occupant was John Francis Bailey. He had purchased from Elizabeth Cobbett in 1924. Prior to 1925 Birdwood Street was not listed in the Assessment Roll.

(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable

(iii) a class of building or place -

Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a rare and fine early Inter-war Federation style potential early farmhouse building form.

Exclusions from significance include: Screen door to entry; addition to rear.

(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

45 Bourke Street

**Folio of the Register:**

177931/1

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Two storey (one storey to street) attached, Victorian era, Georgian, c1885



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:

(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a collection of residential buildings built during a major phase of development of Launceston. The buildings are distinctive and add to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having high individual significance.  Built in the 1880s. The 1889 Assessment Roll lists M Fahey as owner with J Lemming occupant. By 1895 Frederick Lemming owned the House and Land. In 1899 Mr John Wrenshall Leeming died at the property age 79 ( <i>Examiner</i> , 6 Nov 1899, p. 2) In 1910 Mrs Margaret Leeming died age 74 ( <i>Daily Telegraph</i> , 20 Jun 1910, p1). In 1920 the property was sold to Miss H M Herd for 700 pounds ( <i>Examiner</i> , 15 Nov 1920, p. 2).
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a fine Victorian Georgian style domestic building form.  Exclusions from significance include: Replacement timber posts and beam to verandah; replacement roof sheeting.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable

(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:

(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable
(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**  
Not applicable



**Table C6.1 Local Historic Heritage Places Datasheet – LAU-C6.1.....**

**Town/Locality:**

Launceston

**Address:**

47 Bourke Street

**Folio of the Register:**

177931/2

**Description:**

Dwelling as shown in Figure 1 - Two storey (one storey to street) attached, Victorian era, Georgian, c1885



Figure 1

**Specific Extent:**

The whole of the site including gardens, with the facades visible directly from the street and setbacks from the street being of high importance

**Figures of specific extent:**

Not applicable

**Statement of local historic heritage significance and historic heritage values:**

(a) Significance of the local heritage place and its historic heritage values because of its role in, representation of, or potential for contributing to the understanding of:
(i) local history - Highly significant as one of a collection of residential buildings built during a major phase of development of Launceston. The buildings are distinctive and add to the collective value of the streetscape as well as having high individual significance. Built in the 1880s. The 1889 Assessment Roll lists Eli Daniels as occupant. Both the 1895 and 1900 Assessment Roll lists James Pearl as owner and W F B Smith as occupant. By 1908 Arthur Edgar Marsh was associated with the property.
(ii) creative or technical achievements - Not applicable
(iii) a class of building or place - Significant because of its ability to demonstrate the significant characteristics of a fine Victorian Georgian style domestic building form. Exclusions from significance include: Timber clad shed attached to side.
(iv) aesthetic characteristics - Not applicable
(b) Significance of the local heritage place and its values because of its association with:
(i) a particular community or cultural group for social or spiritual reasons - Not applicable

(ii) the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance to the locality or region - Not applicable

**Figures for statements of local heritage significance and heritage values:**

Not applicable

**THE COMMON SEAL of the  
City of Launceston is affixed,  
pursuant to the Council's resolution  
in the presence of:-**

**Date:**

**Michael Stretton  
Chief Executive Officer**

**TASMANIAN PLANNING SCHEME - LAUNCESTON LOCAL  
PROVISIONS SCHEDULE  
Amendment PSA-LLP0012**

The amendment seeks to:

1. Remove 88 properties from the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets where applicable, as shown in Attachment 1;
2. Insert 13 property datasheets for existing listings within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets, as shown in Attachment 2; and
3. Add 40 properties to the local heritage listings within LAU-Table C6.1 Local Heritage Places and create 40 new datasheets within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets, as shown in Attachment 3.

**THE COMMON SEAL of the  
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**Date:**

**Michael Stretton  
Chief Executive Officer**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

**10.1. Mayor's Announcements**

**FILE NO:** SF2375

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**Wednesday 9 August 2023**

- Attended the Opening Night of Launceston College Production *Be More Chill*, Princess Theatre

**Friday 11 August 2023**

- Attended the opening of the Eleonora Pulcini Fine Art Gallery opening, Quadrant Mall

**Saturday 12 August 2023**

- Attended DanceSport, Silverdome

**Sunday 13 August 2023**

- Attended AFL Hawthorn v Western Bulldogs, UTAS Stadium

**Thursday 17 August 2023**

- Attended the Opening night of Newstead College Production *Heathers The Musical*, Princess Theatre

**Friday 18 August 2023**

- Officiated at the Vietnam Veterans Day Service, Cenotaph

**Wednesday 23 August 2023**

- Attended Annual General Meeting for Northern Tasmanian Cricket Association, NTCA Function Room
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**11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

*(This item provides an opportunity for Councillors 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).*

**12. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

**12.1. Councillors' 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 Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be provided in writing).*

**No Councillors' Questions on Notice have been identified as part of this Agenda**

**12.2. Councillors' 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).*

### 13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 13.1. Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 August 2023

**FILE NO:** SF 7357

**AUTHOR:** Mengda Liu (Cultural Place Development Officer)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Dan Ryan (Community and Place Network)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive a report from the Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held 2 August 2023.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the report from the City of Launceston Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 2 August 2023.

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#### **REPORT:**

The Cultural Advisory Committee met on 2 August 2023 and discussed the following:

- An update was provided on the action items from the last meeting including the updated terms of reference which clarified the conditions to meet quorum, and the prerequisite skills required to become a member of the committee.
- Consideration to how a community arts centre could be developed and its alignment with the QVMAG Futures Plan.
- The committee was updated on the revised agenda template, and the letter of appreciation sent to recently retired member, Ms Kim Seagram AM.
- Committee feedback was sought on the potential public art acquisition of a large sculptural work forged in Launceston by Tasmanian artist, Peter Matilla, titled *Transience*.
- Matters on acquisition considerations including policies and procedures, maintenance, potential locations, safety issues, relocation, and installation costs were also discussed.
- An update was provided on the City of Launceston's collaboration with Vibrance to create a large-scale street mural in Launceston.
- Other matters discussed included the public art to be displayed on the Kings Meadows car park public toilet block to assist in addressing persistent graffiti issues, as well as the recent public art site scoping workshop held between officers from a variety of teams and networks across Council.

#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 1: We connect with our community and our region through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

10-Year Goal: To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Focus Areas:

1. To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil



**13.2. Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting - 13 July 2023**

**FILE NO:** SF3177

**AUTHOR:** Lynda Robins (Emergency Management Officer)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Dan Ryan (Community and Place Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive and consider a report from the Municipal Emergency Management Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the report from the Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2023.

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**REPORT:**

The meeting of the Municipal Emergency Management Committee held on 13 July 2023 discussed the following:

- The Northern Region Emergency Management Plan is currently under review, however has been deferred pending the appointment of the new SES Regional Planner.
- The Council and State Emergency Service are finalising the Launceston Flood Evacuation Response Plan. This will be tabled at an out of session Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting for endorsement prior to the final sign off by the Regional Controller and SES Director. This plan provides a holistic framework for response agencies and Council to work under during a major flood event in Launceston particularly around large-scale evacuation.
- The Council provided a synopsis on the Flood Recovery Exercise which was held in June 2023 including key themes and next steps.
- Council gave an overview on the two projects which has been successfully funded through the Lift Local Grant and the Disaster Ready Fund.
- An update was provided on the Homelessness Advisory Committee's current focus.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 5: We serve and care for our community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

10-Year Goal: To offer access to services and spaces for all community members and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

Focus Areas:

1. To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognises the changing demographics and needs of our community.
3. To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.
6. To enhance community awareness of the impacts of uncertain weather patterns, natural and other disasters, and build community resilience.
7. To develop and manage infrastructure and resources to protect our community from natural and other hazards.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**13.3. Transport Committee Meeting - 13 July 2023**

**FILE NO:** SF7429

**AUTHOR:** Cathy Williams (Roads and Traffic Officer)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Shane Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive a report from the Transport Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the report from the Transport Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2023.

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**REPORT:**

The Transport Committee, at its meeting held on 13 July 2023 discussed:

- Bike Week 2024 will be held from 1 to 8 March 2024 and a 'car free day' event is being considered for 2 March 2024;
- the City of Launceston is considering applying to the Department of State Growth Active Transport Funding Program for funding for the Forster Street shared path and a link between the Mowbray Levee bike path and Heritage Forest;
- progress with the speed limit review; and
- funding program applications.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 1: We connect with our community and our region through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

10-Year Goal: To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Focus Areas:

1. To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes.
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**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**14. CREATIVE ARTS AND CULTURAL SERVICES NETWORK**

**14.1. Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Quarterly Report - April to June 2023**

**FILE NO:** SF5784

**AUTHOR:** Louise Towns (Executive Assistant Creative Arts and Cultural Services Network)

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Shane Fitzgerald (Creative Arts and Cultural Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Quarterly Report 2023 – April to June 2023.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's quarterly report for the period April to June 2023 (ECM Doc Set ID 4938083).

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**REPORT:**

The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's (QVMAG) quarterly report outlines key activities during the April to June 2023 reporting period and includes reporting across the following areas of QVMAG:

- Collections and Curatorial
- Exhibitions
- Programming
- Communications
- Customer Service
- QVMAG Friends
- QVMAG Arts Foundation

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

The QVMAG's activities and programs are intended to attract new audiences to the museum and to the region, particularly those communities who have previously been under-represented.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

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Strategic Priority 1: We connect with our community and our region through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

10-Year Goal: To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Focus Areas:

2. To lead the implementation of the Greater Launceston Plan via collaborative and constructive relationships with our regional partners.
3. To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities.

Strategic Priority 2: We facilitate prosperity by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

10-Year Goal: To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

Focus Areas:

1. To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.
4. To promote tourism and the development of a quality tourism offering for Launceston.

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.

Strategic Priority 4: We value our City's unique identity by celebrating our special heritage and culture and building on our competitive advantages to be a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

10-Year Goal: To sustain and promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, learn and play.

Focus Areas:

1. To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.
3. To promote and attract national and international events and support the sector to ensure a diverse annual events calendar.
4. To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.

Strategic Priority 5: We serve and care for our community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

10-Year Goal: To offer access to services and spaces for all community members and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

Focus Areas:

1. To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognises the changing demographics and needs of our community.
2. To define and communicate our role in promoting social inclusion and equity.
4. To support the delivery of programs and events for people to connect with each other through participation in community activities and civic life.
5. To promote and support active and healthy lifestyles of our community.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. QVMAG QR April June 23 [14.1.1 - 51 pages]

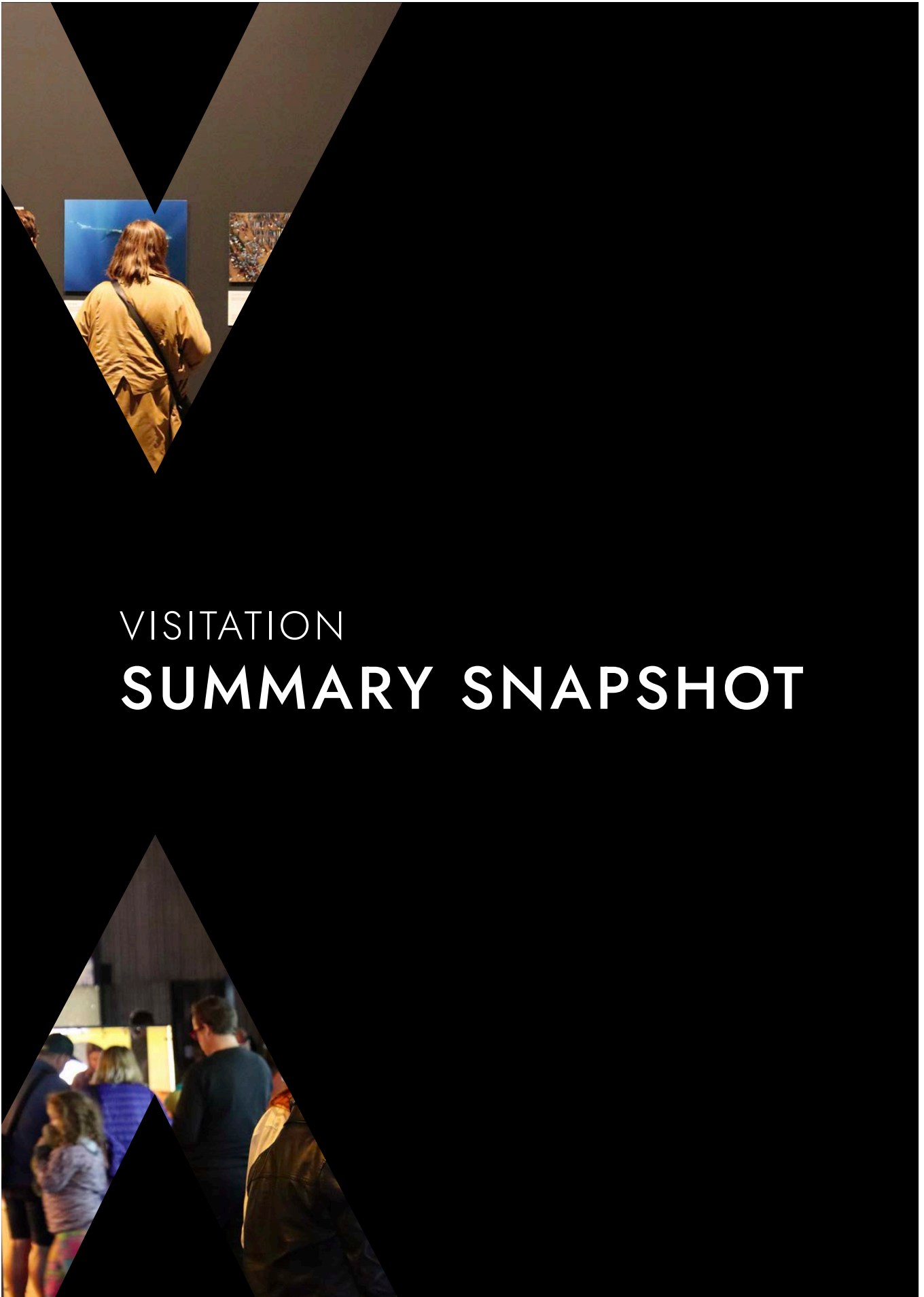
# QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL – JUNE 2023



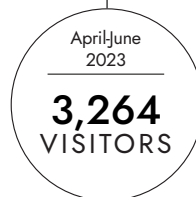
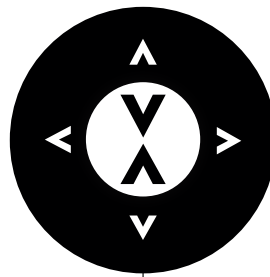
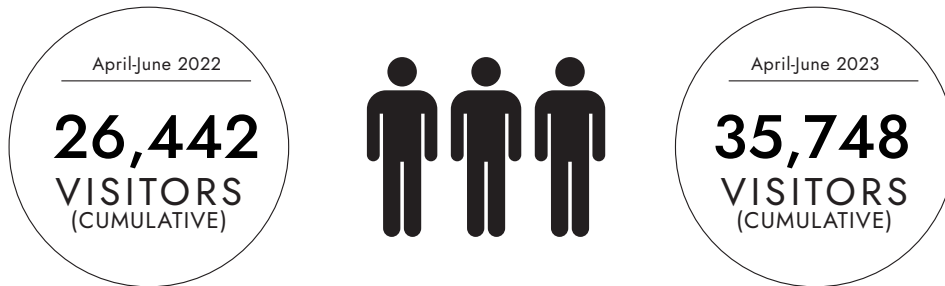
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VISITATION  
**SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**

### COMPARISON



### OUTREACH



“

*Thank you for an experience to remember.  
We loved it.*

”

FROM WALES

“

*Stunning wildlife photos.  
Thank you for bringing this  
exhibition to Tassie.*

”

FROM CARLTON BEACH, TAS

“

*Thanks so much for a beautiful experience.  
Congrats on the Jimmy Possum and  
St Giles Face Time exhibitions.*

”

FROM TASMANIA



“  
*What a delightful surprise!  
Amazing exhibitions.  
I literally spent 4 hours here.*

”  
FROM VICTORIA

*Fantastic!  
Had to go eat and come back.*

”  
FROM SYDNEY

“  
*So good to see Tasmanian talent celebrated and  
the galleries alive with changing exhibits.*

”  
FROM TASMANIA

“  
*I liked the gallery better than Mona.*

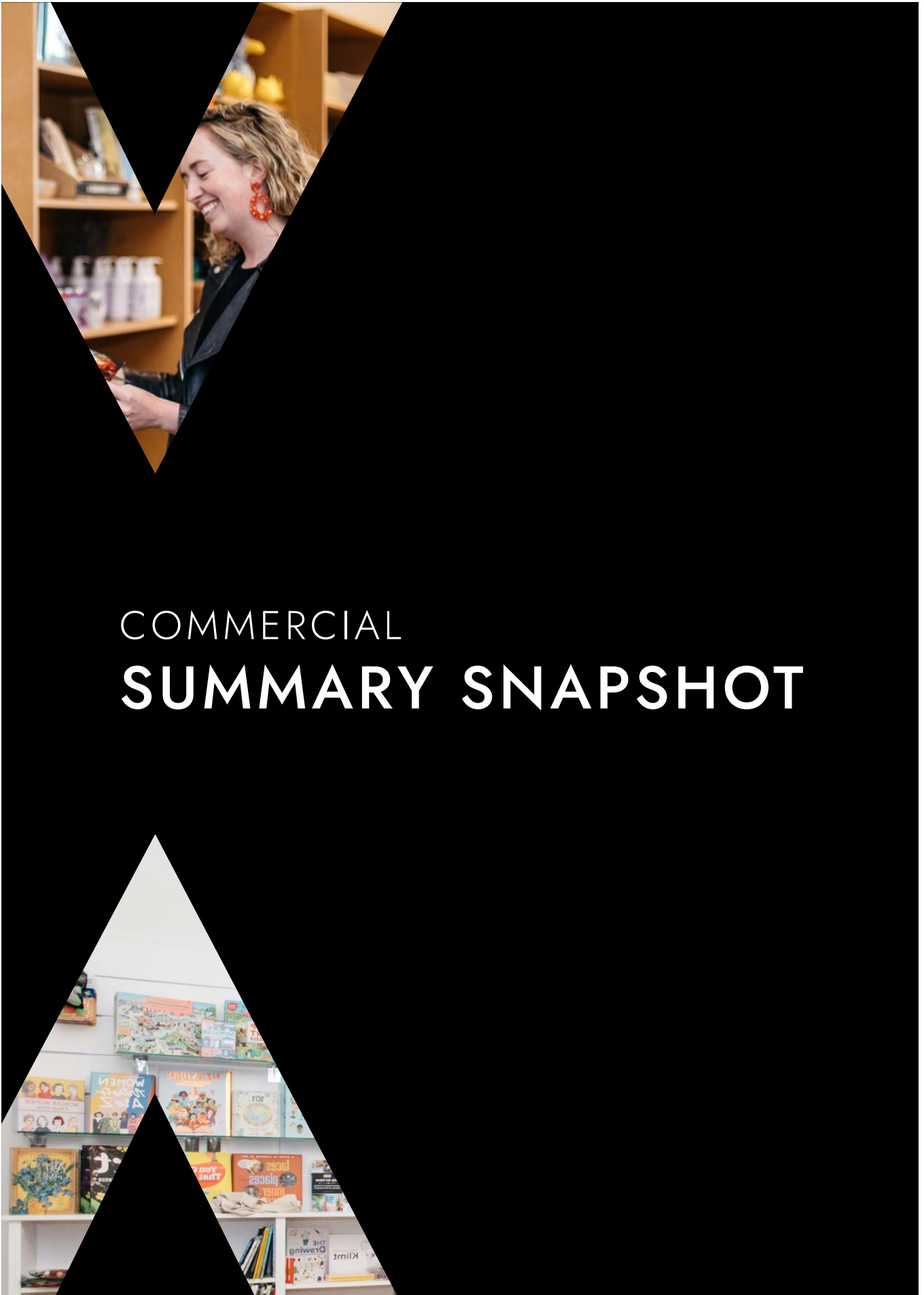
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FROM SYDNEY



CUSTOMER SERVICE  
**SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**

## COMPARISON





# COMMERCIAL SUMMARY SNAPSHOT

APRIL-JUNE 2022

**\$92,283.46**  
SHOP  
SALES



APRIL-JUNE 2023

**\$104,035.88**  
SHOP  
SALES

APRIL-JUNE 2022

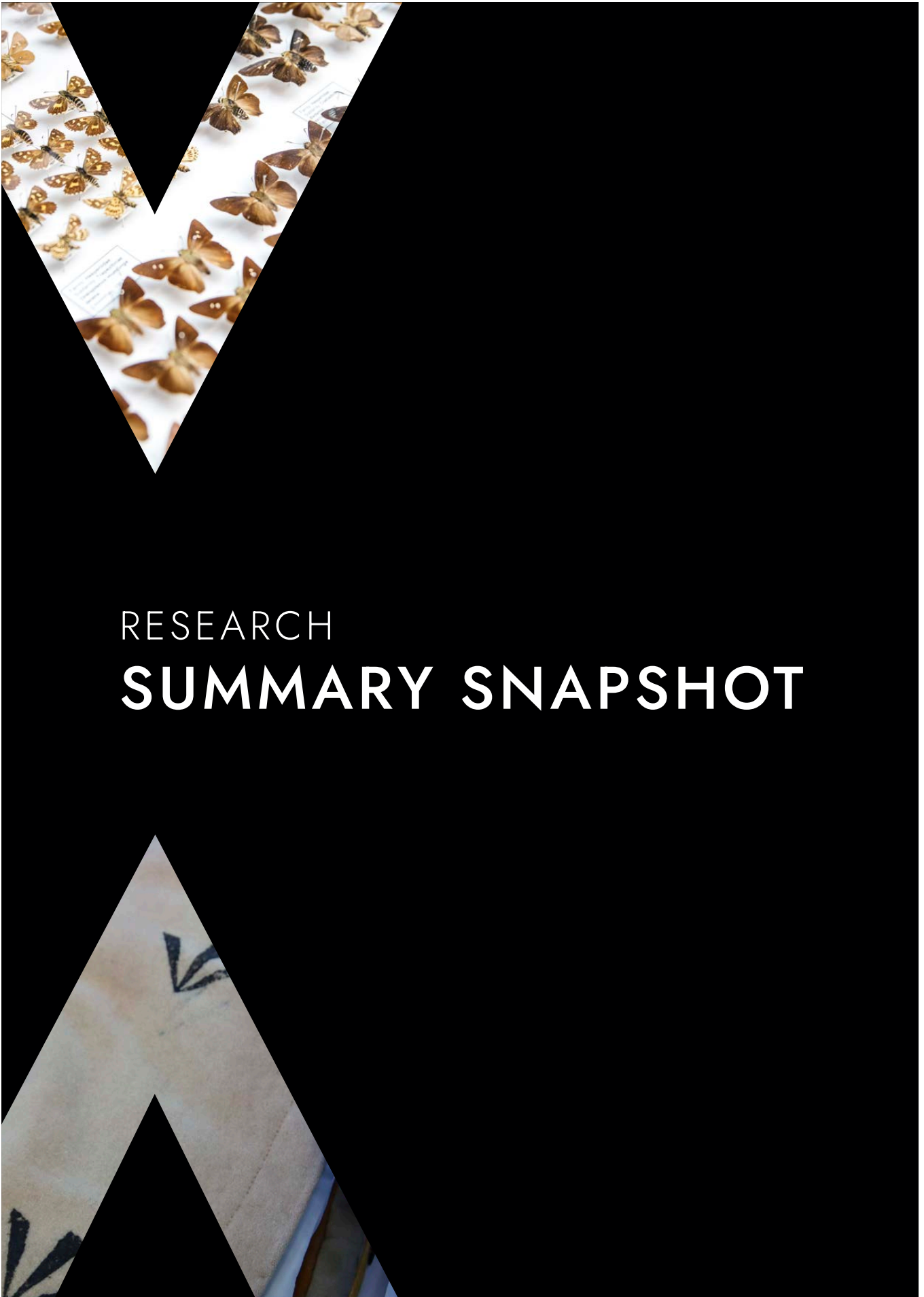
**\$5,901.40**  
DONATION  
TOTAL



APRIL-JUNE 2023

**\$132,300.65**  
DONATION  
TOTAL





RESEARCH  
**SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**



During the quarter, QVMAG beetle taxonomist Roger de Keyzer visited from the Australian Museum.

Roger is a recognised global expert on Australian stag beetles (Family Lucanidae) and long horn beetles (Family Cerambycidae) and has published numerous books and scientific papers.

Through Council Heads of Australian Faunal Collections (CHAFC) funding QVMAG was able to enlist Roger to examine our large and mostly unnamed collection of stag beetles in the Lissotes genus.

This is the most speciose group of stag beetles in Australia and of the 29 recognised species, 25 are endemic to Tasmania.

Most species prefer wetter forest habitats where they shelter and breed under fallen logs.

Male Lissotes have large and distinctive mandibles that have characteristics unique to each species.

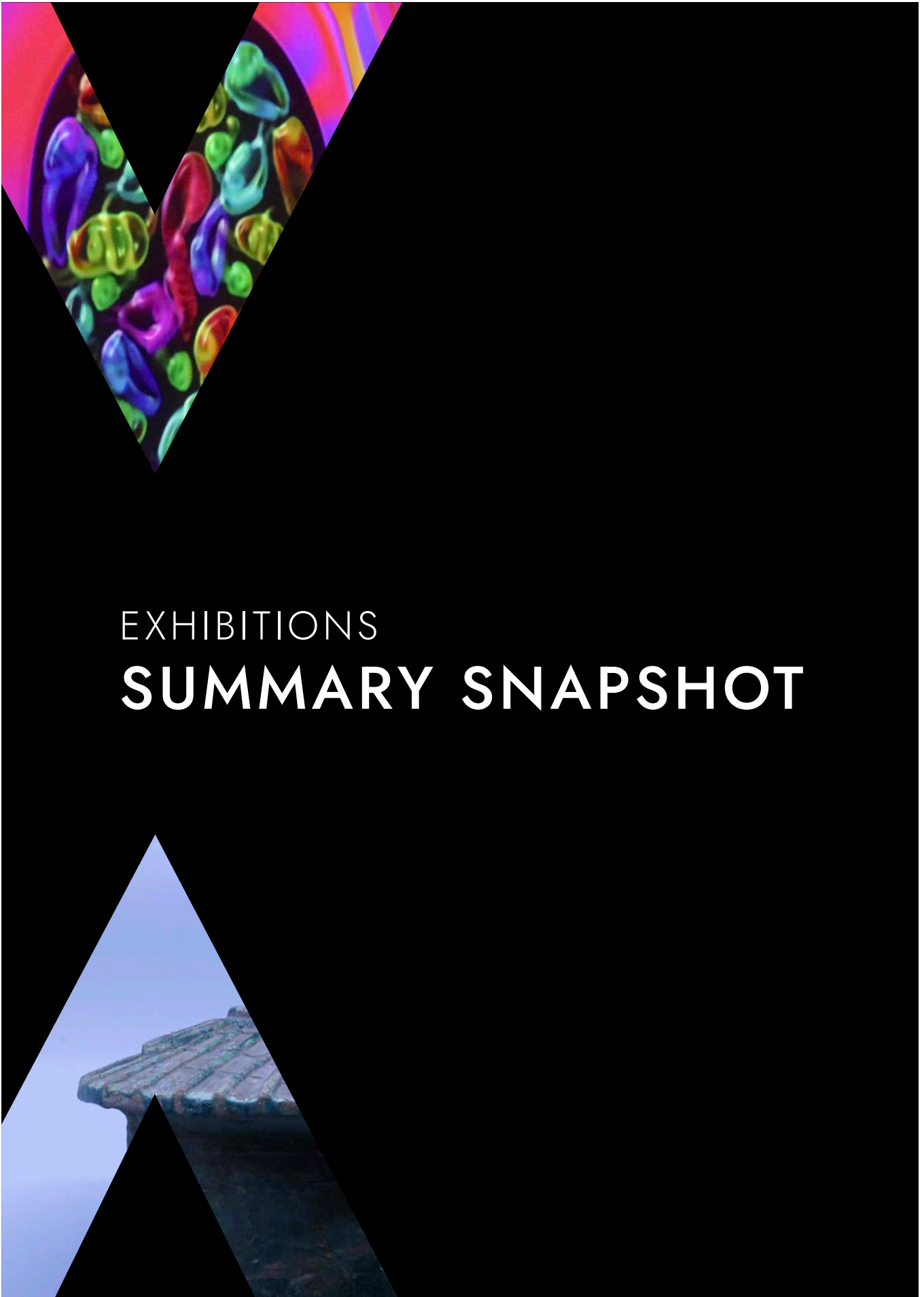
Very little is known about most of the species. Many have restricted ranges within Tasmania but we still do not know where the boundaries are for most species. Some are extremely rare and have not been collected for around 100 years.

By sampling widely through field work for the last decade, QVMAG aims to complete these knowledge gaps.

Roger can quickly and reliably name our hundreds of specimens, which allows QVMAG team to register them into the collections data base, and then onto international data bases, such as The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA).

The precise evolutionary relationships between some populations are poorly understood and only a wider study incorporating both genetic and traditional morphological taxonomic techniques will give us a full understanding of how many species actually occur in Tasmania.

Through building up collections of these beetles from across Tasmania, QVMAG will be well placed to be involved in future research programs on this fascinating group of beetles.



EXHIBITIONS  
**SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**

During the reporting period  
the following exhibitions were installed:

*Mason Marsden*

➤ 6 May – 16 July 2023

A QVMAG exhibition

*Voice & Visibility*

➤ 20 May – 13 August 2023

A community exhibition

*2023 Tasmanian Art Teachers Association, Members Exhibition*

➤ 22 May – 18 June 2023

A community exhibition

*Urban Sketchers*

➤ 27 May – 27 August 2023

A community exhibition

*Wildlife Photographer of the Year*

➤ 10 June – 20 August

A touring exhibition from the Natural History Museum, London

*Evolution*

➤ 10 June – 27 August 2023

A QVMAG exhibition

*Australia in Space*

➤ 17 June – 15 October 2023

A touring exhibition from Questacon

*Rise*

➤ 24 June – 15 October 2023

A QVMAG exhibition

*ArtRage*

➤ 13 May – 3 June 2023

A QVMAG touring exhibition

During this quarter, preparations were made to welcome the latest touring exhibition to visit the Museum, *Australia in Space*. This touring exhibition from Questacon is the latest experience for families at QVMAG, educating visitors on Australia's innovations in space through a range of immersive and hands on play-based modules. This exhibition is the first in a series of touring shows planned for what was the site of the *Phenomena Factory* at the Museum. The *Phenomena Factory* closed on 30 April 2023 after 15 years of operation. Since opening in 2008, the *Phenomena Factory* learning centre welcomed over 1.5 million visitors and was a staple educational activity for both family and school audiences, igniting excitement of science-based learning in young minds.

APRIL-JUNE  
2022

NEW EXHIBITIONS OPENED



RECIEVED  
**0**  
EXHIBITION  
PROPOSALS

HELD  
**0**  
COMMUNITY  
EXHIBITION

APRIL-JUNE  
2023

NEW EXHIBITIONS OPENED

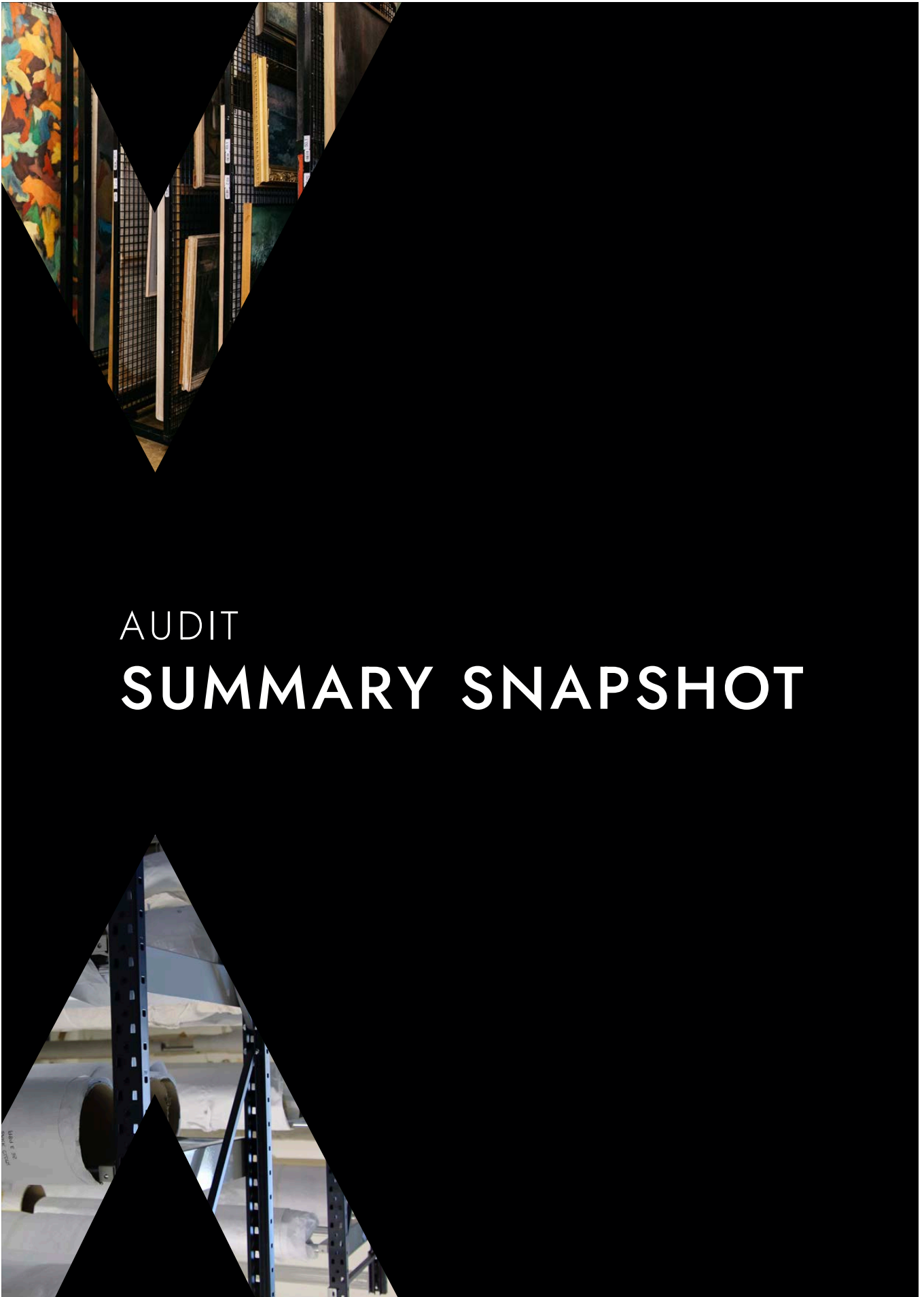


RECEIVED  
**0**  
EXHIBITION  
PROPOSALS

RECEIVED  
**1**  
QVMAG  
TOURING  
EXHIBITION

HELD  
**1**  
COMMUNITY  
EXHIBITION





AUDIT  
**SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**

During the quarter, the Audit team completed the location mapping of the Textiles Store and commenced the audit of the jewellery collection. Work continued on the audit of works on paper, ceramics, and the history collection. A large order was placed for archival materials, including new boxes for collection objects.

The Audit team also purchased new iPhones for barcode scanning. The two Audit Registrars have been preoccupied with general registration duties in the absence of a Registrar.





## COMPARISON







# PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION **SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**



For the quarter, QVMAG facilitated tailored workshops and guided tours for groups from Launceston, the north-west coast of Tasmania and Victoria. Highlights included tours of the *HJ King: Cameras and Carbuettors* exhibition and stop-motion animation and flip books workshops. School groups visited the new *Australia In Space* exhibition from Questacon and Planetarium shows.

In March, the *Big Picture Photography* exhibition closed at the Art Gallery and was replaced from July 1 by the *Art Start* exhibition of works from school students. The new partnership with the Big Picture School continued when it hosted a Q&A session at its Year 10 assembly in June, when 60 students learned what it is like to work at QVMAG and the careers available in the GLAM sector.

A group of nine youth from the Young Aboriginal Support Program from Cornerstone Youth Services participated in a workshop, in which they began the creation of art pieces that tell their stories.

The *Tasmanian Art Teachers Association (TATA)* exhibition that celebrated its 30th anniversary opened at the Museum at Inveresk in April, displaying various works from art teachers around Tasmania.

To coincide with the *Mason and Marsden* exhibition at the Art Gallery, Penny Mason conducted a life drawing workshop in the Creativity Centre at Royal park.

The feedback and enthusiasm from participants for this workshop was very positive, and participants expressed their eagerness for similar offerings in the future.

The April School Holiday program successfully sold out four workshops. Children created watercolour animal paintings, Chinese calligraphy, pop-up books, puppets and mini twig chairs.

*Make It Place* continued its rise in popularity, with 142 participants creating planes, trains and automobiles over two drop-in sessions.

On April 2, Lisa Garland engaged in a conversation on the creative process in the intimate space of the photography exhibition, *Inner Sanctum*.

The Space of sound, silence of light soundscape saw Murray Fredericks and Spike Mason create for more than 87 participants an unforgettable experience at the Museum at Inveresk. Musician Spike Mason responded to the powerful landscape works of Murray Fredericks in the *Witness* exhibition.

On April 29, this photographic journey was embellished by a vintage camera workshop that explored the use of film photography.

*QVMadness* on May 4 saw the Inveresk precinct come to life with an evening of Sci-Fi activities. Activities included drawing workshops, pop-up portraits with Ben Winwood, Space Craft Make-It-Place, an Astronomy Q&A in the Planetarium and a cosplay contest and parade in which over 35 contestants dressed up as weird and wonderful Sci-Fi characters.

The public conversation with Penny Mason and David Marsden on May 6 underlined the importance of these two artists to the local artists' community. Penny shared her skills in a life drawing workshop on May 17.

In May and June, Vicki West taught participants how to pirograph stories on possum skin, which were sewn together in a communal cloak for display during the upcoming NAIDOC Week in July.

Pride Month in June included five events. The Voice and Visibility: Making Together workshop series, in collaboration with Interweave Arts, allowed participants to create their own contribution to Ralf Haertel's work, *Healing Circles*.

This work then became part of the Voice and Visibility: Sharing and Celebrating event that also included performances and artists' talks from members of the local LGBTQIA+ community and its allies. In Conversation at the Art Gallery with Mish Meijers and Tricky Walsh rounded out the Pride Month calendar.



APRIL-JUNE 2023

**17,533**

INCLUDES ALL EDUCATION,  
PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND  
PLANETARIUM INCOME



APRIL-JUNE 2022  
**2,167**  
PLANETARIUM  
VISITORS



APRIL-JUNE 2023  
**1,940**  
PLANETARIUM  
VISITORS

APRIL-JUNE 2022  
**330**  
PLANETARIUM  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

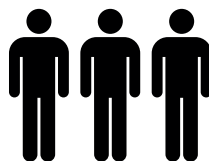
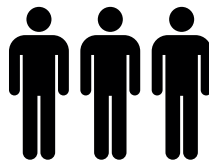


APRIL-JUNE 2023  
**262**  
PLANETARIUM  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS

APRIL-JUNE 2022  
**447**  
BOOKING  
ENQUIRIES



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**853**  
BOOKING  
ENQUIRIES







## OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



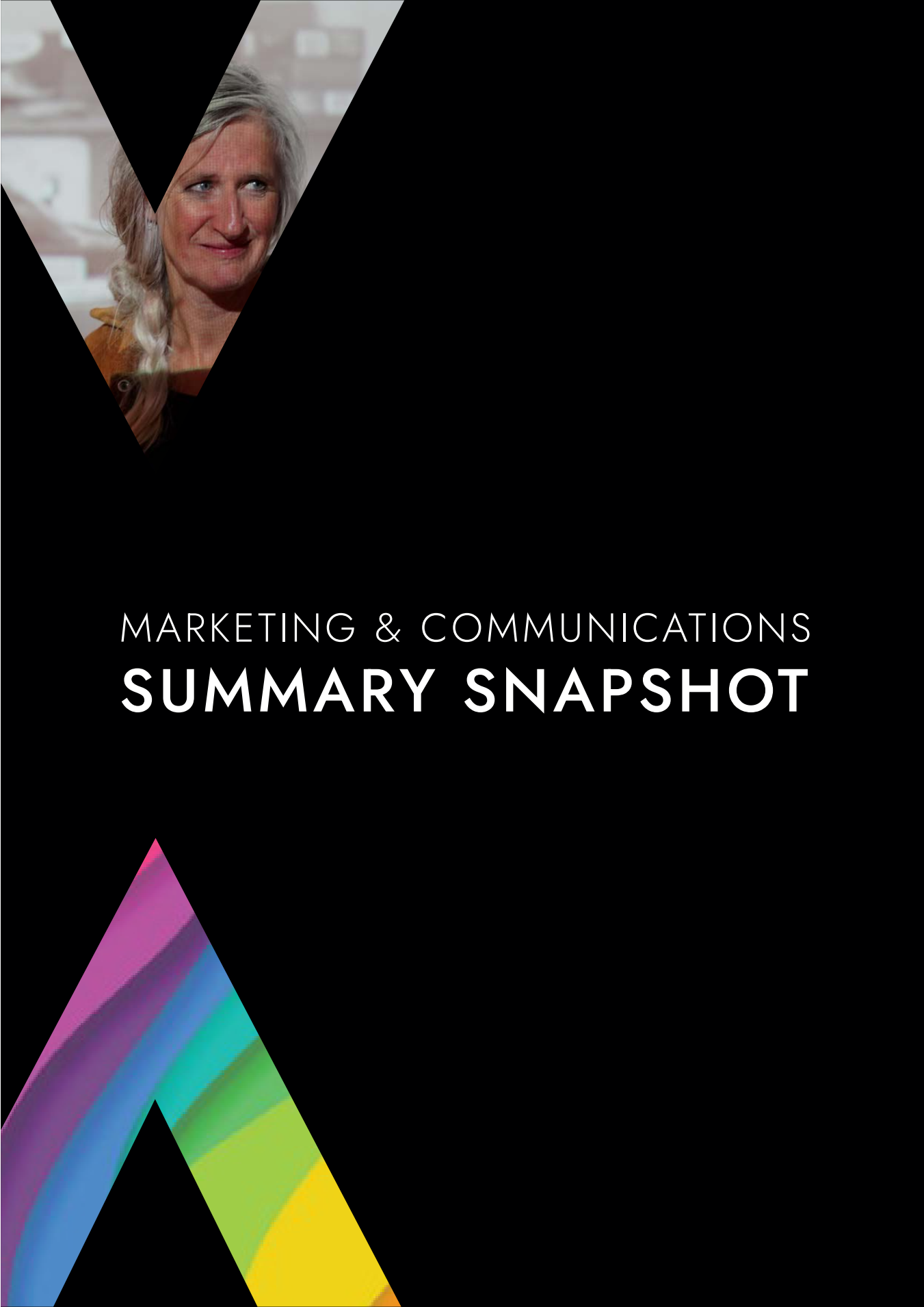
### PRIDE MONTH

During the month of June, QVMAG celebrated Pride Month at the Art Gallery and Museum with LGBTQIA+ communities across northern Tasmania. Programming for this month included free workshops with local artist Ralf Haertel at the Museum, an *In Conversation* event with artists Mish Meijers and Tricky Walsh at the Art Gallery, alongside a community celebration at the Museum in collaboration with the Queer Artist Collective (QAC) and Interweave arts.

### QVMADNESS

On the May 4, the Museum at Inveresk celebrated all-things Sci-Fi with northern Tasmanians. With events for all ages, the Museum welcomed families, sci-fi enthusiasts and cosplayers for an evening of best-dressed parades, drawing workshops, a space 'craft' station and a night-time talk in the Launceston Planetarium. This event was proudly delivered in collaboration with the Launceston Lightsaber Academy.





MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS  
**SUMMARY SNAPSHOT**





During the last quarter of the 2022/23 FY, QVMAG experienced a large push of media and promotional activity to support exhibition, brand and event outcomes across the Institution.

Exhibition marketing campaigns launched in this period spanned *Australia in Space*, *Urban Sketchers*, *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*, *Witness, Mason | Marsden*, *Tasmanian Art Teachers Association*, *RISE*, *Lisa Garland: Inner Sanctums* and *Northern Clay*.

Campaigns for the above exhibitions were largely digital-first, with multiple social media paid advertising campaigns launched to promote the various offerings available across both sites.

As two feature exhibitions launched during this period, both *Australia in Space* and the *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* exhibitions welcomed additional channel promotions, including radio, television, print media and inner-city promotional signage.

Positive audience engagement during the quarter was driven by digital advertising. A total of 905,615 ad impressions and a total of 181,100 people were reached.

During this period, a total of 14 media calls were held to promote offerings and experiences at QVMAG, increasing proactive media efforts by 133%.

The QVMAG social media channels experienced another quarter of positive growth, with Facebook reach increasing by 121% and followers increasing by 20%. Instagram achieved a 395% increase in reach and a 26% increase in followers compared to this same period in the 2021/22 FY.

For the month of June, the QVMAG social media channels and its brand were activated for Pride Month 2023. This activation saw both Facebook and Instagram experience a branding takeover, incorporating the LGBTIQ+ flag into the QVMAG brand identity.

This activation was in conjunction with a range of public programs on offer to audiences and community at QVMAG.

Various programs throughout this period experienced high levels of audience engagement following promotional launches, including the newly developed QVMAG *After Dark* tour series.

This series was an offering developed in response to the 2023 Tourism Tasmania Off Season state-wide campaign, and offered tickets to limited tours in July and August that will take visitors behind the scenes of the collection.

This tour series sold out in the first 24 hours of the campaign going live.

The top-tier brand campaign for QVMAG continued throughout this period, with the new brand activated with a range of placements.

This included the launch of a new single side bus wrap for 12 months featuring objects from the collection, billboard activations across Invermay and the Launceston Airport, print advertising awareness, digital advertising placements across Facebook and Instagram, radio awareness, state-wide distribution of the Summer/Autumn program, poster drops and more.

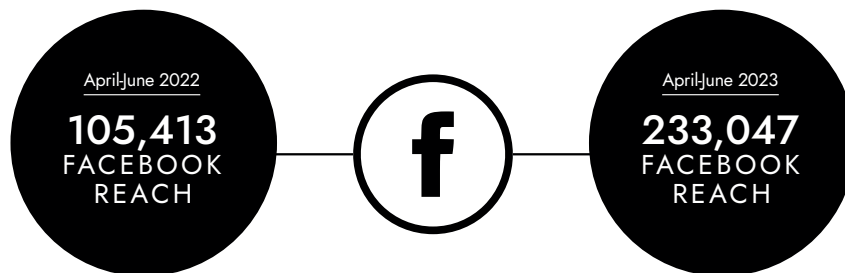
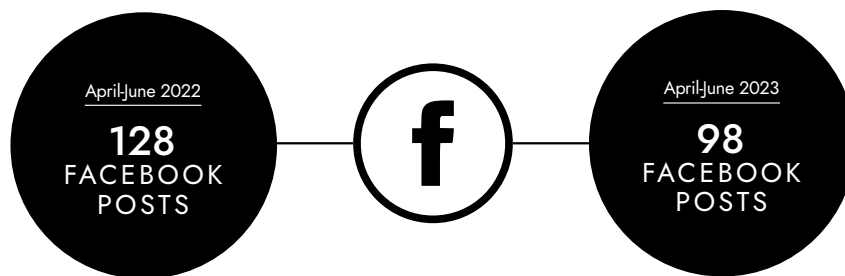
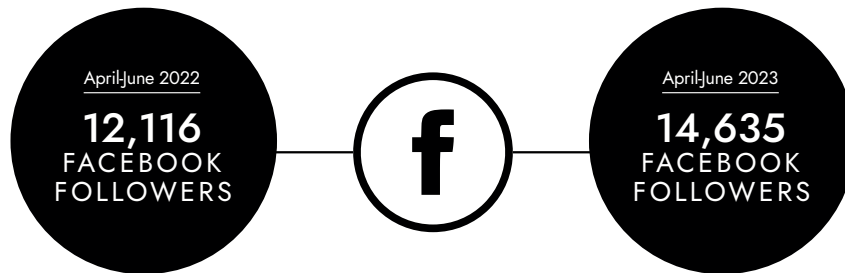
In addition to this, the QVMAG Shop and the Launceston Planetarium campaigns continued across digital and print activations for this period.

APRIL-JUNE 2022  
**6**  
MEDIA  
CALLS

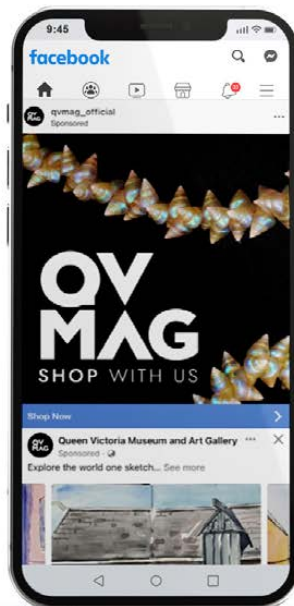


APRIL-JUNE 2023  
**14**  
MEDIA  
CALLS

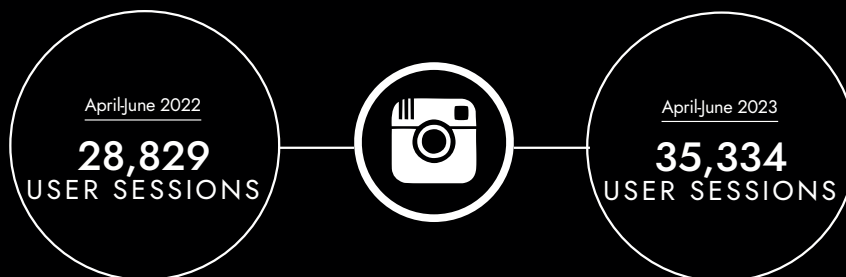
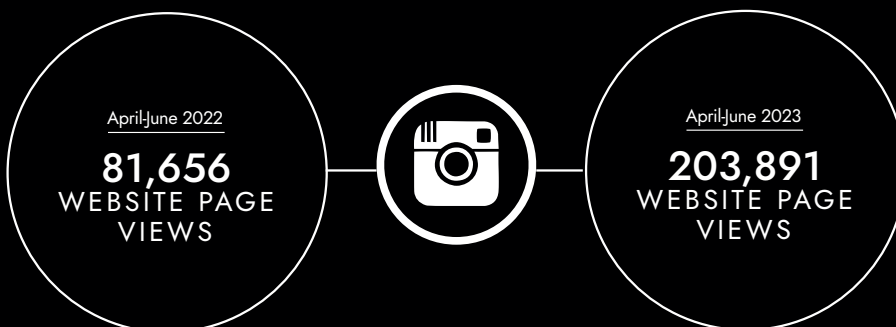
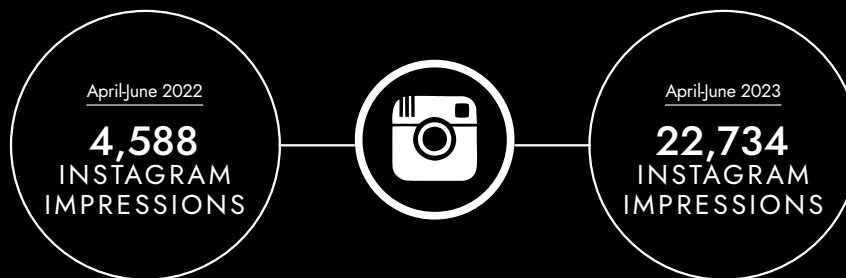
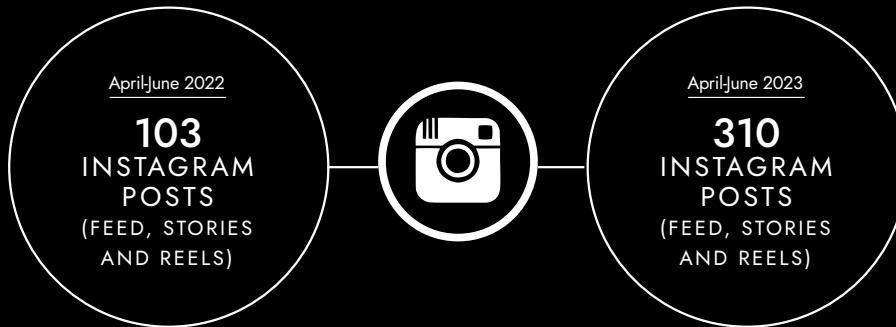
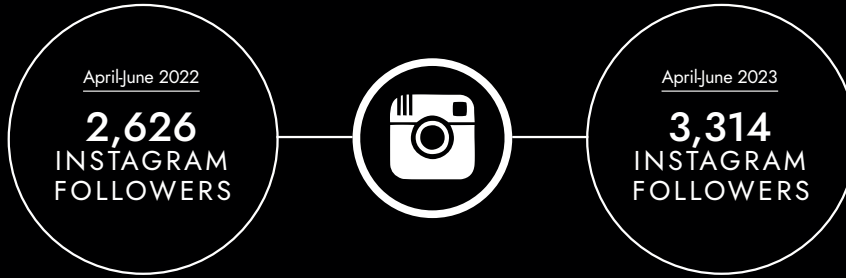




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FACEBOOK POST  
ENGAGEMENT













# CURATORIAL AND COLLECTIONS SUMMARY SNAPSHOT

## PUBLIC HISTORY



This quarter has been a productive one. Welcomed our new Assistant Curator of Public History to the team. A particular highlight of this quarter was the launch of the publication *HJ King: Cameras and Carburettors*, which accompanies the exhibition of the same name. This 160 page publication features 139 of HJ King's photographs, two essays, and considerable additional information to that provided in the exhibition. There have also been a series of public talks in the exhibition space, and the topic has featured in several radio interviews on both the ABC and City Park Radio.



In April, QVMAG hosted a visit by 109 members of the extended Chung Gon family as part of their family reunion. QVMAG staff provided a series of talks and tours about the contribution of the family to Launceston and the Launceston Chinese community and attended events associated with the reunion.

This period also saw considerable progress towards the collection of the turbines from the Duck Reach Power Station, and planning for the conservation and restoration of the Burrell and Aveling Porter steam engines.



History section staff have made great progress on improvements to the storage, location and identification of stored collection objects. In this quarter, 995 objects were re-housed, photographed and location coded. Work has begun on rehusing the museum's significant numismatics (coins and medals) collection, which includes identifying errors and missing information in the cataloguing of these items. Research and additional cataloguing on the John Watt Beattie collection, purchased by the museum in 1927, is now taking place to bring the standard of cataloguing of these important pieces up to current museological standards.

April/June 2023  
**100**  
OBJECTS  
ACCESSIONED

April/June 2023  
**3**  
FOUND IN  
COLLECTION  
RECORDS  
CREATED

April/June 2023  
**28**  
RESEARCH &  
COLLECTION  
ENQUIRIES

April/June 2023  
**11**  
COLLECTION  
OFFERS

April/June 2023  
**14**  
ACQUISITIONS



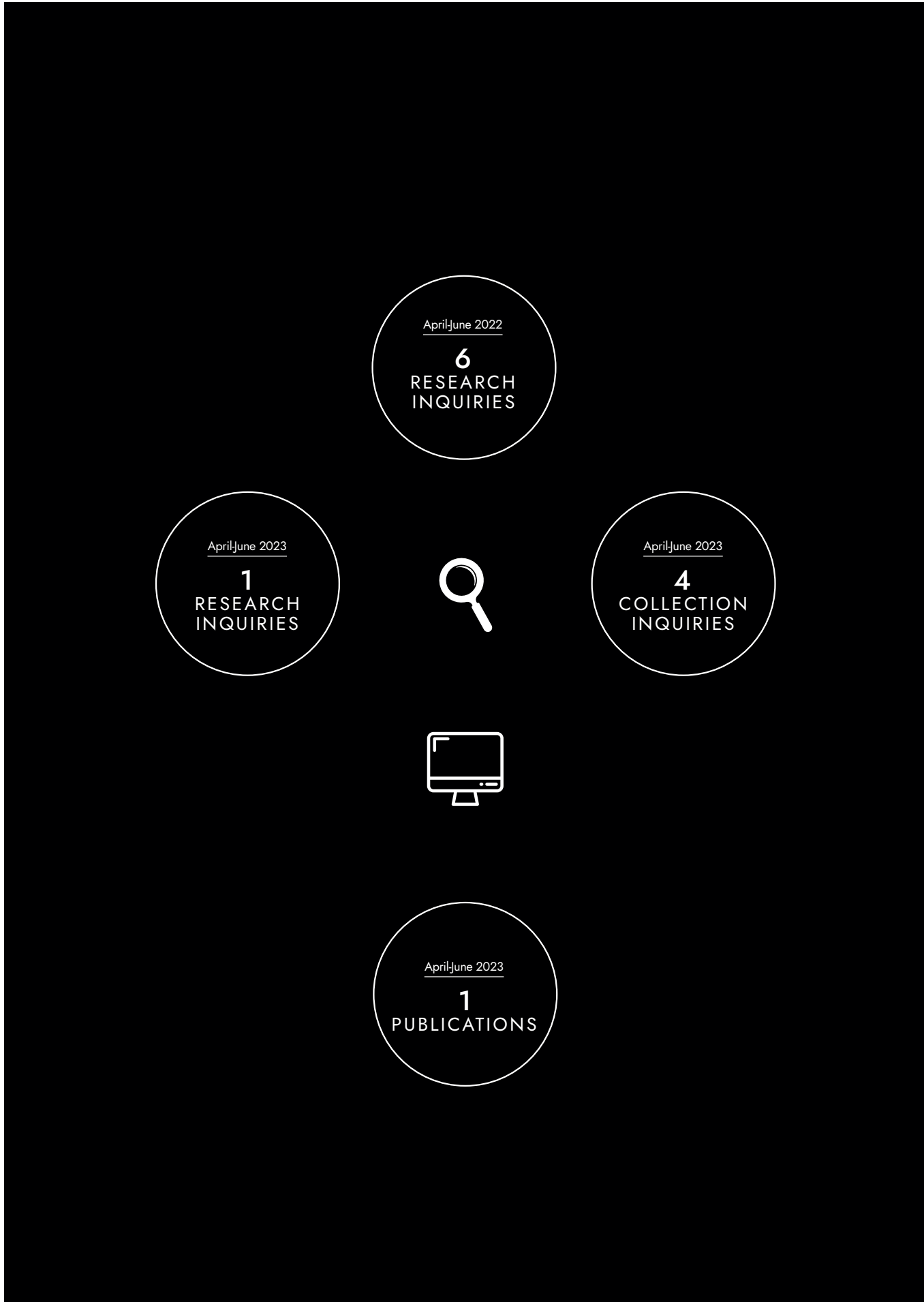


## NATURAL SCIENCES



Roger de Keyzer was the second taxonomist to visit the collection through funding from the Council Heads of Australian Faunal Collections (CHAFC). In June, Roger from the Australian Museum examined QVMAG's large, and mostly unnamed, collection of stag beetles in the *Lissotes* genus.

He was able to quickly and reliably name the hundreds of specimens within our collections, which will allow them to be registered in the QVMAG database and then uploaded to The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA). 1031 new registrations of insects were databased.





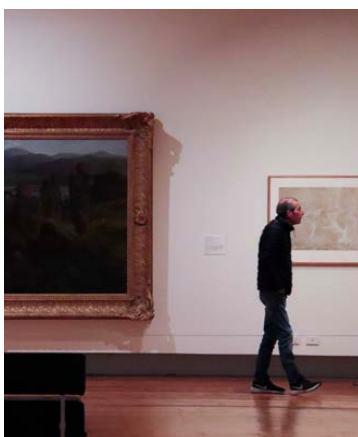
## VISUAL ART AND DESIGN



QVMAG had an exciting and active period between April and June, with the opening of a diverse range of exhibitions and programs that provided variety and broad engagement across the Gallery at Royal Park.

The successful *Jimmy Possum: an unbroken tradition* exhibition in Gallery One at Royal Park ran until May 28. *ArtRage 2022* closed in early April to make way for the first survey of artists David Marsden and Penny Mason. David and Penny are two well-known creative artists who have enjoyed over 50 years together in an art-making relationship that has enriched the art community of both Launceston and Tasmania.

In late June, the inaugural *RISE* exhibition opened as QVMAG's new biennial initiative in support of emerging and early-career artists.



Starting with the 2023 iteration, the show will support and nurture new artists from around the State. The ten artists who were afforded the opportunity to exhibit in this year's show were given a launch pad to potentially exciting careers.

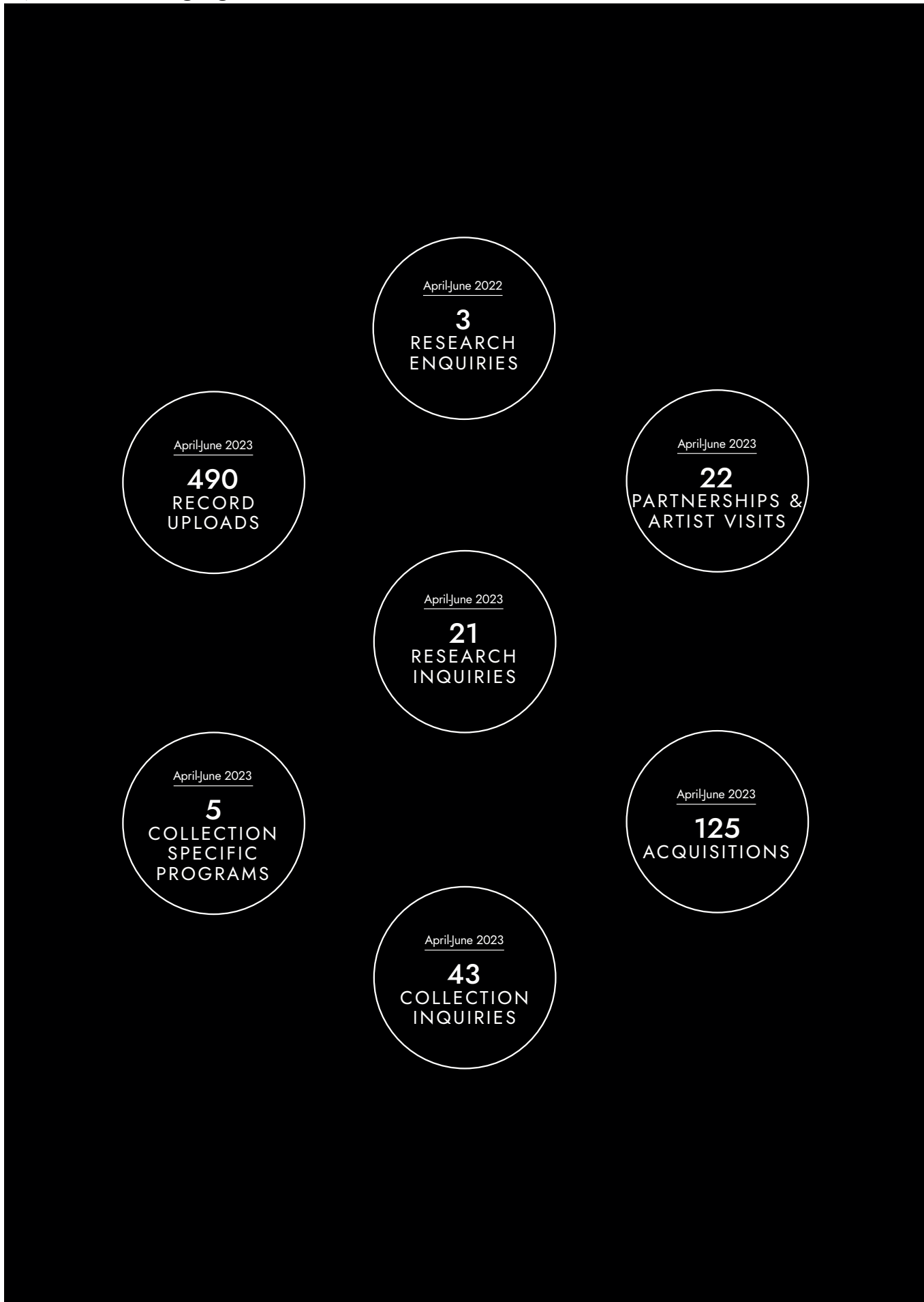
An intention of the *RISE* exhibition was for artists to create a work for the exhibition in response to the QVMAG collection. Stephanie Reynolds investigated the 19th century dress collection held at the Art Gallery. This became the inspiration for the paper garments she created. Painter Katie Barron was inspired by the Peters Ice Cream archive to create a new painting for the exhibition.

Gallery Seven at Royal Park hosted Lisa Garland's first solo exhibition at QVMAG, *Lisa Garland: Inner Sanctums*. It made way for the *Urban Sketchers* exhibition, which supported the thriving Launceston Urban Sketchers Group's display of wonderful and creative drawings of Launceston's buildings and landmarks.

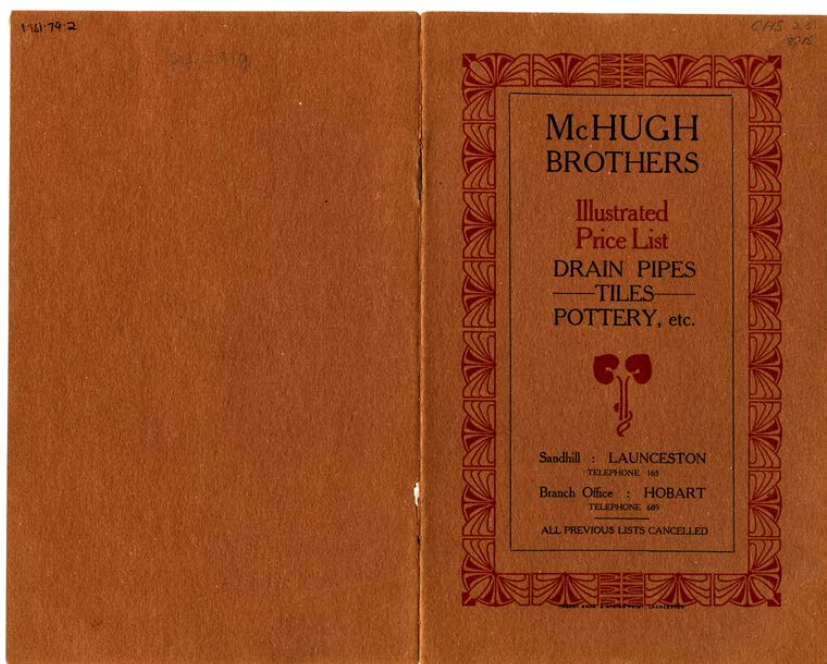


QVMAG's first new media commission, *Evolution*, opened in June. This work, created by digital artists Eddy Herringson and Laura Heath, is a bright and beautiful link to the natural world.

As part of work in support of the digital publication of *Bea Maddock: catalogue raisonné, volume two*, efforts were recommenced to complete documentation of works of Bea Maddock held by QVMAG. A complete set of digital copies of drawings by Bea Maddock were captured for the first time for addition to the Collections Management System database. The work of the Audit Team in uploading records of the Bea Maddock Collection was vital to this project running smoothly.



## LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES



Collection management work in Archives is now wholly centered on the audio visual collections, with work on the paper collections having wound up in the previous quarter. The tidying, organisation, registration and auditing of the Oral History collection resulted in 653 oral histories (comprising of interviews and lectures) being processed. It is estimated that about 90% of physical items of the Oral History collection have now been registered and audited. The 653 oral histories are held on 868 cassette tapes and 180 discs (CD-ROM and DVD). This work is critically important in preparing the way for the eventual digitisation of oral histories held on cassette tapes. Another important task, principally undertaken by volunteers, was the completion of the sorting,

organisation and filing of the many hundreds of transcriptions and summaries of oral histories. This allows for a significantly more efficient process for the handling of research and general enquiries concerning the content of interviews and lectures. An equally important ongoing stream of work on the Archives audio-visual collections is the organisation, registration and auditing of items from the Photographs Collection, with 1,403 items audited and 983 items registered. Volunteers continued to assist staff by boxing and storing many hundreds of photographs and glass plate negatives. For the first time, during this quarter, volunteers commenced assisting staff in the processing of the Archives registration backlog, starting with the Saward Collection of photograph negatives of social events, etc.

This trend will accelerate as retrospective work on the collections winds down and the focus of collection management turns wholly to processing registration backlogs. During the quarter, the Library's 2022-23 FY acquisitions of 81 new items (19 during the quarter) were approved by the Museum Governance Advisory Board on 22 June. The majority of these items came to the Library by way of donation. The History Centre recorded 29 bookings for researchers engaged in the use of both Library and Archives resources. Public enquiries received for the quarter via Asana numbered 52.

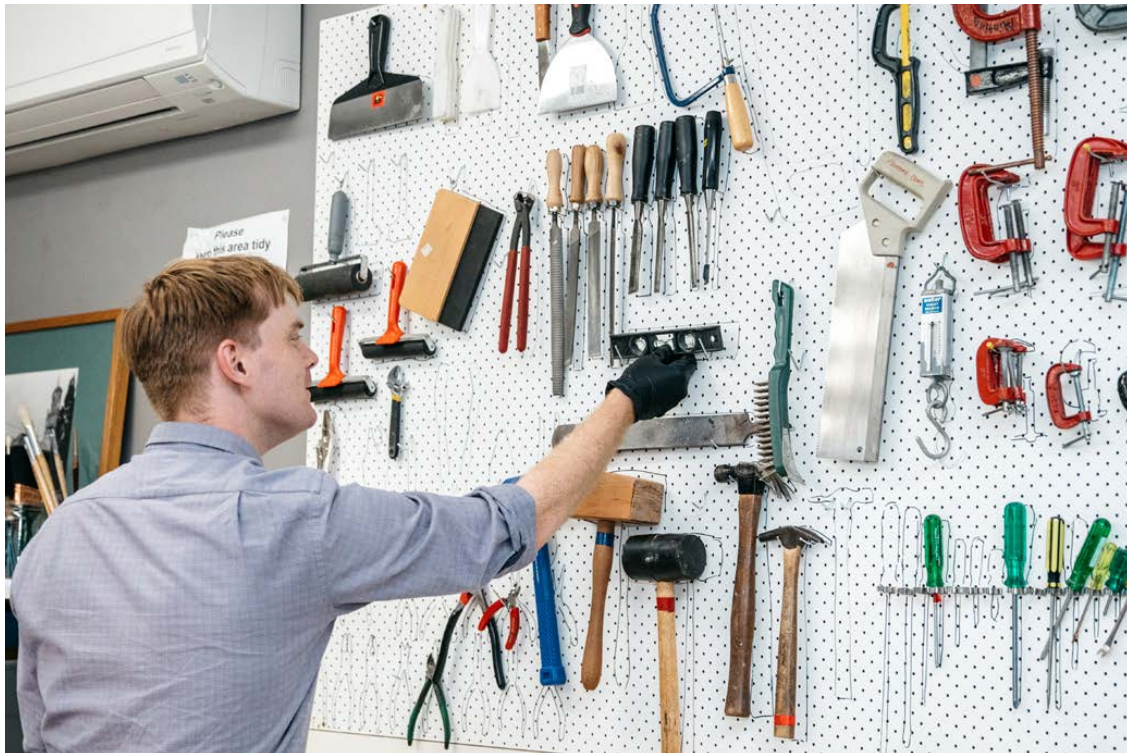


**COLLECTION STORY**

As part of her *Rural Launceston Heritage Study* (published in May 2000 and available via the QVMAG website), Margaret Tassell took over 1,400 colour slides. Auditing of this material began during the quarter. Margaret almost always recorded the Tasmag grid references of each shot and already there has been public feedback using those reference points to match 2023 Google map markers.

The Patons & Baldwins factory site will turn 100 years old later this year. The QVMAG Photographs Collection holds visual documentation from the 1990s that includes 100 views of the site. Access to this material will enhance contemporary reports and special anniversary event plans.

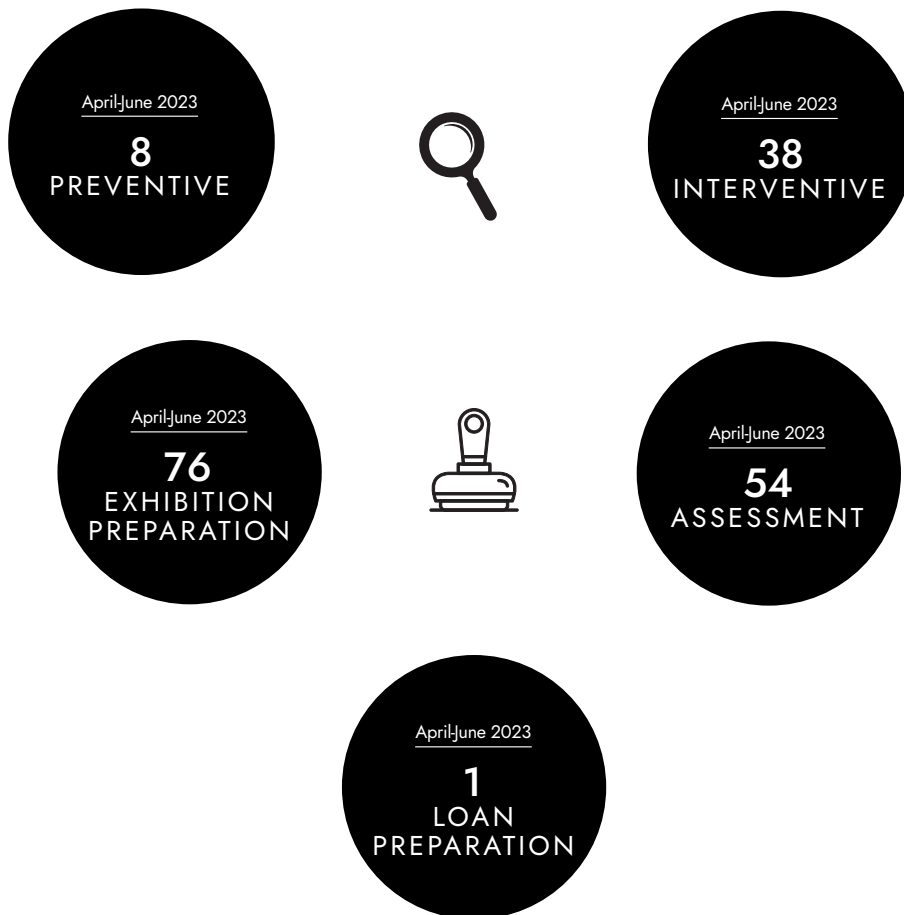
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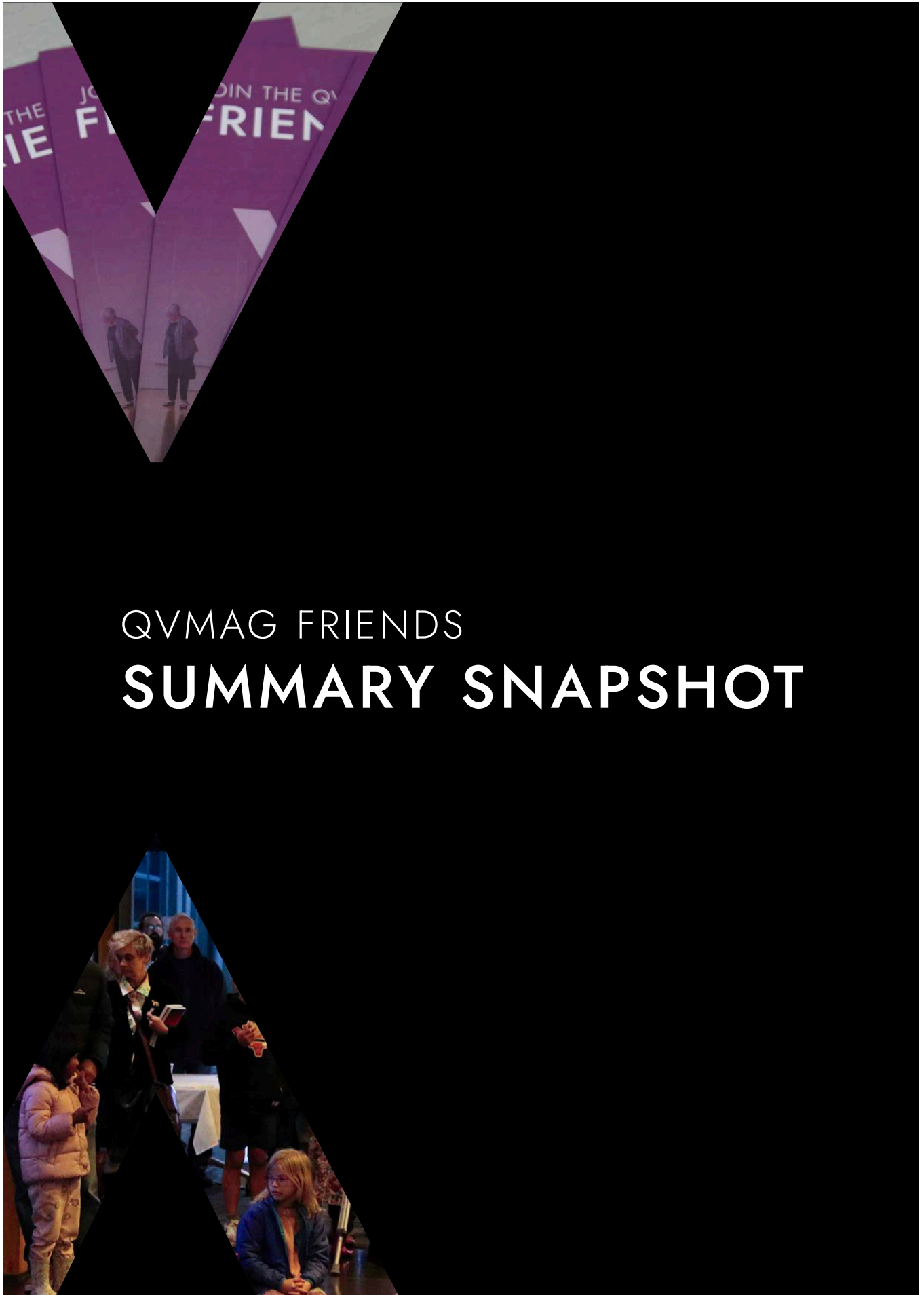


This quarter focused largely on condition reporting of incoming and outgoing loans, as we saw the closure of major exhibitions *Jimmy Possum: an Unbroken Tradition* and *Witness: Murray Fredericks* in May and the opening of *RISE* in June. May saw the commencement of our new Conservation and Registration Technician.

QVMAG also welcomed the news that treatments had been completed on thirty furniture works from the QVMAG collection sent away for remedial conservation. In June, minor treatments and custom rehousing projects were carried out on-site to improve the condition of taxidermy mounts from the QVMAG teaching collection jewellery works held within the QVMAG Collection.







# QVMAG FRIENDS SUMMARY SNAPSHOT



#### PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS

The QVMAG Friends continued to present its public event program at the Museum at Inveresk: *Our people their stories: oral histories of Northern Tasmania*.

Wednesday, 26 April: Danielle Blewett, journalist and General Manager, Profile and Engagement, St Giles, presented *What's Stella Got to Do with It* Attendance 42.

Wednesday, 26 May: Ivan James, former General Manager Repco Bearing Co and CEO ACL Group presented *Stories of a Boy from the Bush*. Attendance 36.

Wednesday, 28 June: Diana Butler Co-founder and CEO of Care for Africa Foundation After- Hours Manager Launceston General Hospital presented. *From Nursing in Launceston to Caring in Africa* Attendance 22.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

The QVMAG Friends has committed to developing a fundraising campaign in 2023/24 to address the urgent need to undertake the digitization of the Oral History collections recorded on tape before they deteriorate. This collection of recorded oral histories includes many hundreds of stories recorded in the Friends oral history talks since they began in 1990.

Members supported QVMAG to present a special family-focussed event on Saturday, 17 June to launch the touring exhibition *Australia in Space*. The President acted as MC for the event, members assisted the catering services and prepared and distributed free space themed badges to all the children attending.

#### GROWTH IN NEW MEMBERSHIPS

To ensure a strong voice to advocate for QVMAG, QVMAG Friends have been working to restore the growth of our membership which was severely affected by Covid-19. In response to the new programming at QVMAG and the extensive event program during the last quarter of the year there was a continuation of positive growth in membership. This culminated in a final figure of 78 new memberships involving 119 individuals for the 2022/23 FY compared with 39 new memberships in the previous year 2021/22.

At 30 June 2023, membership of the QVMAG Friends was 390 involving 576 individuals.



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## 15. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS NETWORK

### 15.1. Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 for endorsement.

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

Workshop - 13 April 2023 - Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council endorses the Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 (Doc Set ID 4935142), noting:

1. The Plan is an initiative of five northern Councils and is primarily a plan for council owned and managed facilities;
  2. The funding Councils are the responsible entity for considering the key recommendations of the plan in their respective council area; and
  3. The Sports Facility Plan will form part of Council's future sport and recreation infrastructure considerations.
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#### **REPORT:**

The Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 is an initiative of five northern Tasmania Councils (City of Launceston, George Town, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar Councils). The primary consideration is for council owned and managed facilities and focusses on sports nominated by the Councils. The plan was coordinated by Northern Tasmania Development Corporation and supported by a working group of Council Officers from the respective Councils. Ross Planning was engaged to develop the plan.

This Sports Facility Plan is the first phase in a long-term planning initiative of the five councils. The Plan focuses on sport and active recreation facilities to ensure that the long-term needs of the community are adequately catered for. The Plan is intended to complement national, state and regional plans and strategies, and feeds into local planning processes of the five councils. It has been developed through sport facility inspections, engagement with both internal and external stakeholders and detailed analysis.

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The next phase of the plan will require the Councils as the responsible entity for their respective area to consider the recommendations as part of each Council's future sport and recreation infrastructure planning. The Councils may also from time to time reconvene the working group to work on the more strategic items for regional outcomes.

The development of the Plan included significant community and key stakeholder engagement. This includes a survey that resulted in 1580 responses being received. While a number of responses were completed by residents living outside the study area, the vast majority came from the five LGA's. Almost half of the respondents were Launceston City Council residents. There was also a significant focus on direct engagement with sporting clubs, associations and peak sporting bodies. A draft report was circulated to key stakeholders for feedback which was then considered in the final report.

The Plan recognises that sport and an active recreation network is well provided for and in reasonable condition within the study area, however, in some areas, there is identified need for future investment upgrades. It also notes that there are key sports that are at capacity, which will only be exacerbated by future population growth and continued growth in these key sports. This plan addresses these needs by identifying the need for additional facilities and facility upgrades.

As mentioned, the Sports Facility Plan considers those sports operating from Council-owned (or managed) facilities, as these are the sports over which Council can have the most impact moving forward. It is acknowledged that there are a number of sports not covered by the Plan given the nature of the associated land tenure (private ownership). While schools and private facilities have been acknowledged where they provide a sport or recreation opportunity to the community, they are not part of the Plan's core analysis. Partnerships with schools and private facilities certainly form part of the Plan's recommendations.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

The Northern Sports Facility Plan included extensive consultation and feedback from the sports clubs and user groups that undertake activity at Council owned facilities. As part of this consultation clubs and users had the opportunity to express their thoughts and priority areas for improvement. Many of these have been included in the recommendation section of the report and identified from low to high priority. Some of the feedback from clubs and users did not make the list of recommendations. A risk implication of the report is that once the Plan is released, clubs and users may identify that their needs have not been identified or are not seen as a high priority, despite their own thoughts about prioritisation.

### **ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Sporting facilities play an important role in supporting happy, healthy, thriving, connected and engaged communities. While sport and active recreation can include a range of informal and formal activities, the Plan addresses planning and provision of formal sport and active recreation facilities to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 5: We serve and care for our community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

10-Year Goal: To offer access to services and spaces for all community members and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

Focus Areas:

1. To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognises the changing demographics and needs of our community.
2. To promote and support active and healthy lifestyles of our community.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 [**15.1.1** - 109 pages]



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## Executive summary

Sport and active recreation activities play a major role in contributing to the Northern Tasmanian community's strong sense of wellbeing. The sporting networks are not limited by Local Government Area (LGA) and operate across all five LGA's within the Study Area, as well as servicing the broader region. With the community also hosting major sporting events at many of the existing facilities, it is important that each of the five Local Governments can plan for the future through a consolidated plan.

Sporting facilities play an important role in supporting happy, healthy, thriving, connected and engaged communities.

While sport and active recreation can include a range of informal and formal activities, this Plan addresses planning and provision of formal sport and active recreation facilities.

Future directions have been informed by:

- assessment of current facility supply
- assessment of existing facility usage
- consideration of facility catchments and forecast population changes
- review of engagement outcomes
- analysis of trends
- analysis of demand, opportunities and constraints.

The Sports Facility Plan presents future directions underpinned by the following guiding principles:

- collaboration
- sustainable
- adaptable
- efficient
- diverse.

Overall, the sport and active recreation network is well provided for and in reasonable condition. There are key sports that are at capacity, only to be exasperated by future population growth as well as growth in the sport. The future directions identified aim to address this by identifying a number of additional facilities and undertaking facility upgrades.

Participation in sport and active recreation

In addition to the local survey data collected for the development of this Plan, national and state data can assist in building a picture of formal, club-based participation in sport and active recreation within Northern Tasmania.

Relevant to the Plan, the following table highlights sports that have a high participation rate at a national, state and local level. This information has been considered along with other key demand drivers and is discussed later in the report.

Table 01: National, state and local participation rates<sup>1</sup> and trends

Sport	Participation rate					National trend		State trend		Comments
	Aust Adults	Aust Children	Tas Adults	Tas Children	Study area*	Children	Adults	Children	Adults	
AFL	2.9%	8.4%	3.9%	10.6%	9.5%	Steady	Increasing	Fluctuating	Increasing	Consistently high participation by national and state children. High local participation
Athletics#	18.3%	5.1%	16%	2.7%	4.5%	Steady	Increasing#	Fluctuating	Increasing#	Adult participation is skewed by the inclusion of ParkRun. Strong local participation
Badminton	1.5%	0.3%	1.4%	0.0%	0.5%	Steady	Increasing	Negligible	Decreasing	Low participation sport
Baseball	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%	1.4%	0.4%	Steady	Steady	Decreasing	Negligible	Low participation sport
Basketball	4.6%	8.1%	5.8%	8.0%	13.7%	Steady	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing	Consistently high participation nationally and in the state. Higher local participation than the state and nation
BMX	0.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	Steady	Increasing	Negligible	Negligible	Low participation sport
Cricket	2.7%	4.8%	2.2%	7.3%	8.3%	Decreasing	Steady	Decreasing	Steady	Consistently high participation by national and state children. High local participation
Croquet	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	1.6%	Negligible	Increasing	Negligible	Steady	Low participation sport
Cycling	13.6%	1.5%	11.9%	0.0%	1.9%	Increasing	Increasing	Negligible	Steady	High participation by national and state adults. Lower local participation than state and national
Equestrian	1.2%	1.0%	0.7%	0.0%	1.9%	Increasing	Increasing	Negligible	Decreasing	Low participation sport
Football (Soccer)	5.8%	14.4%	3.5%	9.8%	8.7%	Steady	Increasing	Steady	Increasing	Consistently high participation nationally and in the state. High local participation
Gymnastics	0.5%	10.7%	0.0%	10.5%	1.0%	Increasing	Steady	Steady	Steady	Consistently high participation by national and state children. Low local participation
Hockey	0.9%	1.6%	1.7%	0.2%	6.5%	Decreasing	Steady	Fluctuating	Increasing	High local participation
Lawn Bowls	1.3%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.2%	Negligible	Increasing	Negligible	Decreasing	Low participation sport
Martial Arts	1.2%	1.1%	0.9%	3.6%	0.2%	Steady	Steady	Increasing	Steady	Low participation sport
Netball	3.1%	6.1%	2.3%	6.1%	24.0%	Decreasing	Steady	Decreasing	Fluctuating	Consistently high participation by national and state children. High local participation
Roller Derby	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.7%	Steady	Steady		Increasing	Low participation sport
Rugby Union	0.7%	2.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	Increasing	Steady	Negligible	Steady	Low participation sport
Sailing	0.9%	0.1%	1.8%	0.0%	1.4%	Steady	Steady	Negligible	Steady	Low participation sport
Softball	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	1.6%	Steady	Steady	Negligible	Increasing	Low participation sport
Squash	0.7%	0.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.1%	Negligible	Steady	Negligible	Increasing	Low participation sport
Swimming	16.4%	35.5%	16.4%	27.3%	5.6%	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing	Steady	High national and state participation. Lower local participation than state and national
Table Tennis	0.8%	0.3%	1.7%	0.0%	0.3%	Increasing	Increasing	Negligible	Increasing	Low participation sport
Tennis	5.7%	5.2%	3.3%	5.6%	2.6%	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing	Steady	High national and state participation. Lower local participation than state and national
Touch Football	1.5%	1.8%	0.7%	0.5%	1.0%	Steady	Steady	Steady	Decreasing	Low participation sport

# Athletics is athletics/running and is skewed by the inclusion of ParkRun for adults  
\*Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2022 Community Survey

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*Consistent with the National and State trends in participation, the Study Area shares a number of the high participation sports including AFL, Basketball, Cricket (children), Football (Soccer), Gymnastics (children), Netball (children), Swimming and Tennis. The differences for the Study Area are the high local participation in Hockey and the lower participation in Cycling.*

**Key priorities for the study area**

Based on detailed assessments undertaken throughout the development of the Plan, the following sports have been identified as high priority. Additional findings for the complete list of sports are outlined within section 6 of this Plan.

*Table O2: Priority sports identified by the Plan*

Sport	Justification	Strategic projects
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>high national and state participation</li> <li>higher local participation than national and state</li> <li>trending growth in the sport</li> <li>there is a lack of compliant, indoor multi-court facilities within the study area, with demand far outweighing existing provision</li> <li>current under-supply of approximately 12 indoor courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the concept plan for the Northern Suburbs Community Hub in Mowbray indicates the provision of indoor courts for use by basketball</li> <li>proposed UTAS Stadium will predominately cater for high performance use</li> <li>NTCA master plan may consider the need for additional indoor courts</li> <li>future duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre is recommended</li> <li>proposed UTAS Stadium will predominately cater for high performance use - ensure the needs of netball are included in the planning of this facility</li> <li>there is a need to identify a suitable location for the development of a future multi-court indoor facility to meet the growing needs of basketball</li> </ul>
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>highest female participation sport</li> <li>high national and state participation by children</li> <li>high local participation</li> <li>current under-supply of approximately 8 outdoor courts</li> <li>anticipated need for additional 14 outdoor courts by 2036</li> <li>there is a lack of compliant, indoor multi-court facilities within the study area, with demand far outweighing existing provision</li> <li>sport is at capacity and growth is restricted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the concept plan for the Northern Suburbs Community Hub in Mowbray is planning four dedicated indoor netball courts by mid 2025</li> <li>there is a need to identify a suitable location for the development of a future multi-court indoor facility to meet the growing needs of netball</li> <li>future duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre is recommended</li> <li>undertake court re-surfacing and expansion to meet run-off requirements at Northern Tasmania Netball Centre</li> <li>the future focus for netball is on the provision of indoor courts whilst maintaining the current outdoor provision</li> </ul>
Football (Soccer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>high national and state participation</li> <li>strong local participation</li> <li>trending growth in the sport</li> <li>current under-supply of approximately 7 fields</li> <li>anticipated need for 13 additional fields by 2036</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NTCA master plan may consider additional fields</li> <li>Football Federation Tasmania has identified a synthetic pitch as a key priority for Launceston</li> <li>new multi-field facility is required, to be potentially located at in the growth areas of Legana, St Leonards or Perth</li> </ul>
AFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>high national and state participation by children</li> <li>strong local participation</li> <li>trending growth in the sport</li> <li>a number of facilities are over-capacity with too many 'home' clubs</li> <li>current under-supply of approximately 4 ovals</li> <li>anticipated need for 9 additional ovals by 2036</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NTCA master plan may consider additional ovals</li> <li>two new multi-oval facilities are needed in key locations close to population centres</li> <li>Deloraine Recreation Ground re-development may provide opportunity for multi-oval facility</li> </ul>



## Overview

This Sports Facility Plan is the first phase in a long-term planning initiative of five councils within the Northern Tasmania Region: the City of Launceston, West Tamar Council, Meander Valley Council, Northern Midlands and George Town Council.

The Plan focuses on sport and active recreation facilities to ensure that the long-term needs of the community are adequately catered for. The Plan is intended to complement national, state and regional plans and strategies, and will feed into local planning processes of the five councils.

It has been developed through sport facility inspections, engagement with both internal and external stakeholders and detailed analysis.

### Vision

*Member Councils of the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation collectively provide sport infrastructure in a sustainable and equitable way, to support participation in a diverse range of active recreation pursuits, that contribute positively to the mental, emotional, and physical health and wellbeing of residents and visitors.*

### Guiding Principles

The guiding principles describe the over-arching intentions for the provision and management of sport and active recreation facilities for the Northern Tasmania Region.

#### Collaboration

*Councils within the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation are committed to working together to achieve shared outcomes for the Region.*

#### Sustainable

*Investment in sport infrastructure results in an improvement and positive impact on the economy, the community, and the environment.*

#### Adaptable

*Planning, design, and construction of sport facilities accommodates the potential for changes in demographic and participation trends and provides opportunities for innovation in response to changes.*

#### Efficient

*Investment of resources into sport infrastructure achieves the most benefit possible for the community.*

#### Diversity

*The diversity of our communities is valued, and unfair and inappropriate barriers to participation in active recreation are identified and removed.*

### Location

The Northern Tasmania Region is located in northern Tasmania and is bounded by the Tasman Sea in the north and east, the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council area, the Southern Midlands Council area and the Central Highlands Council area in the south, and the West Coast Council area, the Kentish Council area and the Latrobe Council area in the west.

The Sports Facility Plan, encompasses five local government areas: the City of Launceston, Meander Valley Council, Northern Midlands Council, George Town Council and West Tamar Council. These five local government areas encompasses 11,224 square kilometres.

The Region includes rural, rural-residential, urban and holiday areas. Major features include national parks, islands, conservation and nature reserves, heritage buildings and historic sites, lakes, hiking and mountain biking trails, ski fields, and diverse agricultural, processing and manufacturing facilities.

Half of the Region's estimated population of 136,687 reside in the City of Launceston, the major urban centre, with the remainder living in numerous townships, small villages and settlements. Industrial and maritime land use is located largely in George Town, around the Bell Bay Port. Rural land is used largely for agriculture, particularly dairy farming, sheep grazing and crop growing. Forestry, tourism, mining, viticulture and fishing are also important industries.



Figure 01: Northern Tasmania study area

**Population considerations**

The Northern Tasmania region included in this study has experienced steady population growth over the last decade to reach an estimated 136,687 residents in 2021. Much of this growth has occurred since 2016. Significant aging has been observed across this time, with the region having a median age over 42 years in 2021. Interestingly, the younger age cohort residing in Launceston (where the median age is 39 years) counterbalances the older populations across the other four LGA's. (George Town Council is particularly old – with a median age of 49 years).

Based on anticipated growth rates, the region population is expected to increase to more than 160,000 by 2036. It is projected that the trend for aging will continue, with the proportion of residents aged 65 and older expected to increase. There is potential for the Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and George Town councils to see decreases in the actual number of young people 0-24 years looking forward.

These changing demographics may mean there are likely to be fewer residents from the key age groups representing formal sport participants. Council, peak sporting bodies and local clubs should continue to plan carefully for sports facilities (with a focus on renewal and upgrading of existing facilities rather than necessarily looking to construct additional facilities and venues).

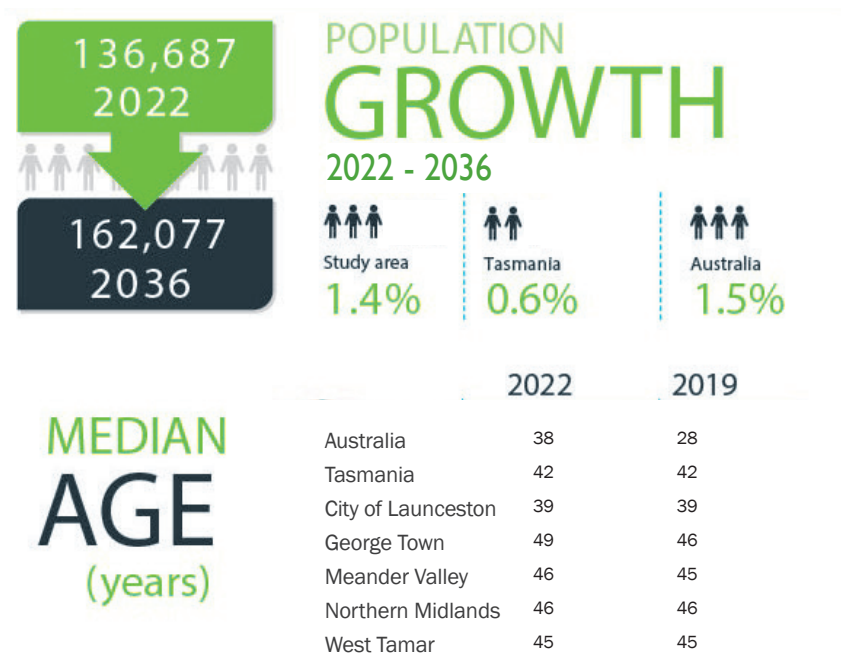
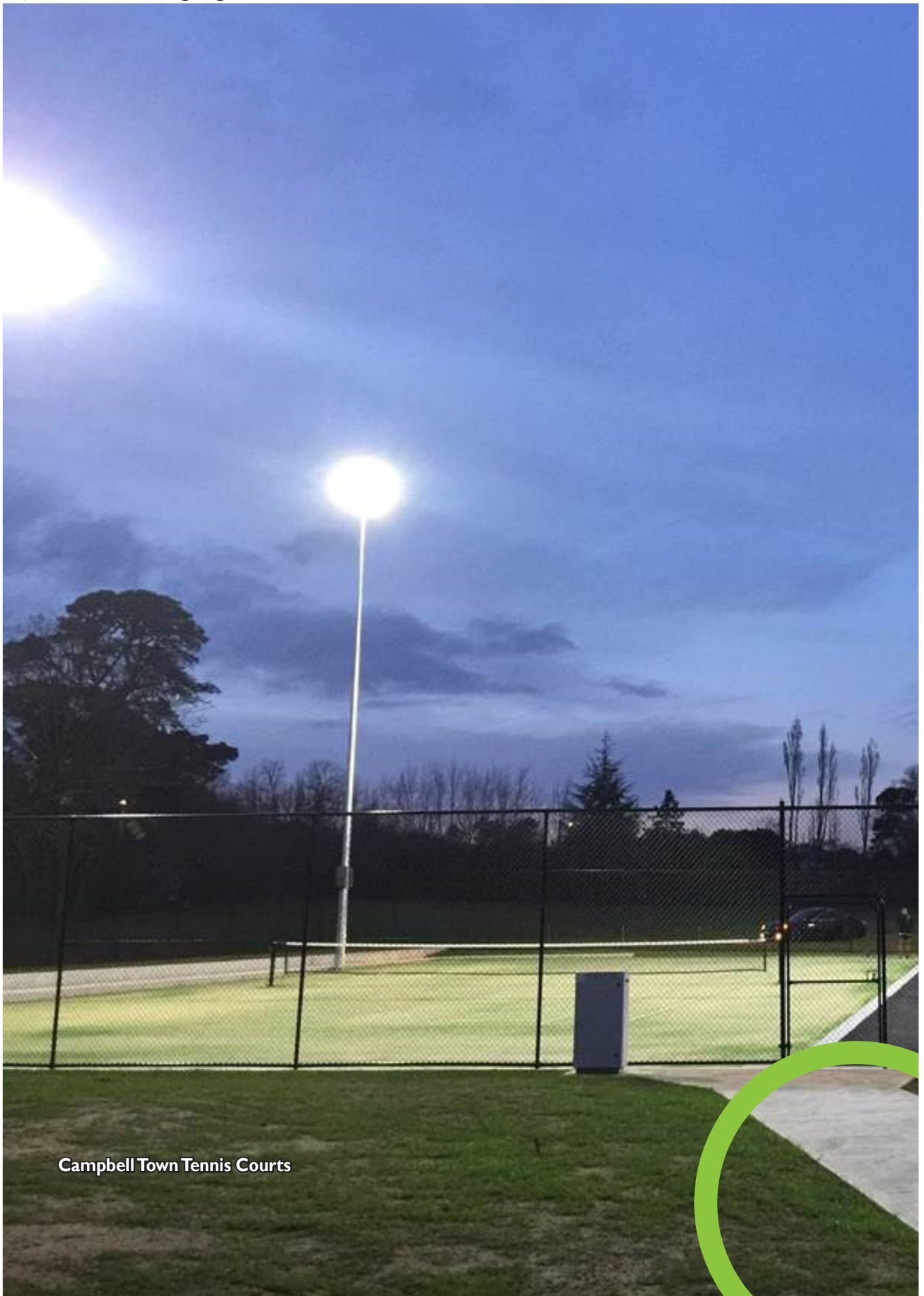


Fig 02: Population of the Study Area





Campbell Town Tennis Courts





## Background

### Purpose

The intent of the Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan is to provide an evidence-based approach to the strategic planning, development and management of sport and active recreation across the five local government areas of City of Launceston, George Town, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar.

### Use of the Sports Facility Plan

The Plan is to be used as a mechanism to prioritise future investment and development of sports facilities across the five local government areas. The Plan should be applied as part of each council's Integrated Planning Framework that includes the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.

### Project focus

The focus of the project is on indoor and outdoor sports facilities and grounds. The sports covered in the Plan are:

basketball	netball	volleyball	football (soccer)
gymnastics	cycling	futsal	cricket
badminton	equestrian	roller derby	tennis
martial arts	AFL	rugby	touch football
athletics	hockey	BMX	lawns bowls
croquet	rowing	table tennis	sailing
softball	baseball	swimming	

The Sports Facility Plan considers those sports operating from Council-owned or -managed facilities - as these are the sports over which Council can have the most impact moving forward. It is acknowledged that there are a number of sports not covered by the Facility Plan given the nature of the associated land tenure (private ownership). While schools and private facilities have been acknowledged where they provide a sport or recreation opportunity to the community, they are not part of the Plan's core analysis. Partnerships with schools and private facilities certainly form part of the Plan's recommendations. For ease of reference, the document has been presented in a sport-by-sport nature.

### Project inclusions and limitations

Population projections for the study area are currently being developed by REMPLAN and will be available later in 2023. For the purpose of developing this Plan, population projections have been developed using growth rates for each individual local government area.

Further, the Plan recognises that the development, management and delivery of high-level infrastructure will be a collaborative approach between the State Government, councils and strong forward-thinking local committees. While this document sets the framework for future infrastructure development it is imperative that local clubs and management committees are provided the tools required to ensure suitable facility management and planning. Ultimately, the successful promotion, use and upgrade of facilities will largely fall on these groups.

**Project process**

The project program spans across seven stages as depicted in the figure below.

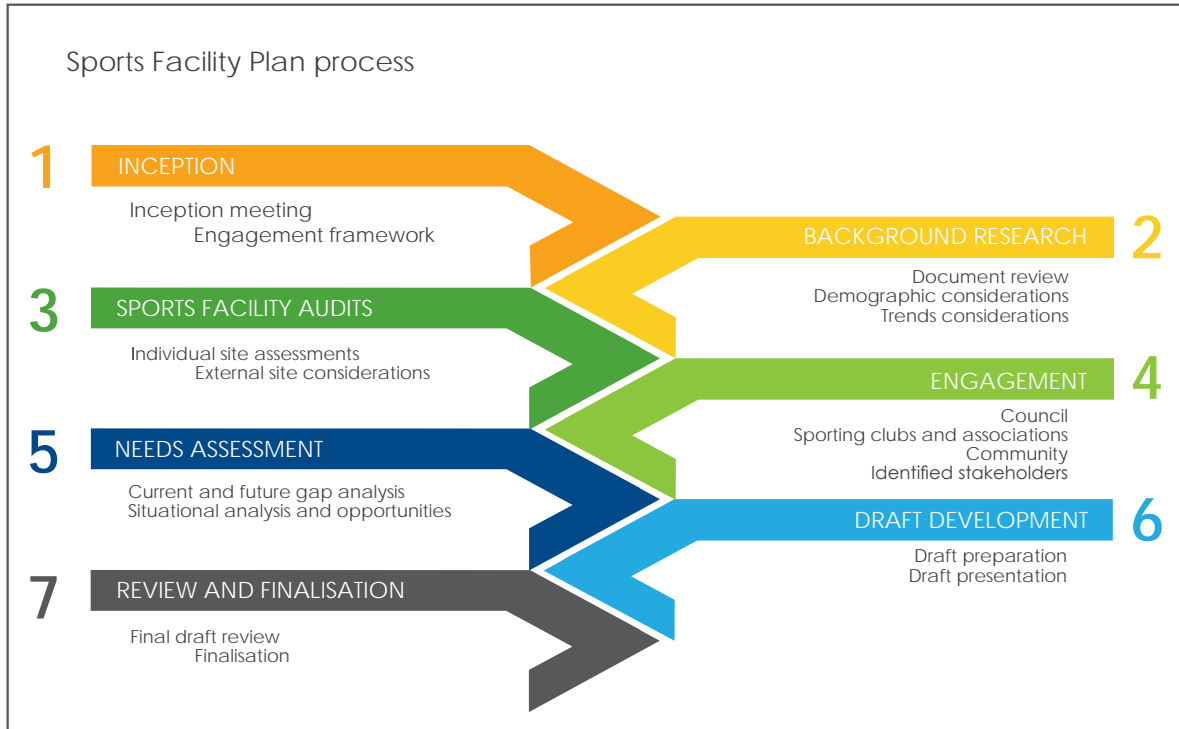


Fig 03: Sports Facility Plan Process



## Influences on public open space

Understanding the makeup, needs and physical activity characteristics of the local community, projected population change, trends in sport and recreation planning and the local legislative context are all important factors that influence sports facility usage, planning and design.

### Legislative context

Policies, plans and strategies reflect community aspirations and expectations representing an important context to sport and recreation planning. Therefore, the development of the Sports Facility Plan needs to fit within their framework.

A review of a number of relevant documents has been undertaken to ensure an understanding of the overall context for the Plan.

Documents considered include:

- Greater Launceston Plan
- Council's Community Strategic Plans
- Strategic Asset Management Plans
- Sport and Recreation Strategies.

### Greater Launceston Plan

The Greater Launceston Plan is a major strategic project to develop a unified and holistic approach to coordinate the long term planning and management of the City and broader greater urban area (LGA's of West Tamar, George Town, Northern Midlands and Meander Valley).

### Launceston City Deal and Annual Progress Reports

The Launceston City Deal represents a partnership between the Australian and Tasmanian governments and the City of Launceston. Its intent is to make Launceston Australia's most liveable and innovative regional city. The original Deal was signed in April 2017.

Relevant to the Sports Facility Plan, the fourth Annual Progress Report for the Launceston City Deal, is the progression of the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub. The hub is proposed to be a multi-purpose community facility providing up to three indoor sporting and recreation courts.

### City of Launceston Strategic Plan

Council's vision "Launceston, proud of its heritage, a vibrant and inclusive community that is creative and sustainable, inspired by its diverse opportunities and rich natural environment.

A City where people choose to live. Driven by the Greater Launceston Plan  
Direction: To enhance the liveability and amenity of Northern Tasmania.

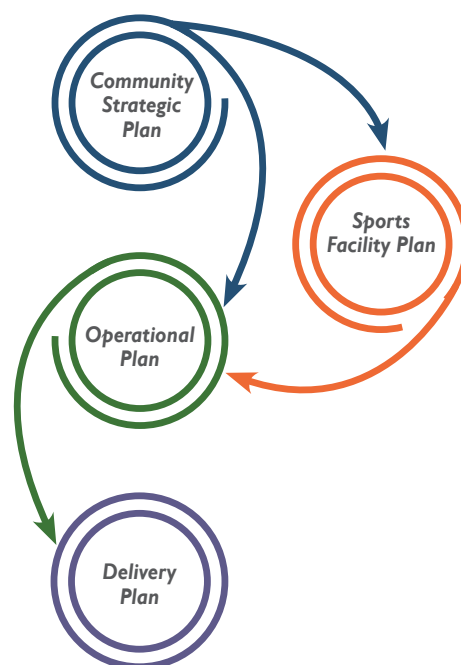


Fig 04: Legislative context

Key directions for the City of Launceston include:

- to continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston

A diverse and welcoming city. Key directions for the City of Launceston include:

- to plan services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics of our community.

### ***George Town Community Strategic Plan 2020***

Council's vision is 'Our communities are progressive, prosperous, proud!'

Relevant future directions:

- prosperity for all in all aspects of life - healthy, active communities
  - strategic priority: Knowing how to stay healthy and active and valuing good health outcomes. Eating well, active living, preventative health approaches
  - getting and staying active. Participation in recreation, arts and cultural activities
- progressive well-resources communities - sporting opportunities for all
  - growing participation in sporting activities
  - growing membership and leadership capabilities in sporting activities
  - engaging young people in the sporting activities of their choice.

### ***Meander Valley Community Strategic Plan 2014***

"The backdrop of the Great Western Tiers, the mix of urban lifestyle and rural countryside give Meander Valley its unique look and feel, offering livability and healthy lifestyle choices. A community working together growing for generations to come".

Future direction 4 - A healthy and safe community. Strategic outcomes:

- infrastructure, facilities and programs encourage increased participation in all forms of active and passive recreation.

### ***Northern Midlands Strategic Plan 2021-2027***

Northern Midlands is an enviable place to live, work and play. Connected communities enjoy safe, secure lives in beautiful historical towns and villages. Our clean, green agricultural products are globally valued. Local business and industry is strongly innovative and sustainable.

Relevant mission: People and Place

Core strategies - Caring, healthy, safe communities - awareness education and service

- all abilities sport and exercise facilities are available.

### ***West Tamar Council Community Plan 2018***

GOAL 4: West Tamar Council's Community Department will actively support and encourage the inclusion and participation of community from a diverse range of backgrounds.

4.2 Recreation:

- 4.2.1 Review and implement the West Tamar Recreation Plan
- 4.2.2 Continue to support the development of the Windsor Community Precinct
- 4.2.8 Continue to support the development of the Exeter Recreation Centre
- 4.2.10 Promote activities and resources that encourage participation in and use of recreational activities and facilities.

### Individual Council planning

Within the Study Area, each of the five Local Government's have undertaken planning at a local level. A summary of the relevant plans and strategies are outlined below.

#### City of Launceston

A number of strategic projects in the sport and active recreation realm are underway within the City of Launceston.

Council are currently undertaking a precinct master plan for the Northern Tasmania Cricket Association sports complex in order to improve the liveability of the community and wider region and improve facilities for all types of community sport.

The Tasmanian Government are undertaking an upgrade of UTAS Stadium to increase its capacity as well as building an adjoining 5000 seat indoor arena.

#### George Town

##### George Town Sport and Recreation Strategy

In 2021 George Town Council commissioned a Sport and Recreation Strategy for the local government area aimed at informing capital works priorities.

The top recreation and sport facilities used by survey-respondents in George Town included:

- walking tracks (26% of all respondents)
- beaches (25%)
- the George Town swimming pool (21%), and
- the George Town Sporting Complex (19%).

Many residents described a need to travel to fulfil their sport and recreation needs, usually to Launceston, which offers a much larger range of facilities that can cater to sport and recreation activities.

Community consultation found that many participants believed the playing surfaces at the George Town Sporting Complex (Blue Gum Park) were not up to standard, citing poor and uneven surfaces and ineffective drainage. Further, the tennis courts, cycling track and netball facilities were all cited as needing improvement, in addition to a lack of appropriate change rooms. A large contingent of respondents further cited issues with the facilities at the current swimming pool.

Relevant recommendations of the Strategy to this Plan include:

- support private providers or peak bodies/clubs to deliver opportunities for kayak and sailing
- in Hillwood, upgrade the local hardcourt with a multicourt for basketball, tennis and other recreational options
- in Low Head, provide netting around the rear of the cricket pitch to allow casual cricket training and to add a basketball ring to the tennis court, to provide additional activities
- upgrade existing outdoor sports courts across the municipality for "free-access" tennis and basketball and promote these.

##### George Town Sports Complex Master Plan

In conjunction with the Sport and Recreation Strategy, a master plan for the George Town Sports Complex was also undertaken in 2021.

Relevant recommendations of the Strategy to this Plan include:

- re-open the tennis courts for public use
- redevelop the tennis and netball courts to provide a good court base, surface and lights, adjacent to a shared support facility, as demand requires.
- remove the old cycling building and replace with a track side shelter commissaire's box, appropriate fencing and arrange for velodrome users to share toilet facilities in old soccer building.

##### George Town Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre Business Case

Council commissioned a business case for the upgrade of the George Town Aquatic Centre. Relevant to the Sports Facility Plan, the proposed aquatic centre will have fitness and community spaces and will provide the community with year-round swimming, therapy, fitness and allied health services.

The facility will be developed to add to the existing outdoor pool – as an integrated aquatic health and wellbeing centre. The re-development is proposed to have an indoor year-round 25m pool to complement the existing outdoor 25m pool.

### Meander Valley

Council have recently undertaken planning for a number of key sporting facilities and are seeing the facilities being constructed.

The Deloraine Squash Courts and Pump Track are currently under construction and will provide important community infrastructure.

The Deloraine Netball Courts have been recently constructed with the club already utilising this facility.

### Northern Midlands

Council has in recent years developed master plans for its six recreational grounds to gain a clear understanding of what the current user groups require for their sporting activities, and to identify solutions for the future that can be integrated and consolidated within the grounds and existing infrastructure.

Council is progressively implementing the master plans, utilising Council funding and assisted by grants secured from State and Federal Government funding programs, AFL Tasmania, Cricket Tasmania, Stronger Communities Fund and the Tasmanian Community Fund.

To date Council has:

- developed a new multi-function centre/clubrooms and meeting rooms with inclusive changerooms at the Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct, and two new tennis/multipurpose courts
- renovated and expanded the Cressy Recreation Ground clubrooms including constructing new inclusive changerooms. The cricket practice facility is currently being upgraded
- significantly upgraded the Cressy Swimming Pool Complex including renovation and modernisation of the kiosk and storage area, creation of a new entrance, construction of a raised shaded and sheltered deck, gel coating of the two pools and relining of the main pool
- renovated and expanded the Morven Park clubrooms including constructing inclusive changerooms and installing a new three bay cricket practice facility
- renovated and expanded the stadium and function rooms at the Longford Recreation Ground including the construction of new inclusive changerooms, and a grandstand makeover
- collaborated with Veterans Cricket Tasmania to develop turf wickets at the Ross Recreation Ground
- undertaken upgrades to the oval lighting at Campbell Town, Evandale, Longford and Perth
- installed electronic scoreboards at Campbell Town, Evandale, Longford and Perth
- redeveloped and expanded the Longford Community Sports Centre.

Perth's current recreation ground has a number of ageing sporting facilities, including the skatepark and an inadequate size oval. The ground is adjacent to the Perth Primary School that requires additional land for expansion to cater for growing student numbers. Council has developed a concept plan for the development of a green field site into a regional facility including a combined AFL and cricket oval, a multi-purpose community centre, new netball and tennis courts, an adventure playground and skatepark/pump track and possibly an aquatic centre and/or football field.

### West Tamar

#### West Tamar Recreation Plan

Council commissioned the West Tamar Recreation Plan in 2013 with a focus on the need for a strategic, planned and coordinated approach to the provision of sport and recreation. The Plan recognised the popularity of unstructured recreation activities.

Strategies of the Action Plan relevant to this Plan include:

- maintain a commitment to planning for facilities, open spaces and other recreational settings
- continue to adopt a planned approach to facility development where major infrastructure proposals are only supported if there is a clearly identified community need and a gap in provision
- ensure local development priorities are consistent with regional and state priorities and policies
- maintain, upgrade and develop sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure with a focus on increasing participation, encouraging shared use (where feasible), and providing access for all ages and abilities to a variety of activities
- ensure the provision of facilities, infrastructure and open spaces reflects participation trends in sport and recreation and responds to local demographic characteristics
- form strategic partnerships with state government agencies, state and regional sporting organisations and the community
- improve the management and programming of Council owned facilities to maximise the efficient use of existing infrastructure.

#### West Tamar Aquatic Facility Strategy

The Strategy identifies the Riverside Swim Centre is nearing the end of its useful life after conducting a detailed condition assessment. Relevant to this Plan is the re-development of the Riverside Swim Centre to cater for the aquatic needs of the West Tamar and surrounding communities into the future.



## National documents

### *Sport 2030 National Sport Plan*

The Australian Government has a clear vision for sport in Australia:

*‘to ensure we are the world’s most active and healthy nation, known for our integrity and sporting success’.*

The document highlights that fewer Australians are playing sport and engaging in physical activity, a trend needing to be reversed.

Informed by a comprehensive consultation process, Sport 2030 is Australia’s first national sport plan representing the Australian Government’s long-term commitment to seeing Australian sport thrive. Relevant to the Sports Facility Plan, the National Sports Plan has the following principle for action:

- sport and physical activity for all, for life: every Australian, at all stages of their life, can undertake the exercise they need and want in a safe, fun and inclusive way, whether it is through sport or other types of activity.

Sport Australia will have a primary focus on sport and the sports sector. However it will be able to use the reach and influence of the sport and physical activity sectors, local, state and federal government agencies, as well as the community and private sectors as partners, to drive awareness, inspiration and behaviour change. Sport Australia is also currently responsible for delivering the Sporting Schools Program for the Australian Government.



Morven Park, Evandale

## Tasmania

### *Tasmanian Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Strategy (Draft) 2022*

The Tasmanian Community Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Strategy - Draft outlines the Tasmanian Government's approach to ensuring infrastructure is developed to address community needs.

The Draft Strategy is based on previous and ongoing community consultations with stakeholders.

The purpose of the Strategy is to guide future investment decisions for community sport and active recreation infrastructure in Tasmania.

The strategy outlines key principles in which to inform future actions and investment decisions of the Tasmanian Government relative to community sport and active recreation infrastructure in Tasmania.

Relevant to the development of this Sports Facility Plan, the Strategy presents two objectives for community sport and active recreation infrastructure in Tasmania, being:

- infrastructure development is prioritised according to evidenced community need and sound investment criteria; and
- infrastructure is developed in collaboration with communities, user groups and facility providers.

The Strategy outlines infrastructure categorisation for community sport and active recreation, which have been adapted and used in the development of this Plan.

### *Tasmanian Sport and Active Recreation Strategy Discussion Paper 2021*

The Tasmanian Government is developing a strategy for sport and active recreation to ensure its initiatives and investments are guided by a long-term vision. The Tasmanian Sport and Active Recreation Strategy will provide a strategic framework for sport and active recreation in Tasmania over the next eight years (2022-2030).

The discussion paper has been written as an engagement tool to assist in the development of the ultimate Strategy. It outlines the vision for '*Tasmania to be the Place to Play*'.

The subsequent objective is to '*increase participation in sport and active recreation*'.

This objective is supported by a number of focus areas, of which the relevant areas are provided below;

1. enable increased participation for all
2. build stronger organisations
3. support pathways to high performance
4. provide access to infrastructure, facilities and spaces.

The Strategy once developed, will provide strategic directions to guide the focus of Tasmanian Government support and investments in sport and active recreation.



## Participation trends

Since 2015, Sport Australia has conducted a national sport and physical activity participation survey, Ausplay. The most recent results of the survey were released in October 2022. In 2011-12 and 2013-14, a similar survey, the Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation Survey was conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Between 2001-2010, the Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) was conducted by the Committee of Australia Sport and Recreation Officials (CASRO).

Overall, participation in physical activity has increased in the last two decades. More adults participate more frequently compared to 2001. Female participation (at least once a year) has remained on par with male participation throughout. However, more women have constantly participated more often.

Participation in sport-related activities has decreased, while non-sport physical activities have increased significantly (by more than 20 percent since 2001). Participation in recreation activities such as walking and fitness/gym have increased the most.

More children participate in organised (out-of-school) sport, than adults. The top activities children participate in changes as children age, with a focus on the life skill of swimming for infants and toddlers and running, fitness/gym, football (soccer) and walking being the dominant activities by the time children reach the ages between 15 and 24 years old.

National participation rates in organised sport have been declining for a number of years as participants move toward more social (drop-in drop-out) sport and informal recreation. It will be important for Council to monitor participation trends into the future to ensure resources are allocated appropriately to support a broad range of both recreation and sport activities.

### *On your bike*

Cycling has been reported as one of the top five sport and physical activities from results of all of the AusPlay surveys since 2015. Over 90% of participation in cycling is non-organised, with only 8% of cyclists participating in organised competitions.

Mountain bike riding has been steadily increasing in popularity over the last decade. Local Government's in Tasmania have recognised this trend and has worked with the local mountain bike community to develop, maintain and promote a range of mountain bike trails across the state. These trails have quickly become very popular with both locals and mountain bike 'tourists'.

The past decade has seen a steady increase in registered BMX club members at a national-level. Launceston is home to a high quality BMX facility - Launceston BMX Club that regularly hosts national-level events. BMX bikes are also popular for non-competition recreation and skate parks are popular locations for BMX bikes (as well as other wheeled recreation devices, such as scooters).

Pump tracks are also becoming one of the more popular recreation facilities for all ages, catering for mountain bike, BMX, pedal-less balance bikes, scooters and skateboard riders consisting of rollers and banked turns (berms).

The various forms of cycling and the growing popularity of all types of bike riding supports evidence of a shift away from structured sport to unstructured recreation. Cycling is also growing in popularity as an active transport method.

## Sports facility trend considerations

### *Facility design*

#### *Sport precinct provision*

There are acknowledged benefits of developing dedicated multi-use sports precincts (rather than single-field facilities). Large flexible-use sites provide opportunities for shared use of infrastructure and maintenance requirements and enhanced ability to attract funding given the range of users. There are a number of existing multi-use facilities throughout the study area (including Churchill Park, George Town Sports Complex, Prospect Vale Community Park, St Leonards and Windsor Community Precinct amongst others). These larger facilities allow for shared use of facilities such as playing fields, amenities and car parks and result in reduced resource demands.

#### *Lengthening seasons and field sharing*

There is a clear move toward sports providing 'year-round sport' through lengthening seasons and providing 'off-season' alternatives. This season lengthening impacts opportunities for recreation time choices and will place additional capacity and timing pressures on sporting facilities.

With many sports extending the lengths of pre-season and season fixtures, sharing of field space is becoming more difficult. While providers strive to maximise the use of community resources (and State Government espouses field sharing), the reality is that shared use of ancillary facilities (e.g. clubhouses, car parks) rather than fields is more likely.

Opportunities may exist in some cases for clubs to utilise suitable school facilities for pre-season training to reduce conflict where field sharing exists.

### Field and court quality

Facility providers face an increasing trend to develop sporting fields and courts to a higher standard in order to increase carrying capacity. Upgrades, such as lighting, field irrigation and turf varieties allow training and competition times to be extended and increases the ability of turf playing fields to cope with the resulting wear and tear. Further, to achieve ongoing field quality, fields need 'rest periods' (of up to four weeks) where necessary maintenance can be undertaken.

The replacement of turf fields with synthetic fields, however, can significantly increase carrying capacity by limiting maintenance-required field down time. A number of facility providers are moving toward the provision of synthetic fields (particularly for football (soccer) and hockey where internationally certified surfaces are available).

### Choice and challenge

#### Move towards indoor sport and recreation

Anecdotally, there is an emerging trend toward sport participation indoors (e.g. basketball, netball and fitness). Potentially, this move may be a result of a preference for activities in a controlled climate and/or greater mid-week opportunities (compared with outdoor activities and traditional Saturday or Sunday fixtures). Basketball and netball have enjoyed significant growth in recent years while many of the outdoor formal sports have noted steady or decreasing membership.

Relevant points in relation to indoor sport include:

- indoor sport is more convenient and reliable
- often, an indoor facility is the sports association ground. There are no home or away locations, making it easier for families as only the time of games may vary
- the game or activity is not influenced by weather
- the sporting season is consistent as there are no wet weather make-ups
- design standards allow for greater accessibility and comfort
- there are often seating areas, changing rooms, toilets and a canteen area
- easily accessible for parents with prams and for those with mobility issues.

More people are choosing to play sport for social reasons. Many indoor sporting facilities offer social leagues in netball, basketball, volleyball, cricket and roller derby. The combination of the convenience and reliability of indoor sport and the canteen/bar area of indoor sports centres, sporting codes are observing a significant increase in their indoor and social competitions.

### Diversification of sport

Road cycling, mountain biking and eco-tourism activities are all growing as non-traditional physical activities, while modified sports such as T20 cricket are burgeoning. Changes are placing additional pressure on councils with regard to playing field capacity, facility flexibility and the need to plan for additional demand.

### Busy lifestyles

Shift work, increases in part-time and casual employment and family commitments influence participation as:

- people do not have the time to commit as a regular participant or volunteer
- people seek facilities and participation opportunities with flexible hours.

If membership stagnation or decline continues to be a concern for the study area user groups, additional delivery models such as social fixtures or 'pay as you play' approaches should be considered.

### Equality

#### Female participation in 'traditionally male' sports

There is a current focus on the role of sport in promoting gender equality from all levels of government. This has seen significant resources put into marketing and promotion targeting female participants.

Those traditional sports reporting participation increases at State- and National-level largely have significant increases in female participation to thank (with many noting steady or decreasing participation by males).

Sports such as cricket, football (soccer), rugby league, AFL and rugby union have all seen increases in female participation due to targeted marketing and an enhanced presence in social and mainstream media (e.g. televised matches and greater print coverage).

These increases have the potential to result in demand for additional gender-neutral (female-friendly) change rooms and further playing and training spaces.

### Masters sport

There are indications that people may continue to engage in sport later into their old age<sup>1</sup>. The Australian Sports Commission highlights that organisations may need to provide a wider range of products tailored to meet the needs of older Australians.

The provision of opportunities for older participants will be particularly important in the study area, where the population is projected to age markedly. Fortunately, from a formal sports perspective, older participants generally require the same playing and ancillary facilities as younger participants.

<sup>1</sup> Australian Sports Commission, 2013

### Joint initiatives on education land

Opportunities for sport and recreation groups to access school facilities can help reduce the demand or need to duplicate certain sporting infrastructure and/or to cope with the requirements of an under-supplied sporting network. It may be opportune for each council to help assist community sport and recreation clubs to negotiate 'community use of school facilities' agreements, thus, decreasing or delaying the need to provide particular facilities.

However, it is important to note that community use of existing school sports facilities should generally be viewed as a short-term fix, rather than a longer term 'solution'. Changes in school (and department) policy and turnover in principals can greatly impact on the accessibility of school facilities for the community. Limitations with existing facilities exist where there are no toilet and change room facilities that clubs and the community can use external to the schools facilities after-hours.

Negotiation with the Department for Education around the joint funding and use of sports facilities where a new school is being planned has seen greater, long-term success. An example of this occurring locally is the Launceston Christian School which adjoins Windsor Park.

### Covid-19

The ability for Australians to be active in their communities has been interrupted since COVID-19 was first confirmed in Australia in late January 2020. In particular, the pandemic has had a significant impact on organised sport as these gatherings were put on hold to adhere to health advice.

As we continue to adapt to "COVID-normal", AusPlay data is starting to show more evidence of how the participation habits of Australians are changing.

Compared to 2019, the average number of activities per person has increased. And fewer Australians are relying solely on sporting clubs or organised venues for exercise – they are more likely to be adding in "COVID-safe" unstructured activities.

Physically-distanced or home-based activities are continuing to increase in popularity including:

- recreational walking
- bushwalking
- tennis
- pilates
- mountain biking
- canoeing and kayaking.

Participation in other activities that increased significantly in 2020<sup>2</sup> (running/jogging/athletics, cycling, swimming, yoga, golf and fishing (recreational)) levelled off in 2021. Participation in many other sports and activities has taken longer to increase.

Covid-19 has further highlighted the social and mental health benefits of exercise for Australians aged 15+;

- 37% were motivated by the social benefits of participating (up from 30% in 2019)
- 30% were motivated by the mental health benefits they gained (up from 21% in 2019).

Most participants in sport and physical activity are still motivated by physical health/fitness or fun/enjoyment but the importance of social (such as meeting up with friends) and mental health benefits continue to grow. In 2021 women were more motivated by mental health benefits (36%) than men (24%). Motivations for sport and physical activity for both males and females combined:

- physical health or fitness 83%
- fun/enjoyment 48%
- social reasons 37%
- psychological/mental health/therapy 30%.

Covid-19 has changed where Australians get active. The most marked change was in the use of public space for sport and physical activity among Australians aged 15+. This trend is apparent across all adult age groups and across all top 20 sports and physical activities but has been most strongly driven by increased participation in recreational and bush walking, running, football (soccer), tennis and swimming.

<sup>2</sup> Sport Australia AusPlay 2022

### *Management and tenure options*

Recent benchmarking clearly shows that a range of council maintenance and management models exist across Australia.

Within the study area the majority of user groups hire their facility from council, or have a lease with council. User groups contribute towards the cost of grounds and facilities provided by council so that ratepayers do not bear the full cost.

A range of fees and charges are used across Australia depending on council's position on sporting facilities being provided as a community service obligation. However, it is interesting to note that all councils researched have fees associated with the use of sporting facilities.

A number of councils have based fees on recovering a set percentage of councils' maintenance costs. These percentages range from 10% to 35%. The Australian Capital Territory has gone further by factoring in both maintenance and management costs into its recovery program.

It is most common for councils (or the government in the case of the Australian Capital Territory) to be responsible for field maintenance.

However, there are a small number of councils within Queensland where users are required to maintain sporting fields (particularly where leases apply).

In most instances, where buildings are leased, lessees are required to conduct all maintenance. Where leases are not in place, councils tend to conduct most maintenance with users responsible for interior maintenance and cleaning. It is difficult to summarise rates systems used. Rates vary from \$0 (rates fully subsidised) through to users' paying full rates. There are also vast differences in those rates and charges applicable to users (e.g. water rates, water consumption charges, sewerage charges, garbage collection charges, other statutory charges). In essence, council's position on sport and recreation provision as a community service obligation determines the level of applicable rates and charges.

Councils currently use a seasonal licence model and sporting groups indicate that they are generally content with this process. However, in order for clubs to establish a 'home' and to be encouraged to conduct forward-planning and development initiatives, it is recommended that councils consider adopting a tenure policy for sport that includes offering users a permit to occupy (licence) over playing fields and the ancillary facilities (such as clubhouse, changerooms and storage) associated with these fields. Potentially, a range of lengths of permit may be possible (up to five years with five year option). Leasing sports fields to users is not recommended unless the club is seeking single use and committing significant resources into the facilities.

Sporting groups only require use of playing fields at those times booked for use. Outside these times, council should be free to conduct maintenance or make the fields available for additional users and the general public.

User groups should be encouraged and rewarded for sharing facilities.

**Community survey outcomes**

In addition to understanding the views of formal sporting user groups and peak bodies, it was also important that the project reflected the needs of individual sports facility users. A community survey was circulated via the five LGA's through their normal social media channels.

Reflecting the importance of formal sport across the study area, 1580 responses were received. While a number of responses were completed by residents living outside the study area, the vast majority came from the five LGA's. Almost half of the respondents were Launceston City Council residents.

**Average driving distance**

The table below highlights the average driving distance for respondents to attend the sports facility they use most frequently. Not surprisingly, respondents from George Town Council and Northern Midlands Council travelled significantly farther than respondents from other LGAs, while Launceston City Council respondents travelled less than half the distance of respondents from any other LGA.

*Table 04: Average distance travelled by LGA*

Local Government Area	Average distance travelled
City of Launceston	7km
George Town	24km
Meander Valley	16km
Northern Midlands	22km
West Tamar	14km

It is interesting to note that many respondents identified required traveling distances of more than 50km. Examples include:

- 95km to access mountain bike trails
- 92km for netball
- 81km for gymnastics
- 74km for cricket
- 67km for swimming
- 65km for football.

While these results indicate that respondents are prepared to travel significant distances to attend their preferred sports, it is important to note that one of the key barriers highlighted by respondents was the limited range of facilities provided.

**Popular sports**

Respondents were asked to identify which sports they participated in within the Northern Tasmania region. Results have been described as a percentage of total respondents.

The top 8 results were:

- netball 25%
- basketball 14%
- AFL 9%
- cricket 9%
- soccer 9%
- hockey 7%
- swimming 6%
- athletics 4%.

It is important to note that almost half of all respondents played a sport that is traditionally played indoors (or there is a preference for the sport to be provided indoors where practical). Given the often-uncomfortable weather conditions prevalent in the Northern Tasmania during the winter months, this preference for indoor participation is not surprising.

The venue most readily visited reflect the popularity of sports. By far the most common responses were for the Northern Tasmania Netball Association 15% and Elphin Sports Centre 9%. Other venues frequently visited include Northern Tasmania Hockey Complex, Silverdome, Northern Tasmania Cricket Association and Churchill Park. Interestingly, all of these venues are located within Launceston.

**Participation barriers**

Clearly, understanding existing barriers to participation can assist to guide decision-making, direct planning initiatives and ultimately direct resources. Respondents were asked to identify whether they had experienced any barriers to formal sports participation within the region.

Unfortunately, more than 87% of respondents identified at least one barrier to participation. The most commonly reported barriers (in order) include:

1. they are poorly maintained/unclean
2. they are too crowded
3. there is a lack of toilets
4. there is a limited range of sporting fields/courts/facilities provided
5. there is no shade
6. weather (too hot, too cold).

These findings generally reflect those outcomes from the formal user groups surveys, interviews with peak bodies and facility audit and assessments.

**Participation barriers by Local Government Area**

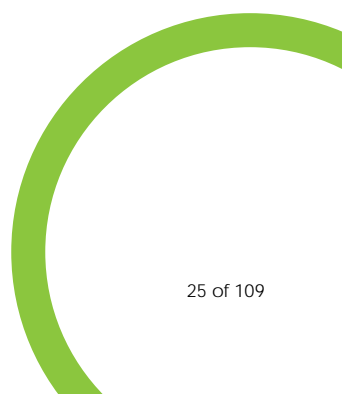
The following table provides the barriers reported by survey respondents for each of the LGA's. The top three barriers for each LGA is highlighted in orange in the table.

*Table 05: Barriers by Local Government Area*

Barrier	City of Launceston	George Town	Meander Valley	Northern Midlands	West Tamar
No, i have not experienced any barriers	7.9%	8.9%	11.6%	10.4%	6.5%
They are poorly maintained and/or unclean	14.2%	16.5%	14.8%	16.0%	17.6%
They are too crowded	11.3%	12.7%	9.7%	7.6%	10.5%
There is a lack of toilets	12.0%	13.9%	19.4%	10.4%	13.3%
There is a limited range of sporting fields/courts/facilities provided	15.2%	16.5%	15.5%	19.4%	17.4%
There is no shade	20.7%	15.2%	16.1%	13.9%	15.3%
Weather (too hot, too cold)	7.9%	5.1%	7.7%	9.7%	9.8%
I don't feel safe there	4.1%	1.3%	1.3%	2.1%	2.2%
The sport I want to play is not provided for	2.6%	3.8%	1.3%	4.2%	3.1%
They don't cater for my mobility needs	1.9%	3.8%	0.6%	3.5%	2.6%
There is a lack of variety/boring	0.9%	1.3%	1.0%	0.7%	0.9%
They don't appeal to me	1.3%	1.3%	0.6%	2.1%	0.9%
I just don't have the time	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%

There are three key barriers that were common across the 5 LGA's:

- they are poorly maintained and/or unclean
- there is no shade
- there is a limited range of sporting fields/courts/facilities provided.





### Quality ratings

Respondents were asked to rate the quality of a range of sport playing and associated facilities on a 1-5 scale (with 1 being poor and 5 being great). If 3 is considered a 'pass', a number of facility types were identified as below expectations:

<input type="checkbox"/> aquatic facilities	3.78
<input type="checkbox"/> sports field surfaces	3.51
<input type="checkbox"/> outdoor sports courts	3.13
<input type="checkbox"/> sports field lighting	3.06
<input type="checkbox"/> car parking	2.90
<input type="checkbox"/> pavilions / clubhouses	2.80
<input type="checkbox"/> public amenities	2.66
<input type="checkbox"/> indoor sports centres	2.49
<input type="checkbox"/> shaded areas	2.47.

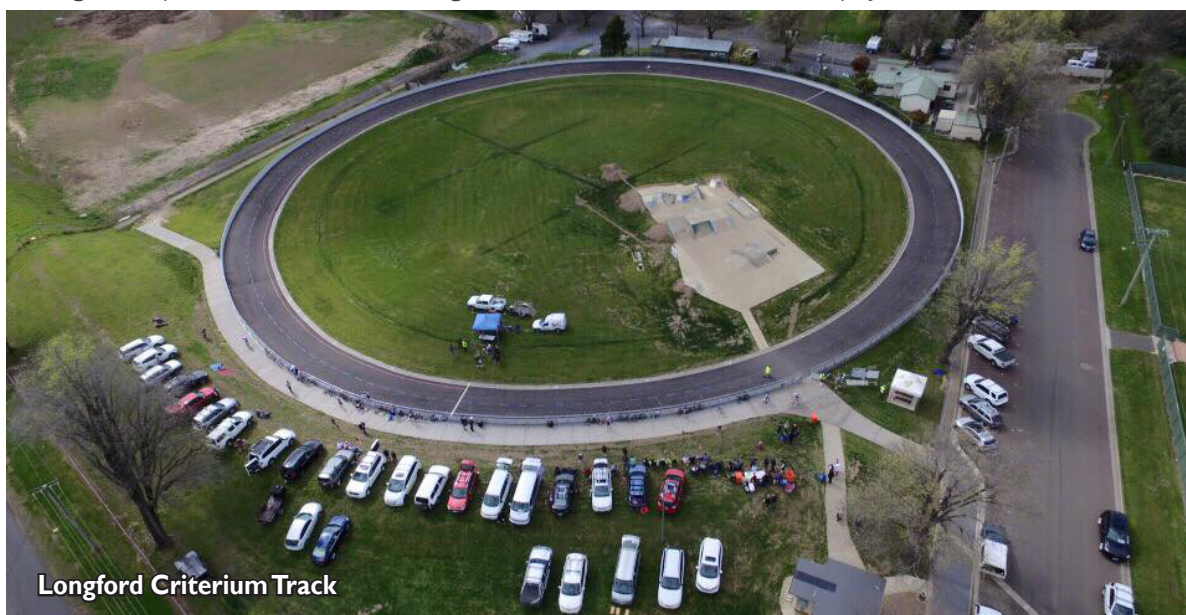
These results suggest that the outdoor playing facilities are at an 'acceptable' level (although only marginally) while the indoor playing facilities and the associated ancillary facilities are all in need of upgrade and further development.

### Top priorities

Respondents were given the opportunity to identify the sport priorities they would fund if they were in charge of a Council within Northern Tasmania. This was an open question that received a wide range of responses. However, there appear to be six key priorities that have been identified.

- additional indoor court sport facilities (particularly to cater for netball and basketball). This priority was identified almost ten times more than the second most common response
- active recreation facilities (including skate facilities, mountain bike opportunities, BMX facilities and pump tracks)
- quality equestrian facility within the region
- additional soccer facilities
- quality field lighting at existing outdoor facilities
- upgraded hockey facilities.

Here again, this prioritised actions reflect findings from other activities undertaken in the project.



### Sports club survey outcomes

In addition to understanding the views of the Northern Tasmania community, it was also important that the project reflected the needs of individual sports facility users. A sports club survey was circulated via the five LGAs through their social media channels as well as direct club contact where current club contact details were available.

Over 60 sports club surveys were returned across 16 sports. Responses were received by clubs from the following sports:

Tennis	Cricket	Roller Derby	Badminton
Squash	Table Tennis	Lawn Bowls	Croquet
AFL	Netball	Athletics	Soccer
Baseball	BMX	Equestrian	Taekwondo

### Club member travel time

Clubs were asked how far their members travelled to participate in their chosen sport at their regular facility. It is interesting to note the high proportion of members who travel between 20km and 50km. This figure is consistent with research that demonstrates people are willing to drive reasonable distances to the facility or sport of their choice.

Table 06: Club member travel time

3-5km	8.0%
5-10km	25.8%
10-20km	30.7%
20-50km	29.0%
Over 50km	6.5%

### Suitability of facilities

Clubs were asked to rate the suitability of their facilities against a number of categories as shown in the table below.

Table 07: Suitability of facilities

Suitability of	Suitable	Not suitable	Exceeds needs	Not applicable/ not answered
Number of fields/courts	58%	16%	0	26%
Condition of fields/courts	40%	15%	0	45%
Lighting	21%	23%	0	56%
Toilets	31%	24%	2%	43%
Change facilities	23%	31%	3%	43%
Gender facilities	31%	26%	3%	40%
Canteen facilities	29%	15%	2%	54%
Storage	27%	31%	0	42%
Site accessibility	55%	5%	0	40%
Car parking	47%	10%	3%	40%
Maintenance	39%	16%	0	45%
Shade and seating	23%	34%	2%	41%
Disabled access	27%	29%	3%	41%

The analysis of the sports club survey results and individual sporting club responses are included within the sport analysis section of this Plan.





## Understanding demand

### Quantifying demand

In order to understand the demand for future facilities, a number of mechanisms have been used. It is important to note that no one mechanism will be solely used to determine future demand for facilities.

#### 1. *Desired standards of service*

It is important to develop sports facilities that reflect the needs of the community. It is also important to have established desired standards of service (DSS) that direct facility planning, provision and embellishment. These standards are generally articulated as the preferred 'minimum' that Council strives to provide. DSS are generally categorised under broad measures:

- quantity of land for sports facilities
- access to sports facilities
- level of embellishment.

The access and quantity standards are, traditionally, the two primary measures used to assess and plan for sport facility land demands. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to apply these standards, as provision of formal sport is opportunistic - dependant on site-specific attributes (e.g. availability of suitable land) and local volunteers keen to lead formal sport.

#### 2. *Sport participation analysis*

In addition to the local club survey data collected for the development of this Plan, national and state data can assist in building a picture of participation in sport and active recreation within the northern Tasmania. This information is contained within the sports analysis section of the Plan, by individual sports.

#### 3. *Facility provision standards*

Building upon the DSS land approach described above, a sports facility provision ratio technique has also become more commonplace as a planning tool in recent years. A number of peak sport bodies and councils (particularly those based in metropolitan Victoria) have prepared benchmark guides for facility requirements for individual sports i.e. 1 Australian Football field per 5,000 residents). The following considerations are worthy of noting for this approach:

- opportunities to increase carrying capacity by provision of synthetic facilities (as opposed to natural turf)
- opportunities to increase available hours of usage through field lighting
- impacts of stand-alone year-round facilities compared with shared multi-use facilities
- field shape and changing preferences - it can be difficult to convert ovals into rectangular playing fields.

#### 4. *Access/distribution of facilities*

Assessment of catchment areas and appropriate travel time/distances to sporting facilities to ensure that the majority of residents have access to a sports facility within a reasonable distance from their place of residence.

#### 5. *Club engagement*

Engagement with local sporting clubs provides first hand information into their club membership and patterns of growth or decline, the condition and usage of their facility, as well as any required upgrades or improvements. This information is contained within the sports analysis section of the Plan, by individual sports.

From the models, it is also possible to determine land supply by looking at sharing of facilities across summer/winter sports. It should be noted that sharing between traditional winter and summer sports is not possible in all instances. Examples where this does not or cannot occur are:

- where the field use (surface quality) is nearing capacity and it is not possible to offer sport on the same surface across the year, or where field maintenance mechanisms require prolonged periods of downtime
- where artificial surfaces are used that are not suitable for the off-season sport use
- in areas where participation data is higher for winter sports than summer sports, therefore greater land demand is likely
- where the sport season (length) prohibits sharing
- average field condition standards used, this can be greatly influenced by:
  - field management regime employed and associated factors (such as quality of irrigation system, access to water etc.)
  - field use
  - climate
- field capacity rates being based on what are considered industry standards, and, as such it is assumed that fields meet these standards before additional facilities are required. This is also greatly influenced by acceptable travel times.

**Desired standards of service**

The Tasmanian Community Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Strategy (Draft) proposes an infrastructure categorisation for sports facilities. This has been used in this Plan and adapted to include district level facilities, in order to better represent the existing facilities within the study area. The categorisation assists to plan and develop appropriate sports infrastructure and promote appropriate use of sports facilities. The sports facility hierarchy has been established for application to the network. The hierarchy identifies the size and scale of the facility and the embellishments required to provide sports opportunities.

Various sports facility types possess different values, functions and settings. Compatible and incompatible uses of sports facilities can result in impacts, changing their nature over time.

Assessment and allocation of sports facilities within a tiered hierarchy provides a useful framework for Council to manage the level and variety of embellishments in a particular facility level. The hierarchy also assists users expectations as they can select to attend facilities that provide the sporting experience and opportunities they are seeking.

This model covers traditional sports only and will not provide for a number of sport and recreation pursuits contained within this Plan such as BMX, croquet, sailing and martial arts.





*Table 08: Sports facility hierarchy*

<i>Sport classification and hierarchy</i>	<i>Usage type</i>
Major arenas	Of national significance - able to host international sporting events
State facilities	Of state significance - able to host state sporting events
Regional facilities	Of regional significance – able to cater for regional sporting competitions and events
District facilities	Of district significance – able to cater for district sporting competitions and events
Local facilities	Catering for local–level sporting competition and events
Active recreation	Primary purpose supports active recreation rather than competition or organised events

*Table 09: Desired standards of service*

<i>Sport classification and hierarchy</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Accessibility</i>	<i>Provision rate</i>
Major arenas	These facilities are often site dependent and very specialised in nature. They are opportunistic in their provision and as such can not be given a typical size, accessibility or provision rate. Refer to the Tasmanian Community , Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Strategy (Draft) for their listed quality standards and supporting infrastructure.		
State facilities			
Regional sport	20ha (15ha minimum of usable space for sports-related development)	90% of population within 20km	0.7ha/1,000 people
District sport	6ha +	90% of population within 5km	0.5ha/1,000 people
Local sport	Minimum of 3ha	2km	0.4ha/1,000 people
Active recreation	The provision of active recreation opportunities are opportunistic in nature		

Table 10: Sports facility hierarchy

Hierarchy	Description	Example
Major arenas and state level facilities	Large well-maintained sports facility likely to include multiple fields and courts. Is home to a range of user groups and has the capacity to host carnivals.	York Park Northern Athletics Centre
<p><i>York Park</i></p> 		<p><i>Northern Athletics Centre</i></p> 
Regional level facility	They have formally maintained sports field/ovals and/or courts for a mixture of winter and/or summer sports. The fields/ovals and courts comply and are maintained to State regulations for the sport codes using the grounds. Regional or higher level sports grounds generally include spectator seating, canteen buildings and multiple amenities buildings catering for the range of sports at the ground. Car parking will be extensive and the facility will be suitable to attract competition at a district, regional or (possibly) state level.	Windsor Community Precinct Prospect Vale Community Park Northern Tasmania Cricket Association (NTCA) Ground
<p><i>Windsor Community Precinct</i></p> 		<p><i>Prospect Vale Community Park</i></p> 

<i>Hierarchy</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Example</i>
District level facilities	District level sports facilities have formal to maintained sports ovals/fields for a mixture of winter and/or summer sports. The facilities would be of a good standard but may not have the required playing surface or ancillary infrastructure of a higher level facility nor comply with state regulations for the sport.	Bridgenorth Recreation Ground Bracknell Recreation Ground
<i>Bridgenorth Recreation Ground</i>		<i>Bracknell Recreation Ground</i>
		
Local level facilities	Sports facilities that cater for local-level sporting competition. Typically a single field/oval or a small number of courts. Limited ancillary facilities are provided.	Deloraine Netball Legana Recreation Ground
<i>Deloraine Netball</i>		<i>Legana Recreation Ground</i>
		
Active recreation facility	While these facilities are not considered sports facilities as such, they are generally facilities that support formal sporting activities.	George Town Pump Track Riverbend Park Basketball
<i>George Town Pump Track</i>		<i>Riverbend Park Basketball</i>
		





Carrick Memorial Park



### Facility provision standards

This model utilises generally accepted provision standards. These standards are based on likely demand for a playing area (field, oval or court) per population (e.g. 1 AFL field per 6,000 persons). These figures have been derived from a number of sources and the results are summarised in the table below. Provision standards aren't applicable or available for all sports included within the scope of the project.

Table 11: Facility provision standards

Sport	Current supply (across the 5 LGAs)	Standard ( 1 facility per x population)	Facilities required for population				Gap analysis - current population
			2022	2026	2031	2036	
AFL	23 Ovals	1:5,000	27 Ovals	29 Ovals	31 Ovals	32 Ovals	Current under-supply
Athletics	5 Facilities	1:75,000	2 Facilities	2 Facilities	2 Facilities	2 Facilities	Current supply suitable
Baseball	2 Diamonds	1:50,000	3 Diamonds	3 Diamonds	3 Diamonds	3 Diamonds	Current under-supply
Basketball	5 Courts*	1:8,000	17 Courts	18 Courts	19 Courts	20 Courts	Current under-supply
Cricket	35 Ovals	1:4,000	34 Ovals	36 Ovals	38 Ovals	41 Ovals	Current supply ok Future shortfall from 2026
Soccer	20 Fields	1:5,000	27 Fields	29 Fields	31 Fields	33 Fields	Current under-supply
Hockey	2 Fields	1:80,000	2 Fields	2 Fields	2 Fields	2 Fields	Current supply suitable
Lawn Bowls	32 Greens	1:15,000	9 Greens	10 Greens	10 Greens	11 Greens	Current over-supply
Netball (outdoor)^	19 Courts	1:5,000	27 Courts	29 Courts	31 Courts	33 Courts	Current under-supply
Rugby Union	1 Field	1:82,000	2 Fields	2 Fields	3 Fields	3 Fields	Current under-supply
Softball	2 Diamonds	1:37,500	4 Diamonds	4 Diamonds	4 Diamonds	5 Diamonds	Current under-supply
Tennis	63 Courts	1:2,500	55 Courts	57 Courts	61 Courts	65 Courts	Current over-supply
Swimming 25m	8	1:30-50,000	2.7-4.5 pools	2.9-4.8 pools	3-5 pools	3.2 - 5.4 pools	Current over-supply
Swimming 50m	1	1:100,000	1.3 pools	1.4 pools	1.5 pools	1.6 pools	Current supply ok Future shortfall

\*Does not include the Silverdome due to inconsistent availability and focus on high performance sports and events

^No benchmarks for indoor netball court provisions currently exist

Table 11 purely shows the analysis of supply for each sport based on the standard per population. The need for additional facilities is considered in detail (with all contributing factors considered such as club membership numbers) in the individual sports analysis starting on page 44 of this Plan.

The source of the above provision standards are outlined in the table below.

Table 12: Provision standard source

Sport	Source
AFL	AFL Tasmania Statewide Facility Strategy 2021-2030
Athletics	City of Casey Leisure Facilities Development Plan Policy (Victoria)
Baseball	City of Casey Leisure Facilities Development Plan Policy (Victoria)
Basketball	City of Casey Leisure Facilities Development Plan Policy (Victoria)
Cricket	As there are no exact provision rate provided by Cricket Australia or Cricket Tas, a generally accepted provision rate for cricket ovals is 1 per 4,000 people (based on similar studies undertaken for Queensland, Victoria and New South Wales local governments)
Soccer	NSW Government of Planning Development Contributions Guideline 2009
Hockey	Hockey SA Statewide Facilities Strategy
Lawn Bowls	Bowls SA and Bowls Australia
Netball	NSW Government of Planning Development Contributions Guideline 2009
Rugby Union	City of Casey Leisure Facilities Development Plan Policy (Victoria)
Softball	City of Casey Leisure Facilities Development Plan Policy (Victoria)
Tennis	Tennis Victoria

The standard provision rates for each sport were sought in the first instance from each respective Tasmanian governing body. Applicable provision standards have been adapted from other sources where the Tasmanian governing body could not provide (the majority).



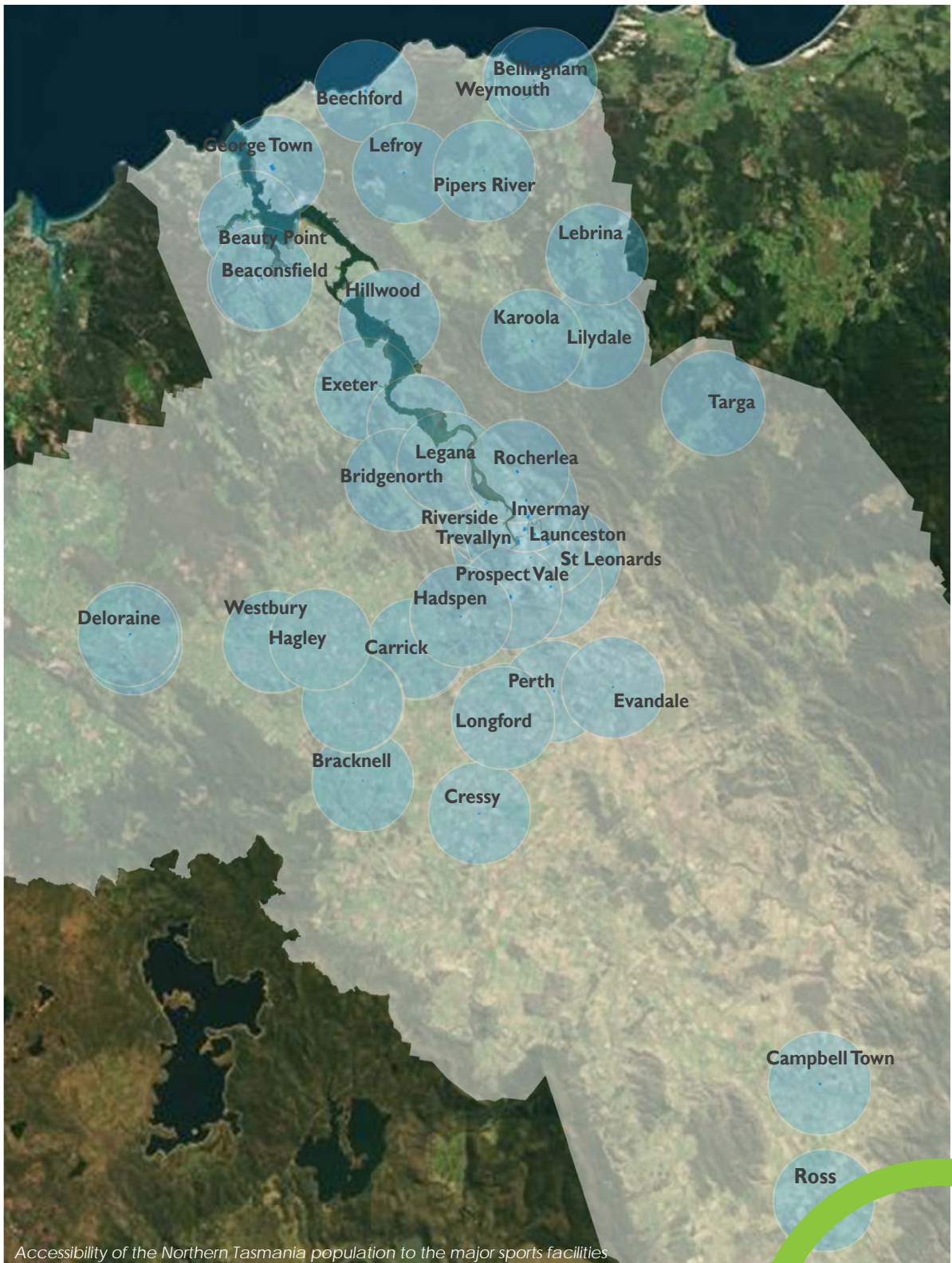
Coronation Park, South Launceston



### **Accessibility analysis**

To ensure that there is an equitable provision of sports facilities across the study area, a 5km accessibility buffer has been applied to the major sporting facilities of the core outdoor sports. This assessment excludes specialised or closed facilities such as lawn bowls, croquet, BMX, aquatic facilities, equestrian facilities and indoor courts due to their inaccessible nature to the general public i.e locked facilities and payment for entry.




An assessment of the mapping on the adjoining page shows that the population base of all five local government areas have direct access to an outdoor facility for sport and active recreation such as AFL, athletics, baseball, outdoor basketball, cricket, netball, soccer, hockey, rugby union and softball.



***Existing facilities and associated capacity***

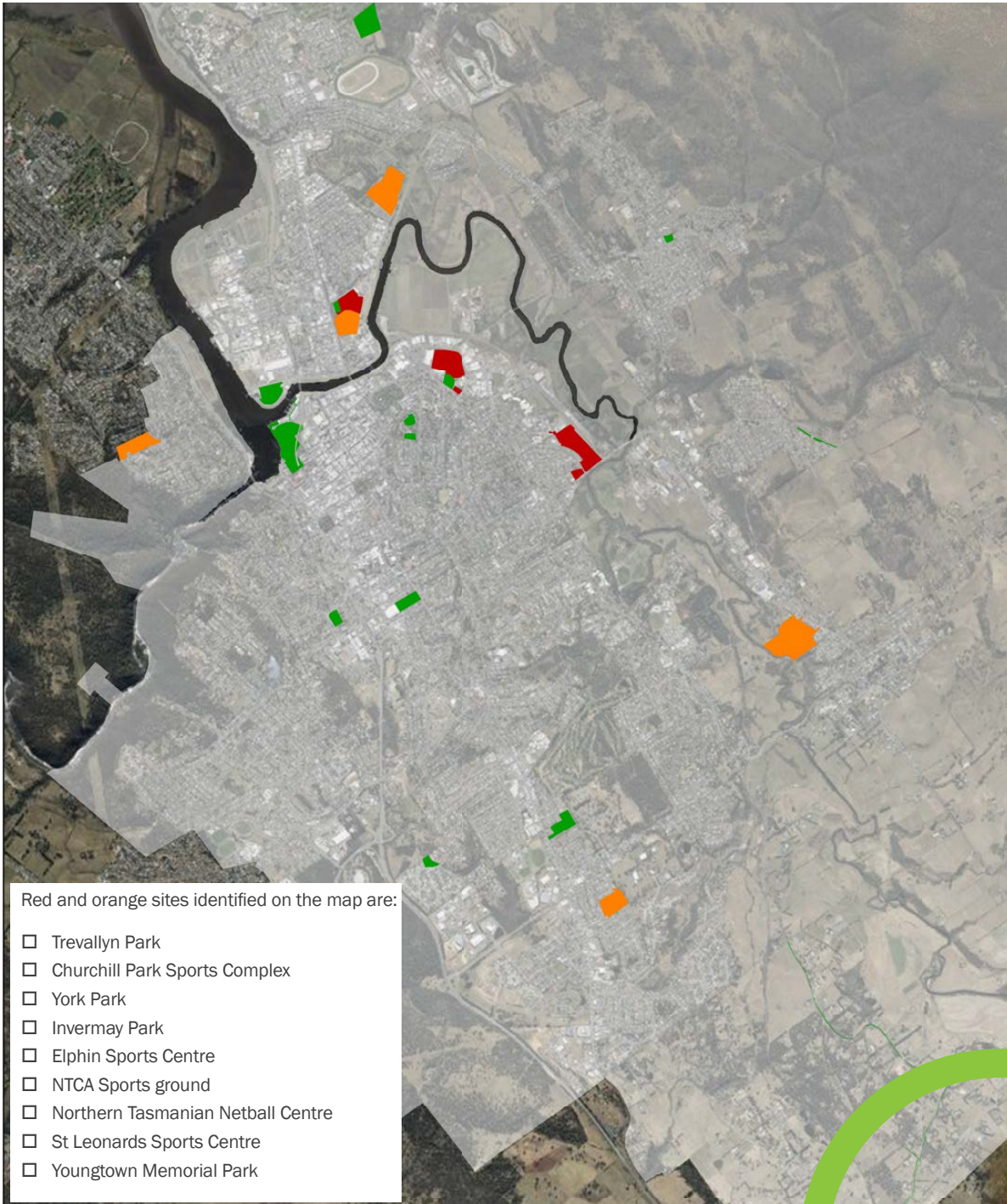
Facility use, club growth and carrying capacity of each site have been analysed to provide an initial assessment of existing facility carrying capacity to accommodate future growth in participation and use of existing and planned future facilities. The adjoining maps below provides a summary of each site's determined carrying capacity. The sports analysis section provides further details for each site on any future sports to be accommodated and recommendations.

The site capacity is based on the following key:

	Some capacity - the site offers opportunity for a nominated club or group to undertake their activity
	At capacity - based on the current allocated sports and user groups, there is no opportunity for additional and/or alternate use
	Over capacity - based on the current allocated sports and user groups, the site cannot cope with the demand on facilities. Some incompatible uses should be rationalised



City of Launceston facility capacity



George Town facility capacity

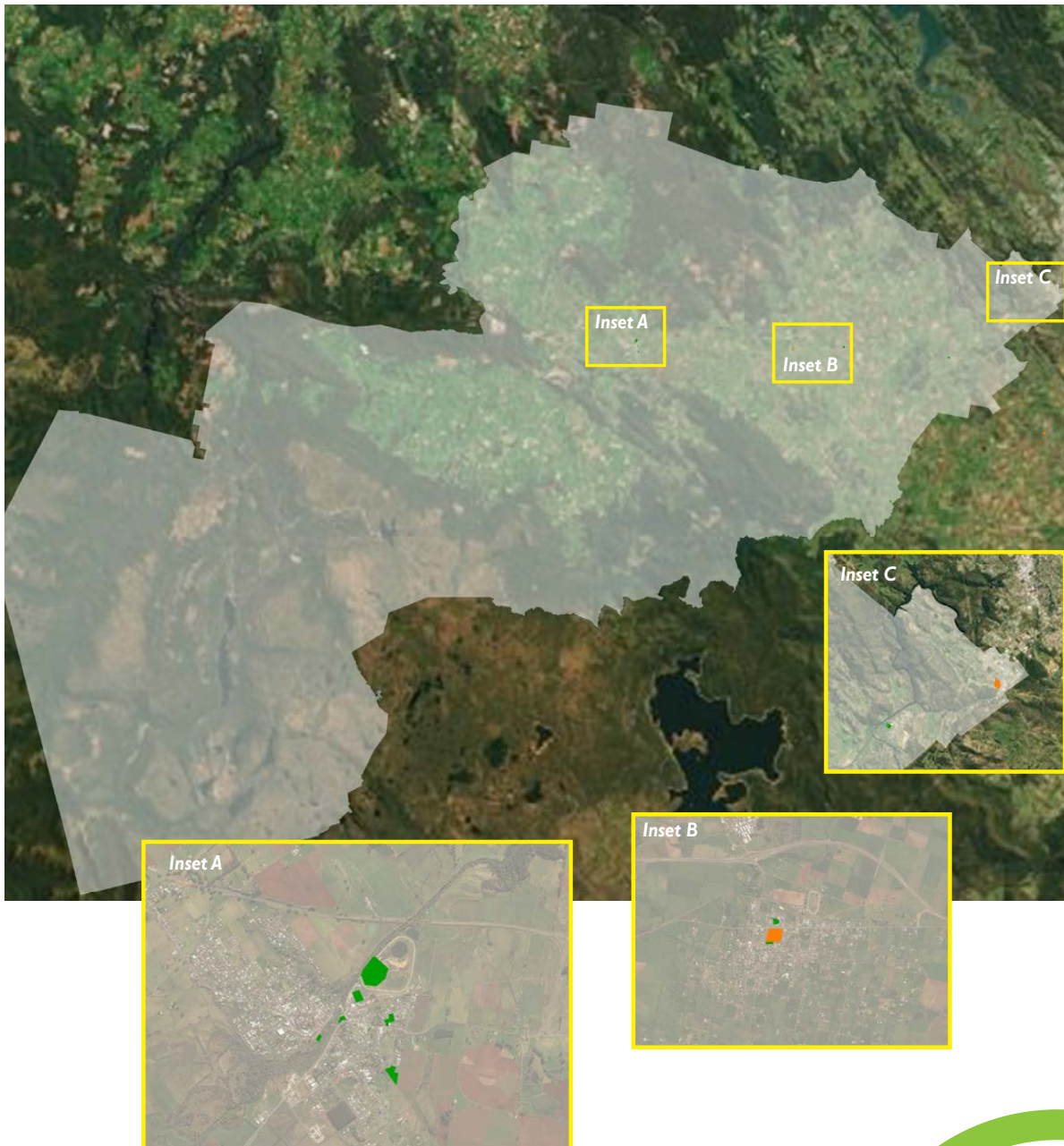


Red and orange sites identified on the map are:

- Inset A - George Town Bowls Club

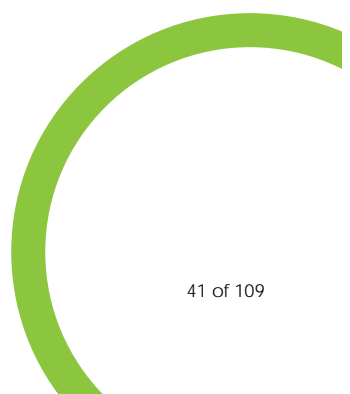


Meander Valley facility capacity

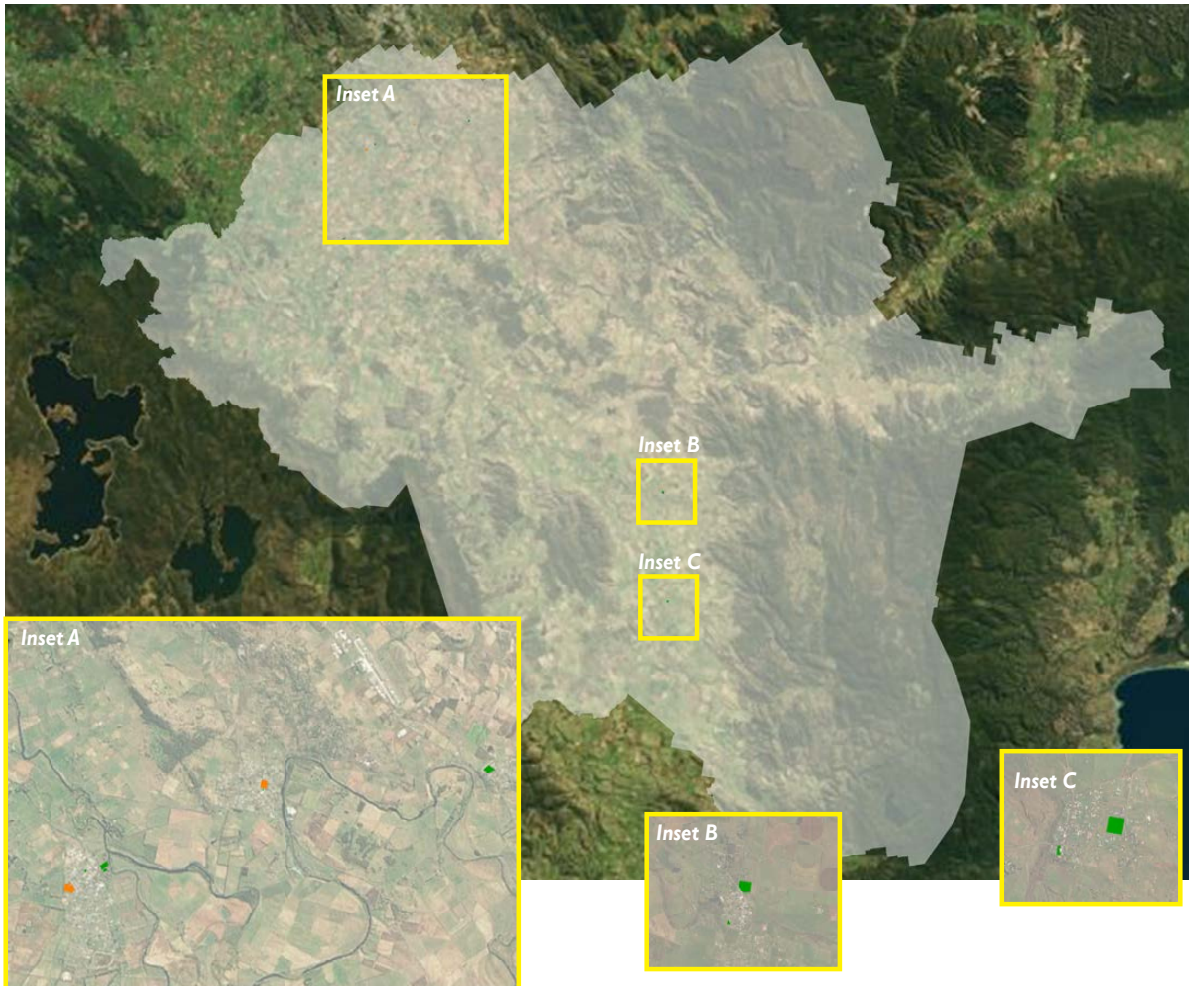


Red and orange sites identified on the map are:

- Inset B - Westbury Recreation Ground
- Inset C - Prospect Vale Community Park



Northern Midlands facility capacity

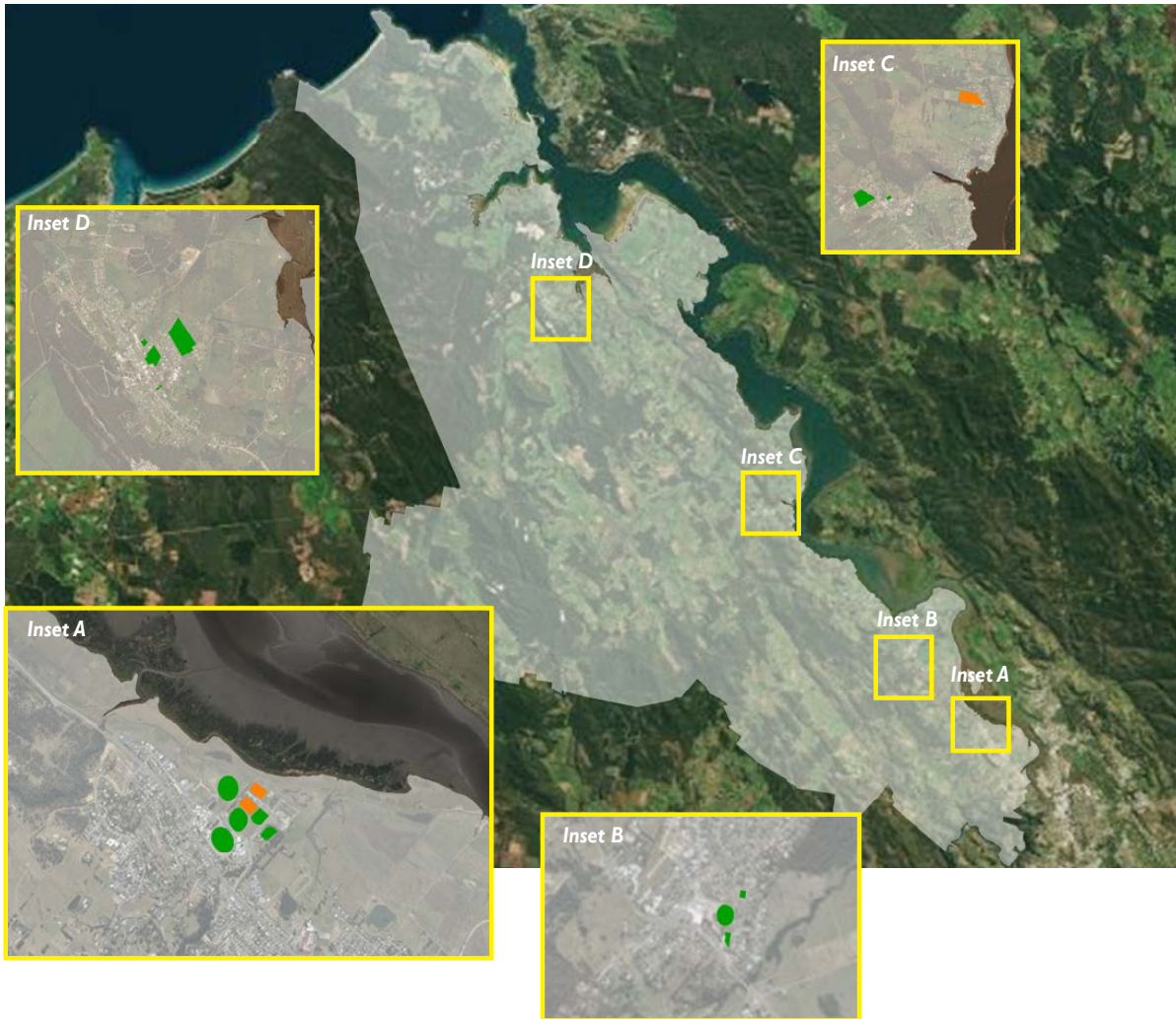


Red and orange sites identified on the map are:

- Inset A - Longford Recreation Ground and Perth Recreation Ground

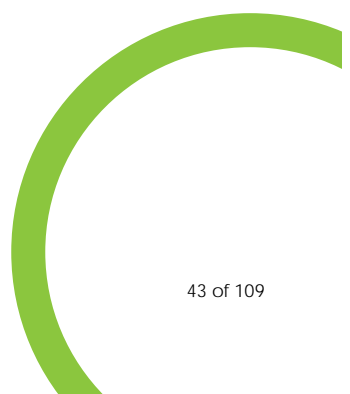


West Tamar facility capacity



Red and orange sites identified on the map are:

- Inset A - Windsor Park Soccer Grounds
- Inset C - Edinburgh Park







## Sport analysis

An analysis of a number of sports and active recreation activities has been undertaken in order to inform future provision and facility development.

For each sport the following elements have been assessed:

- existing facilities and the number of courts/fields/ovals
- clubs and associations
- registered player numbers (where available)
- pattern of growth or decline in participation
- carrying capacity of the site
- distribution of facilities across the LGA
- future direction of the sport
- relevant actions from Council planning
- relevant inclusion initiatives
- key issues for clubs and the sport.

The information provided on the following pages has been taken directly from club and organisation surveys. Information listed under membership for each sport including projected participation, is based on the Club's perception of their growth into the future. This information is supported by the consultant's analysis of the sport's local growth in relation to State and National Trends.

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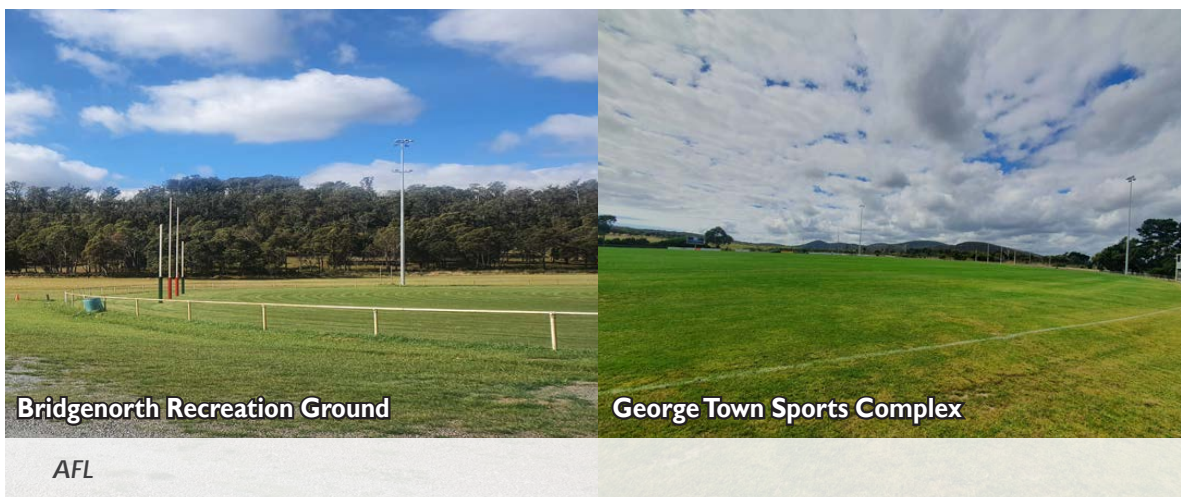
AFL	BMX	Football	Netball	Squash
Athletics	Cricket	Gymnastics	Roller Skating	Swimming
Badminton	Croquet	Hockey	Rugby Union	Table Tennis
Baseball	Cycling	Lawn Bowls	Sailing	Touch Football
Basketball	Equestrian	Martial Arts	Softball	Tennis





Legana Recreation Youth Space





**Bridgenorth Recreation Ground**

**George Town Sports Complex**

AFL

### AFL participation

AFL is ranked 10th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and 5th for children.

Australian football is ranked the 2nd highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 5th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. The current provision of fields and facilities in the study area reflects the ongoing popularity and growth of the sport. As the sport with the 3rd highest participation rate in the study area<sup>2</sup> (equal with Cricket), participation in Australian football is projected to increase, particularly due to the rapid increases in female participation since the launch of the Women's Australian Football League and the resources be allocated across the country to grow the game for junior female players.

Relevant to the growth of AFL in the state and locally, if Tasmania are successful in securing an AFL and AFLW team, the sport will continue to see high participation rates.

At a national level, participation in AFL is steady for children and increasing for adults. At a state level, AFL is fluctuating for children and increasing for adults (reflecting the national trend). Seven local clubs have provided their participation numbers across the five council areas. AFL Tasmania have confirmed these participation numbers and provided additional information where required. The table below presents the combined participation data from these seven clubs.

Table 13: AFL club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2019	Projected participation
Senior	2,192	2,202	2,233	Increase
Junior	2,762*	3,513*	2,539*	

\*Includes AFL Auskick

### Existing facilities

Australian football is the second most popular code of football in Australia and this is reflected in the current provision of fields and facilities in the study area.

AFL have access to at least 23 ovals across the Northern Tasmania study area. These facilities include:

- a national-level stadium, UTAS stadium in Launceston
- regional-level facilities such as Windsor Park Football Oval, Prospect Vale Park, Rocherlea Recreation Ground, Youngtown Memorial Park, Invermay Park and Morven Park Recreation Ground
- district-level facilities including George Town Football Oval, Bracknell Recreation Ground, Westbury Recreation Ground and Bridgenorth Recreation Ground
- local-level facilities including Lilydale Recreation Ground, Deloraine Recreation Ground, Hillwood Oval, Beauty Point Recreation Ground and Ross Recreation Ground.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan Community Survey 2022

### *Existing facility carrying capacity*

There are very few multi-field facilities within the study area. Windsor Park offers 2 ovals (including the Launceston Christian School oval), and the York Park/UTAS Stadium precinct has 2 ovals.

In addition to the lack of multi-field facilities, there are very few opportunities for training near to the main field at each facility.

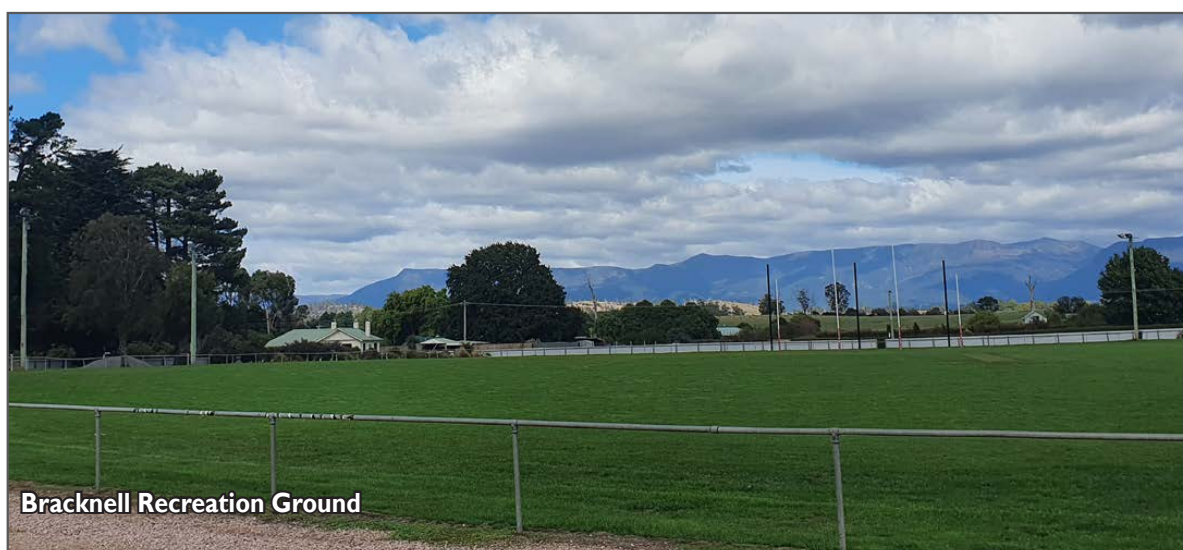
Playing surfaces are generally in good condition at the commencement of the season across the study area. Due to the availability of only single-field facilities for both training and competition, by the end of the season the fields are in poor condition due to over-use and (in many instances) a lack of formal drainage.

A number of facilities currently have too many 'home' clubs creating scheduling and access concerns, and issues with field condition and capacity, including Invermay Park.

The study area does not currently meet the preferred provision ratio of 1 oval per 5,000 residents - with a current deficiency of 4 ovals across the study area. With the projected population, there is expected to be a deficiency of up to 9 ovals in 2036 (if no additional facilities are developed).

### *Local club input*

- Lilydale Recreation Ground requires an upgrade to the entrance road and installation of spectator shade
- Hillwood Football Club has identified the need for an upgrade to field lighting at Hillwood Oval
- Tamar Valley Junior Football Club has identified the need for female-friendly change facilities at the Grubb Street Recreation Ground
- East Launceston Junior Football Club at the NTCA has a desire for their own club rooms, enhanced field access for training (including pre-season) and improved field lighting. The NTCA cannot currently meet the training needs of all teams within the club
- Meander Valley Suns Football Club at Westbury Recreation Ground has identified the need for a field lighting upgrade, as the current lighting limits use of the ground. They also have a desire for removal of the asphalt track that encases the oval to improve player safety; and the provision of spectator seating
- Hagley Recreation Ground is used for training by the Meander Valley Suns and is in need of gender-neutral change facilities.
- George Town Football Club has a desire to upgrade the toilets in their administration building
- Longford Senior Football Club has identified the need to improve and formalise the second grassed area for training. Additionally, drainage and surface improvements are required to the main oval.



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***State Sporting Association input***

Due to increasing participation in AFL (particularly by children and women) it is expected that additional facilities will be required in Northern Tasmania's population growth areas. The City of Launceston has experienced the highest growth in AFL participation within the State from 2016 to 2019 - increasing by 72%.

AFL Tasmania has prepared a number of strategic infrastructure objectives in regards to building facility capacity that are relevant to the Sports Facility Plan:

- improve the carrying capacity of existing playing fields through improved ground design, drainage and irrigation
- increase the quality and provision of sports lighting and deliver a minimum training standard LED lighting at all home grounds
- explore synthetic / hybrid playing surfaces
- shared use of facilities and co-location with compatible sports
- secure greater access to non- traditional venues and schools.

Specific to the study area, AFL Tasmania recommends developing a new regional facility or expanding an existing venue, to accommodate a greater number of players due to the growth in the sport. Additional key issues identified by AFL Tasmania for clubs in the study area are:

- increasing the number of facilities with gender-neutral change facilities
- improving the carrying capacity of facilities.

At an individual facility level, AFL Tasmania has identified key future upgrade requirements:

- field re-surfacing and upgraded change rooms at Windsor Park
- development of gender-neutral change rooms at NTCA
- drainage upgrade and gender-neutral change rooms at Hillwood Oval.





### Over-arching considerations

A number of issues exist for AFL within the study area.

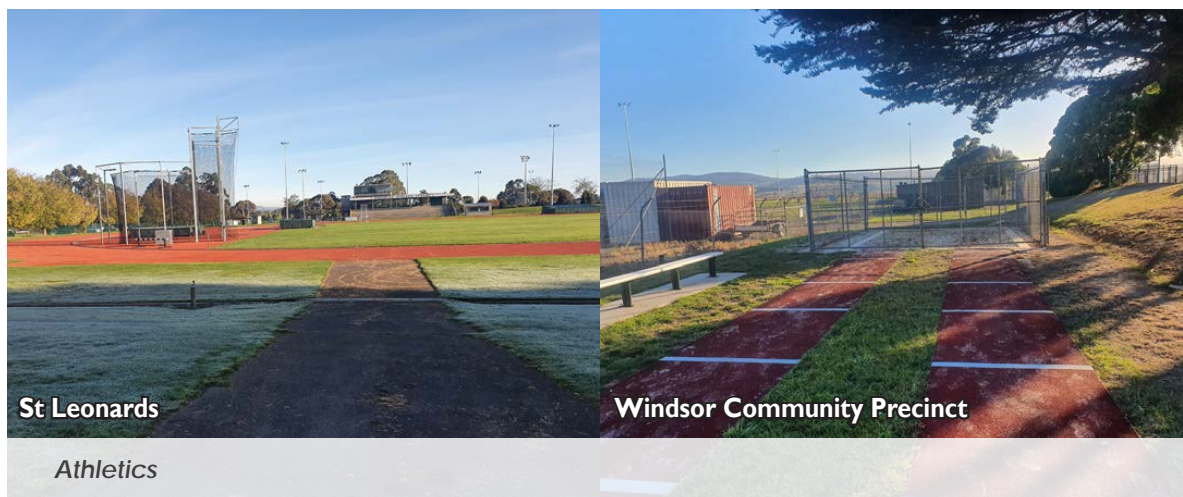
- capacity issues are common with insufficient fields to cater for pre-season and in-season training preferences. Increasing participation and shared-use arrangements exacerbate this issue.
- ageing infrastructure at some facilities mean there are a lack of female-friendly or gender-neutral change facilities.
- there are a lack of multi-field facilities that impacts upon field quality and maintenance and limits opportunities for training.

### Recommendations

- continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing AFL facilities
- develop training areas to support existing one-oval facilities where possible
  - Bridgenorth Recreation Ground is a good example where space exists adjacent to the existing field
  - Rocherlea Recreation Ground - investigate availability of land to the north-east of the existing oval (directly adjoining the site entry road) to provide for a second oval or at least an area for training. It appears to be the same land parcel
  - Longford Recreation Ground - develop a second field area for training or investigate opportunities for a new oval close-by to accommodate all user groups. It is currently used beyond capacity and struggles to cope with load (and wet weather impacts)
- Deloraine Recreation Ground - redevelopment at the showground/race track could provide opportunity for a multi-oval facility
- Exeter Showgrounds (private) - currently has 2 ovals catering for cricket and Mini League/Auskick. This facility could be formalised to provide AFL
- Lilydale Recreation Ground requires an upgrade to the entrance road and installation of spectator shade
- the development of at least two new multi-oval facilities in key locations close to population centres
  - potential for the Legana Structure Plan Growth Area as well as the growth area in the vicinity of St Leonards
- City of Launceston to complete the master planning process for the NTCA precinct with the NTCA Facilities Management Group.



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### Athletics participation

Running/Athletics is ranked 3rd in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and 9th for children.

Athletics is ranked the 4th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children, and the 2nd highest for Adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. It needs to be noted, however, that this ranking is inflated due to the inclusion of running activities (such as ParkRun) within 'athletics'.

At a national level, participation in athletics is steady for children, and increasing for adults. At a state level, athletics is fluctuating for children, and increasing for adults. The increases in adult participation can largely be attributed to the popularity of ParkRun. Two local clubs have provided their participation numbers. (Whilst four clubs responded to the survey, two did not provide participation data).

Table 14: Athletics club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Juniors	113	132	Not stated	Steady, increase and decrease
Seniors	-	-	-	

### Existing facilities

There are 5 facilities catering for athletics within the study area. St Leonards Sports Centre - Northern Athletics Centre within the City of Launceston is the home of Athletics in the study area and is a state-level facility. Rocherlea Recreation Ground provides a regional-level facility, Windsor Community Precinct and Longford Recreation Ground are district-level facilities, and George Town Sports Complex provides local-level facilities. Meander Valley currently has no athletics provision.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

The existing facilities (with the exception of George Town Sports Complex) are in good condition. The George Town club utilise a local primary school for their training and compete at Rocherlea. Their training venue is in poor condition and is not suitable for their needs, albeit they have low membership.

The Northern Athletics Centre building and toilets are ageing and require an upgrade including gender-neutral facilities. The club has also identified a lack of seating and shade and a desire to upgrade the in-field area at Northern Athletics Centre. The club also highlights that the study area requires a grass oval to train - as the synthetic track is the sole place where the local clubs come to train.

The study area is well provided for with regards to the provision of athletics facilities, exceeding the preferred provision ratio of 1 facility per 75:000 residents. There is no evidence to suggest that the current provision is not meeting the requirements of the study area.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022



**Overarching considerations**

School facilities play an important role in providing facilities for athletics.

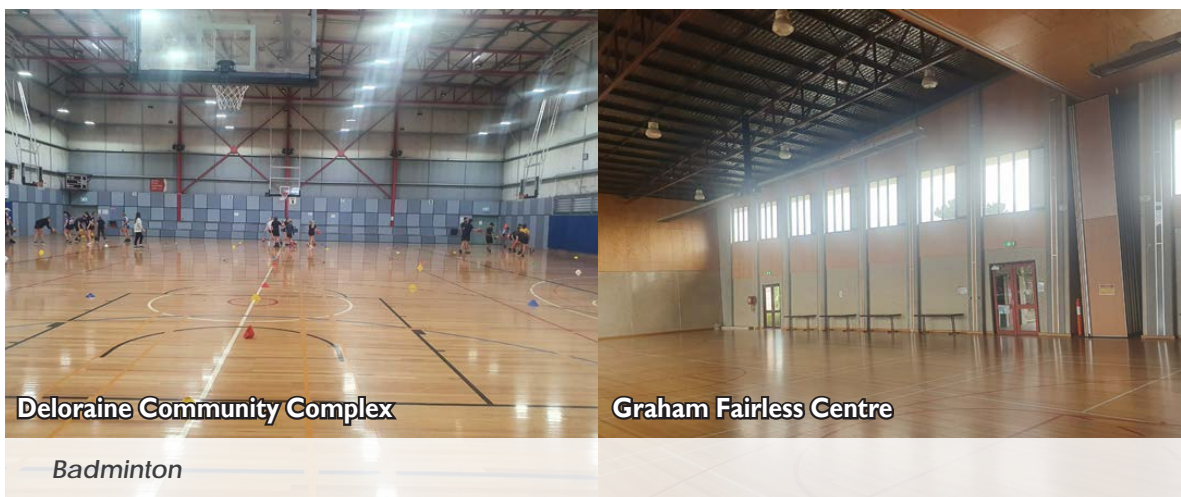
The centre of the St Leonards track provides an opportunity for winter sports to train given the availability of the field and the lights.

**Recommendations**

- investigate inclusion of Little Athletics training facilities at the George Town Sports Complex re-development
- undertake a master plan the Northern Athletics Centre and Northern Hockey Centre precinct to determine the future needs of both facilities, including potential upgrade of the building, toilets and in-field area
- promote the availability of the centre of St Leonards track for winter sport to train
- monitor the demand for additional facilities based on the growth of the sport (and population growth).



Rocherlea Recreation Ground



**Deloraine Community Complex**

**Graham Fairless Centre**

Badminton

### Badminton participation

Badminton is ranked the 15th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and is not ranked for children due to the very limited participation numbers.

At a national level, participation in badminton is steady for children and increasing for adults. At a state level, participation in badminton is very limited for children and decreasing for adults. One local club has provided their participation numbers.

Table 15: Badminton club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Junior	31	27	Not stated	Steady
Senior	97	58	Not stated	

### Existing facilities

Badminton is played at a number of indoor venues across the study area, including Graham Fairless Centre in George Town, Deloraine Community Complex, Beaconsfield Community Centre, Elphin Sports Centre, Westbury Indoor Sports Centre and the YMCA Launceston (albeit the uses at this facility are shifting).

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

The capacity of the existing venues across the study area is sufficient for the current and potential future participation in badminton. Participation in the sport is relatively low at a national, state and local level. There are ample indoor facilities available to meet both existing and projected future demand.

The Deloraine Association has identified that their facility is too cold during winter, as a result of no heating being available as well as the building being too draughty. They also have a desire for upgraded seating and additional storage within the venue.

### State Sporting Association input

Badminton Tasmania has a strategic objective to capitalise all opportunities to develop and maintain facilities for the sport. It seeks to maximise use of existing facilities to develop badminton, including to explore opportunities for shared space with like minded sports.

### Over-arching considerations

Supply of facilities currently out-weighs demand for facilities based on participation in Badminton. There is significant capacity within the study area to cater for future (un-planned) growth in the sport.

### Recommendation

- assess the suitability of the Deloraine Community Complex for badminton is recommended given the Association's comments.



**Baseball participation**

Baseball is ranked the 16th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children in 2022<sup>1</sup>, and is not ranked for adults due to the negligible participation numbers.

At a national level, participation in baseball is steady for both children and adults. At a state level, baseball is decreasing for children, and negligible for adults. There is one local club, who have provided their participation numbers.

Table 16: *Baseball club participation numbers*

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Senior	25	22	20	Increase

**Existing facilities**

Churchill Park in Invermay is the sole baseball facility within the study area. The facility is shared with softball, over two diamonds. Baseball primarily use Diamond 2.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The study area is well provided for in regards to the provision of baseball (and softball) facilities. While the preferred provision ratio of 1 diamond per 50;000 residents is not being met, given the very low club membership there is no evidence to suggest that the current provision is not meeting the requirements of the study area. Participation in the sport is relatively low at a national, state and local level..

The club has a desire for their own facility, separate to softball. The club’s priorities include permanent seating, shade, lighting and toilet facilities. It is noted that the club have shared use of the Churchill Park facility and provision of additional toilets is not required. Additionally, lighting at the facility is currently suitable for the level of use at the facility.

**State Sporting Association input**

Baseball Tasmania’s Strategic Plan (2021) has a goal for improved facilities and infrastructure, however, focusses specifically on the Glenorchy City Council area.

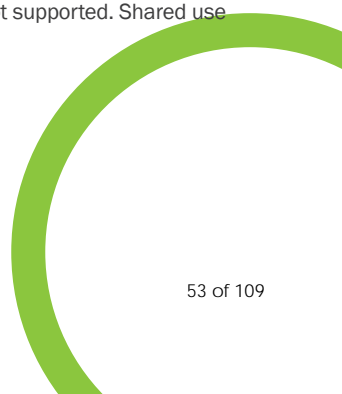
**Over-arching considerations**

The club has a desire for their own facility. However, given their low membership numbers, this is not supported. Shared use facilities for complementary sports such as these will continue to be supported.

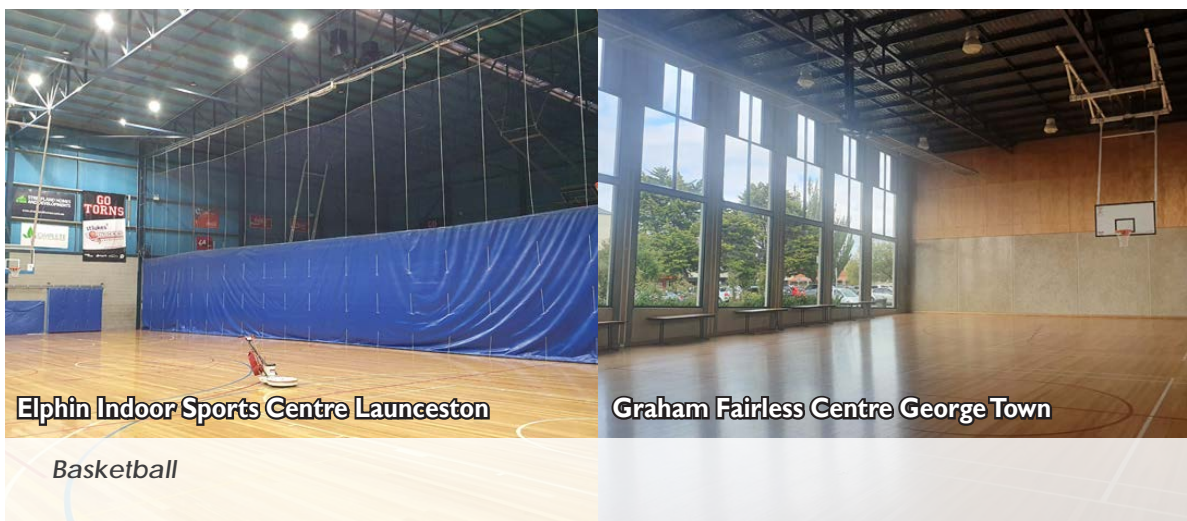
**Recommendations**

- work with baseball and softball to improve shared use of the facility
- install shaded seating for spectators.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022







**Elphin Indoor Sports Centre Launceston**

**Graham Fairless Centre George Town**

**Basketball**

**Basketball participation**

Basketball is ranked 7th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and 6th for children.

Basketball is ranked the 3rd highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 6th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. As the sport with the 2nd highest participation rate in the study area<sup>2</sup>, participation in basketball is projected to increase, particularly due to the success of the Tasmanian Jack Jumpers - an NBL team.

Participation in basketball at a national level for children is steady and increasing for adults. At a state level, basketball is increasing for both children and adults. Community survey results show basketball as the second highest participated sport, with 13% of respondents participating in the sport.

Basketball is emerging as a popular sport in Tasmania and participation in the study area reflects the ongoing popularity and growth of the sport. Basketball is projected to increase in the study area, particularly due to the success of the Tasmanian Jack Jumpers in recent years. Basketball Tasmania has provided their participation numbers for the North Region.

Table 17: Basketball club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	2,878	2,610	2,317	Increase

These figures are playing members only and exclude coaches, referees and school competition registrations.

**Existing facilities**

Basketball within Northern Tasmania is focussed around Launceston, with Elphin Indoor Sports Centre providing 4 compliant courts with required run-offs. In addition to Elphin Sports Centre, the Longford Community Sports Centre provides one compliant court. The Silverdome provides 3 compliant courts, however are not consistently available for use by clubs.

A number of non-compliant indoor courts exist across the study area, including Graham Fairless Centre, Beaconsfield Community Centre, Legana Memorial Hall, Windsor Community Hall, Launceston PCYC, YMCA, Westbury Indoor Sports Centre, Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre and Deloraine Community Complex.

There are a number of school courts that provide community use across the study area (namely in the City of Launceston) including Launceston College, Newstead College, St Patrick’s College, Launceston Christian School, Scotch Oakburn College and Launceston Church Grammar School. These facilities are regularly used by clubs for training. Many of these facilities do not meet FIBA regulations, and (as private facilities) do not form part of this assessment.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The demand for indoor courts far outweighs provision within the study area. Many of the existing courts do not meet minimum court size and run offs. Some competitions have fabricated byes as they are unable to run all teams due to lack of available court space.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan Community Survey 2022

Regular fixtures are often displaced from large venues such as Elphin and the Silverdome, in favour of large events and trade shows.

The Longford Community Sports Centre has experienced high demand since its development. Its strong patronage coupled with the population growth in Longford, Perth and Evandale indicates the need to double the court at this facility to ensure the needs of the community are met.

There is a clear need for a dedicated multi-court venue that can provide a home to basketball within the study area. This facility would be supported by the existing venues.

The study area does not meet the preferred provision ratio of 1 court per 8,000 residents. There are currently 5 compliant courts compared to the required 17 in 2022 (based on population). This does not include the Silverdome due to its lack of regular availability. There is a predicted shortfall of 15 courts in line with population growth by 2036 (without additional development).

### *State Sporting Association input*

Basketball Tasmania's strategic plan identifies a number of pillars and goal areas including the 'Places to Play Strategy'. An action of the goal area is to develop a long-term facility strategy for basketball in Tasmania. This planning has yet to commence.

### *Over-arching considerations*

There is anecdotal evidence that climatic considerations such as extreme heat and cold, as well as unpredictable weather patterns are leading to an increased participation in indoor sports. Indoor facilities provide a consistent environment away from rain and allow for programming of training and fixtures without needing to avoid the peak heat of a day, or cold temperatures.

There is a lack of compliant, multi-court facilities within the study area for basketball.

The YMCA facility in Launceston is transitioning from its former management as a YMCA. Whilst not a compliant basketball facility, its two courts could enhance basketball capacity within the study area by re-directing other sports from the Elphin Indoor Sports Centre and freeing up valuable court space.

Initial concept plans for the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub have been developed by the Tasmania Government which includes up to three indoor courts.

### *Recommendations*

- support the progression of the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub concept plans in providing up to three purpose-built indoor courts
- continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing indoor facilities
- identify a suitable location for the development of a future multi-court indoor facility to meet the growing needs of basketball
- plan for the duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre
- investigate the re-location of table tennis and badminton from Elphin Indoor Sports Centre to free-up capacity for basketball.



**Deloraine Community Complex**

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Launceston BMX Club

BMX

### ***BMX participation***

BMX is ranked the 17th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children in 2022<sup>1</sup> and is not ranked for adults due to very limited participation numbers.

Participation in BMX at a national level for children is steady and increasing for adults. At a state level, BMX is largely uncaptured for both children and adults. One local club responded to the Club survey, and have confirmed they have 190 active members, ranging from 3 to 60 years old.

Bike riding, scooter riding and skateboarding are more popular activities for both young people and adults than a number of the more traditional formal sports. However, infrastructure (and resourcing) for these activities remains largely outweighed by formal sport.

### ***Existing facilities***

The study area has one formal (club-based) BMX facility, located at the St Leonards Sports Centre. The facility provides for a high level of competition - hosting the Australian BMX Championships in 2022. This facility is supported by a number of local-level active recreation facilities (for bikes, scooters and skateboards) including the newly-constructed Deloraine pump track, Westbury BMX track, Carrick BMX track, Hadspen BMX track, Legana BMX track and George Town pump track. There are gaps in the provision of pump tracks within the Northern Midlands and City of Launceston LGA's. It is acknowledged that a BMX track and a pump track are two distinct infrastructure types and provide different riding opportunities.

### ***Existing facility carrying capacity***

Facility provision for BMX across the study area meets the current participation levels and demand for the sport. The supporting facilities are ageing and require upgrades to improve year-round spectator viewing, as well as improved lighting. There is a need for additional active recreation facilities such as pump tracks within the City of Launceston and Northern Midlands to provide further opportunities for informal active recreation.

### ***Over-arching considerations***

Bike riding and scootering for recreation (rather than BMX as a formal sport) are some of the more popular activities for young people across Tasmania.

### ***Recommendations***

- undertake a master plan the St Leonard Sports precinct including BMX, hockey, athletics and croquet to determine the future needs of the facilities, including potential upgrade of the building, toilets and in-field area
- consider ancillary facility upgrades including provision of spectator viewing and improved lighting
- monitor the demand for additional formal BMX facilities across the study area in line with population growth
- consider the development of pump tracks within the Northern Midlands and City of Launceston to enhance the provision of active recreation across the study area.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022









**Cricket participation**

Cricket is ranked 10th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian children in 2022<sup>1</sup>, however, is outside of the top 10 for adults.

Cricket is ranked the 7th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 10th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. Cricket has the 3rd highest participation rate (equal with AFL) in the study area<sup>2</sup>.

Participation in cricket at a national level for children is decreasing and is steady for adults. Reflecting the national trends, at a state level, cricket is decreasing for children and is steady for adults. Nine local clubs provided membership data, with summed totals included below.

Table 18: Cricket club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Juniors	456	288	151	Increase
Seniors	632	482	340	Increase

**Existing facilities**

Cricket has access to more than 34 ovals across the Northern Tasmania study area. A number of these ovals are shared facilities with AFL. These facilities include:

- a national-level stadium, UTAS stadium in Launceston
- regional-level facilities such as the NTCA sportsgrounds in Launceston, Windsor Community Precinct, Longford Recreation Ground and Morven Park Recreation Ground. Windsor Park and the NTCA are the only two facilities with indoor training nets for cricket within the study area
- district-level facilities including George Town Cricket Oval, Youngtown Oval, Churchill Park and Bridgenorth Recreation Ground
- a large number of local-level facilities including Ross Recreation Ground, Perth Recreation Ground, West Arm Recreation Ground, Legana Recreation Ground, Fysh Street Recreation Ground, Weymouth Sports Ground, Bellingham Sports Oval, Pipers River Recreation Ground, Lebrina Recreation Ground, Karoola Recreation Ground, Trevallyn Park, Deloraine Recreation Ground, Hagley Recreation Ground, Whitmore Recreation Ground, Carrick Memorial Recreation Ground and Hadspen Recreation Ground
- in addition, there are a handful of informal facilities within the City of Launceston that could provide training venues including Dover Reserve, Newstead Reserve and Charlton Street Reserve.

In addition to these ovals, there are two indoor cricket training venues across the study area, including Windsor Community Precinct and the NTCA.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan Community Survey 2022

### *Existing facility carrying capacity*

There are very few multi-field facilities within the study area. George Town Sports Complex, Churchill Park and Windsor Community Precinct are the only facilities offering multiple ovals; George Town has 2 and an additional junior oval, and Windsor Park has 3 ovals for cricket. Irrigation and drainage improvement works are currently being undertaken at George Town.

In addition to the lack of multi-field facilities, there are very few opportunities for training besides the main field at each facility.

Playing surfaces are generally in good condition at the commencement of the season across the study area. Due to the availability of only single-field facilities for both training and competition, by the end of the season the fields are in poor condition due to over-use and a lack of formal drainage. Run-ups become worn toward the end of each playing season.

The study area currently meets the preferred provision ratio of 1 oval per 4,000 residents. With the projected population, an additional oval will be required from 2026, and an additional 6 to meet expected demand by 2036.

There is a need to confirm the need for a number of identified facilities, which appear to have no formal cricket use, including Lebrina Recreation Ground and Karoola Recreation Ground. Beechford Recreation Area is an isolated facility with no surveillance. The oval is in poor condition and would be unsafe for players in its current condition.

Bellingham Sports Oval is in poor condition and appears to be used as a golf course. The field is uneven and would be unsafe for cricket in its current condition. There is no evidence of use for cricket.

The Ross Recreation Ground has recently been adopted as the state head quarters for Veterans Cricket Tasmania which is seeing the facility attract increased use. The existing clubhouse is in need of upgrade to cater for the use, as well as provide gender-neutral facilities.

The Perth Recreation Ground has been earmarked for re-location due to the likely need for this land for the expansion of the adjoining school.

### *Local club input*

- Diggers Cricket Club has identified that the Hagley Recreation Ground is in need of an additional shaded area for players and spectators, upgraded visitor change rooms as well as provision of cricket practice nets. The lack of nets means the club are training at a local school rather than their home facility
- Launceston Cricket Club has identified that the training facilities at NTCA are inadequate to cater for the numbers from each club based at the complex. The facility is at-capacity, however the club continues to grow across all cohorts. The club has a desire for improved access to a club room for storing memorabilia and hosting functions. There is a need for female-friendly or at least gender-neutral facilities
- Legana Cricket Club report being too large for the facility at the Legana Recreation Ground. The club rooms and change facilities are too small and in need of female-friendly or gender-neutral change facilities. The club has a desire for an upgraded kitchen to allow a functioning kiosk, as well as provision of additional storage. The club would like an additional practice net to improve capacity at training
- Riverside Cricket Club at Windsor Community Precinct require separate female change rooms and have a desire for seating in front of the change rooms
- South Launceston Cricket Club at NTCA have no dedicated female change rooms or showers. There are insufficient practice nets available for training given the size of the club
- Veterans Cricket Tasmania at Ross Recreation Ground have identified the need for gender-neutral or female-friendly facilities. Shade for both players and spectators is also needed. The oval requires irrigation and re-surfacing to improve the quality of the playing surface. There is a desire to expand the turf wicket from a 3- to a 5-wicket square to enable the facility to cope with additional matches
- Westbury Shamrocks Cricket Club located at Westbury Recreation Ground has identified the need for separate female change facilities as well as an indoor training area. They have a desire for improved shaded seating for players outside the change rooms and a larger storage area.

### *Over-arching considerations*

- there are a number of outdated toilet and change facilities across the study area, that do not cater for gender diversity in the sport
- a number of venues are either currently at or over-capacity, with too many home teams and large club numbers. Access to practice nets for training is also an issue
- a number of clubs have identified spectator seating and shade as not suitable
- there is a lack of indoor training facilities across the study area, allowing for all weather use, and improved programming for users
- a need exists for multiple-oval facilities to enhance capacity and reduce pressure on playing surfaces.

### *Recommendations*

- continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing cricket facilities
- develop multiple oval facilities to enhance capacity and reduce pressure on playing surfaces - potential for Deloraine Recreation Ground (Racecourse)
- City of Launceston to complete the master planning process of the NTCA precinct with the NTCA Facilities Management Group
- formalise the use of Dover Reserve, Newstead Reserve and Charlton Reserve for training to take the pressure off other venues
- confirm the use of Lebrina Recreation Ground, Karoola Recreation Ground and Bellingham Sports Oval for cricket
- undertake a Master Plan and Facility Management Review of Trevallyn Park (cricket, tennis and lawn bowls) including car parking and circulation
- upgrade the clubroom and change facilities at Ross Recreation Ground to cater for its increased use. There is a need to install an irrigation system and resurface the oval.







Ross Recreation Ground



Northern Tasmania Cricket Association



**Croquet participation**

Participation in croquet at a national level is very limited for children and increasing for adults. At a state level, croquet participation is very limited for children and steady for adults. Four local clubs provided membership data that is totalled below.

Table 19: Croquet club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Seniors	102	94	90	Steady, increase, decrease

**Existing facilities**

The City of Launceston is the home of croquet within the study area with 3 facilities. The East Launceston Croquet Club, Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre at St Leonards and Royal Park in Launceston. George Town Community Bowls Club also provides croquet facilities. The other 3 local government areas have no Council-owned or managed- provision of croquet facilities.

Facilities range from a local-level facility (East Launceston Croquet Club with one lawn), to district-level facilities at George Town and Royal Park, to a regional-level facility at the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre with eight full size croquet lawns.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

Croquet is a relatively low participation sport at a National and state level. Local participation is consistent with national and state trends. The facility provision for croquet across the study area appears to meet the current participation levels and expected demand for the sport.

**Local club input**

- East Launceston Croquet Club has a desire for an additional lawn to be developed on the adjacent disused tennis courts. The club’s membership is capped because they have only one lawn. This proposal is at odds with the East Launceston Bowling Club whom also have a desire to utilise the derelict tennis courts to develop an under-cover synthetic green. The croquet club also have a desire for an expanded clubhouse including the development of an all-access toilet facility.
- the clubs at the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre have noted insufficient toilets, and have a desire for an expansion to their clubhouse to provide additional space whilst hosting large tournaments and pennants.
- George Town Bowling Club currently has shared use between croquet and lawn bowls. The club has a desire to develop a separate croquet lawn to cater for croquet. The site appears too small to accommodate this additional lawn within its current footprint. The club also have a desire to expand their clubhouse to provide additional toilets and change facilities as well as an upgrade to their kitchen and hall.

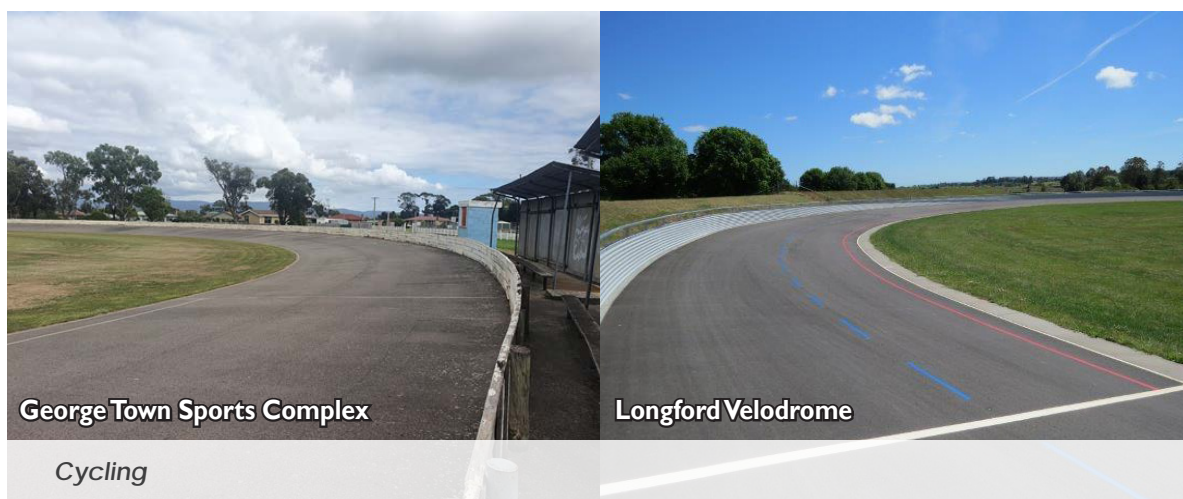




### *Recommendations*

Due to the low participation in the sport and the high concentration of facilities within Launceston, it is recommended that no new facilities be developed. Councils should continue to support existing clubs with appropriate improvements in line with the level of facility, including:

- the East Launceston Croquet Club and City of Launceston to work together in undertaking an accessibility audit and developing a preferred site layout for the future of the facility, which includes the needs of the East Launceston Bowling Club
- investigate the feasibility of converting the disused tennis courts at East Launceston Croquet Club to a shared facility between croquet and bowls
- as part of the master planning process of the St Leonards Sports Complex (athletics, hockey, BMX and croquet), include the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre and work with clubs to implement facility sharing.



### ***Cycling participation***

Cycling is ranked 5th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>, however is ranked outside of the top 10 activities for children.

Cycling is ranked the 17th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 3rd highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in cycling at a national level is increasing for both children and adults. At a state level, cycling participation is largely uncaptured for children and steady for adults. No participation data has been provided by local clubs.

### ***Existing facilities***

There are two outdoor formal cycling tracks and one indoor facility within the study area. The newly developed Longford Velodrome is a regional facility and the George Town Sports Complex is a district facility. The Silverdome provides an indoor cycling track.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### ***Existing facility carrying capacity***

The facility provision for track cycling across the study area appears to meet the current participation levels and potential future demand for the sport.

The George Town criterium track is in reasonable condition however the fencing and adjoining spectator shelters are ageing and in need of replacement.

### ***Over-arching considerations***

The newly developed velodrome at Longford is likely to increase participation in the sport, through provision of a safe, modern cycling facility, and through increased visibility of the sport in the study area. Additionally, with the improvement of the George Town track, cycling within the study area is likely to see a further increase in participation, due to an anticipated latent demand.

### ***Recommendations***

- continue to monitor demand for off-road cycling and additional facilities across the study area in line with population growth and demand for the sport
- program the replacement of the George Town fence and spectator shelters, as well as improvements to the track surface.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





Longford Velodrome



George Town Sports Complex



**Equestrian participation**

Equestrian is ranked the 14th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 10th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in equestrian at a national level is increasing for both children and adults. At a state level, participation in equestrian sports is largely uncaptured for children, and decreasing for adults. Membership data has been provided by Equestrian Tasmania for the Northern region.

Table 20: Equestrian club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	337	354	337	Steady

**Existing facilities**

There is a good distribution of equestrian facilities across the study area, with 6 known facilities that are council-owned or controlled. These include local-level facilities such as Lebrina Recreation Ground, Karoola Recreation Ground and Beaconsfield Grubb Street Recreation Ground; district-level facilities such as Ross Recreation Ground and Longford Showground; and a regional-level facility -Edinburgh Park at Gravelly Beach. Additionally, there are a number of private facilities across the study area including Faulkner Park (Launceston Church Grammar School).

A full list of known facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2 (this excludes private facilities).

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The current provision of facilities in the study area appears to be in line with membership numbers and subsequent demand for facilities.

The Western Performance Club of Tasmania located at Edinburgh Park has a desire for expansion of their facilities including larger arenas, covered yards and shade areas for spectators. They require larger arenas as existing arenas are currently too small for western events.

The Lebrina Equestrian Club shares the Lebrina Recreation Ground with cricket. There appears to be very little formal use of the site by cricket.

The Lilydale District Pony Club shares the Karoola Recreation Ground with cricket. There appears to be very little formal use of the site by cricket.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022



### Over-arching considerations

A submission was received from Pony Club Tasmania seeking support for the development of a Northern Tasmania Equestrian Centre on to be developed on a 50ha site. The proposed facility would include an indoor arena, multiple outdoor arenas, fields and a cross country course. There is a need to confirm membership data for equestrian clubs within the study area to assist in the assessment of the proposal.

Southern Tasmania is currently home to the Tasmanian State Equestrian Centre. There is no equivalent facility in the north of the state. However, this southern facility is only a 2.5 hour drive from Launceston - largely accessible by the majority of Tasmanians.

Tasracing and the Northern Midlands Council have recently undertaken a master plan of the Longford Racecourse to expand the site to cater for alternate equestrian activities. The vision of the master plan is to become the home of equestrian events in Northern Tasmania. The plan includes an international size polo field, four large pavilions for equine use, an undercover equestrian centre with 50 x 70m sand ring, up to 84 stables and day yards and an equine pool, bullring, treadmill and sand walking arena.

Acknowledging the various equestrian disciplines, there is a need for the clubs in the north to come together with Equestrian Tasmania to create a visioning statement about what the future of equestrian looks like in the north of the state.

### Recommendations

- investigate the demand for cricket at Lebrina Recreation Ground. If there is no demand for cricket, there is the potential for equestrian uses to expand
- investigate the potential for Edinburgh Park to be expanded to include an expanded outdoor arenas and covered yards
- Equestrian Tasmania in conjunction with the clubs located within Northern Tasmania, undertake a strategic review of their facilities in the north
- the Northern Tasmania area, should focus its efforts on one key higher order facility capable of developing an undercover equestrian centre/indoor arena. The current and projected participation in equestrian sports is not capable of supporting a number of duplicate facilities.



Karoola Recreation Ground



### Football participation

Football is ranked 8th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and 2nd for children.

Football is ranked the 5th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 4th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. Football has the 4th highest participation rate in the study area<sup>2</sup>.

With 2022 a World Cup year (and Australia qualifying for the final 32 teams), the sport is expected to see an increase in participation. With Australia co-hosting the 2023 Women's World Cup (and Australia ranked to compete strongly), a further jump in female participation is likely. Female participation is already increasing locally which will only strengthen in moving forward.

Participation in football at a national level for children is steady and increasing for adults. At a state level, football is steady for children and increasing for adults. Three local clubs provided their membership data (four clubs responded to the survey).

Table 21: Football club participation numbers

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation	
Total membership		2,449	2,568	2,196	Increase

### Existing facilities

There are over 20 football fields within the study area (with the City of Launceston hosting half of these). The City of Launceston also has a number of informal (active recreation) facilities including Coronation Park and West Launceston Community Park that attract football use.

- district-level facilities across the study area include Birch Avenue Soccer Grounds, Carrick Memorial Ground, Windsor Community Precinct and NTCA Sportsgrounds (each with at least 2 fields).
- Churchill Park Sports Complex and Prospect Vale Community Park are the two regional-level facilities within the study area.
- local facilities include the George Town Sports Complex.
- additionally, there are a couple of informal fields within the City of Launceston that could be formalised for training to take the pressure off other facilities, including Coronation Park and West Launceston Community Park.
- a number of school fields are also utilised by sports clubs within the Study Area.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

Playing surfaces are generally in good condition especially at the two regional-level facilities. The study area lacks multiple-field facilities, as well as dedicated football facilities that allow extended use during the pre-season, as well as access to training facilities. Pre-season use of fields that are shared with other codes is generally limited or non-existent. Carrick Recreation Ground is under-utilised and provides an opportunity as a training facility for soccer and other sports.

The study area does not currently meet the preferred provision ratio of 1 field per 5,000 residents. There are currently 20 fields compared to the required 27 in 2022. There is a predicted shortfall of 13 fields in line with population growth by 2036 (assuming no additional fields are developed).

68 <sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan Community Survey 2022

### ***State Sporting Association input***

Due to increasing participation in football, particularly by children and women, it is expected that additional facilities will be required in the coming years.

Football Federation Tasmania (FFT) has identified a key priority project in Launceston - the development of a synthetic pitch. This facility would be a dedicated playing facility that can be the home of football in Northern Tasmania. Churchill Park has been identified as the preferred location for this potential project.

FFT has also identified that the Launceston City Football Club (Prospect Vale) requires upgraded change rooms, and the Northern Rangers located at NTCA require improved spectator facilities.

FFT recently undertook a state-wide infrastructure audit that identified many teams do not have regular, consistent or sufficient access to grounds.

These directives are consistent with the feedback received from local clubs.

### ***Over-arching considerations***

Launceston City Football Club require an upgrade to their amenities, including additional change rooms (and female-friendly options) to cater for the volume of participants. These facilities are not council-managed, rather they are leased from the Australian Italian Club.

School facilities are regularly used for training. However, issues include alack of suitable access to toilets and change rooms, no lighting, poor (or no) linemarking and inconsistent access to goal nets.

Clubs need access to pitches year round (approx 40 weeks of the year) as football is no longer purely a winter sport. In fact, Football Federation Australia has worked hard to encourage year-round options for football - such that field sharing is near-to impossible.

The NTCA limit use of the fields for soccer from April to August. However, the fields are required for much longer than this to meet demand for pre-season and representative training.

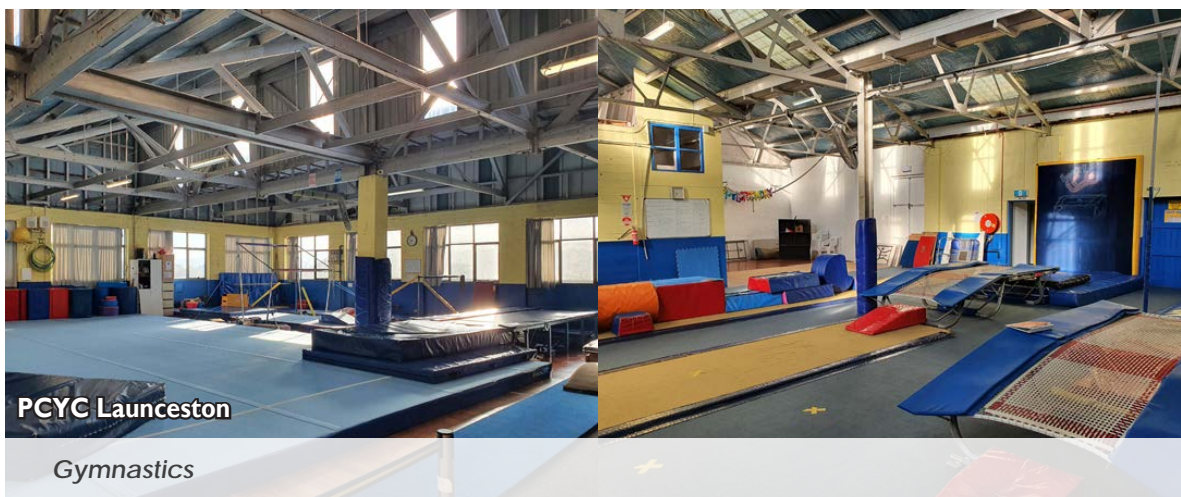
The Riverside Olympic Football Club at Windsor Community Precinct have highlighted the need to improve the quality and drainage of the fields outside of the main pitch. An upgrade of the training lights to LED would be advantageous.

West Launceston Community Park is currently an informal facility, which with some improvements could provide a suitable training facility for Football. The field is in poor condition, as are the public toilets. The facility currently has no lighting.

### ***Recommendations***

- continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing football facilities
- investigate suitable land for the development of a new multi-field facility for football within the study area. There is potential for this facility to be located within the growth area near to St Leonards or Legana. The development of a synthetic pitch should be considered at this location
- City of Launceston to complete the master planning process of the NTCA precinct with the NTCA Facilities Management Group
- master plan the greater NTCA/Elphin Indoor Sports/Tennis World precinct to improve car parking, access, circulation, rationalise some uses and provide opportunities to expand uses where practical
- upgrade the West Launceston Community Park to provide an additional training facility for Football. Lighting and field upgrade would be required in the first instance, with future upgrades to the existing public toilets
- encourage the use of Carrick Recreation Ground for training for soccer and other sports
- investigate the need for a football field within the north of the Northern Midlands Local Government Area.





### Gymnastics participation

Gymnastics is ranked 3rd in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian children in 2022<sup>1</sup>, however, is ranked outside of the top 10 for adults.

Gymnastics is ranked the 5th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 20th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in gymnastics at a national level is increasing for children and is steady for adults. At a state level, gymnastics is steady for both children and adults. Gymnastics Tasmania has provided participation numbers for the two clubs within the study area:

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	581	Not stated	Not stated	Steady

### Existing facilities

The Northern Tasmania study area has two gymnastics clubs, PCYC Launceston and West Tamar Gymnastics in Exeter. Both clubs operate out of private facilities.

The capacity of the two clubs at their existing venues are unknown. However, PCYC Launceston has identified that they may relocate in the future - to a larger facility that may increase capacity for its current and future users.

### State Sporting Association input

Gymnastics Tasmania's North Region (West Tamar, Break O'Day, Dorset, George Town, Meander Valley, Launceston and Northern Midlands) is serviced by two clubs and has the lowest participation rate in the state.

Gymnastics Tasmania's Facilities Strategy outlines in its strategic objectives to work with LGA's in the region to ensure there is provision for gymnastics in future sport and recreation facilities. It also has a directive to develop a business case to establish a second gymnastics facility in Launceston.

### Over-arching considerations

Due to the (generally) exclusive nature of a gymnastics facility (e.g. permanent equipment set-up), venues are often privately owned and operated.

### Recommendations

- support the progression of the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub concept plans in potentially providing shared use of an indoor facility
- monitor demand for gymnastics within the study area and support clubs in seeking access to existing indoor venues where appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





### Hockey participation

Hockey is ranked the 8th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 13th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in hockey at a national level for children is decreasing and is steady for adults. At a state level, hockey participation is fluctuating for children and increasing for adults. Hockey Tasmania has provided membership data for the local clubs within the North Region:

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	720	659	556	Increasing

### Existing facilities

The Northern Hockey Centre at St Leonards is the home of hockey within the study area and with two synthetic fields, is the hub for high-level competition and events. There are four hockey clubs based in Launceston, as well as three school teams within the junior competition. In addition to the Northern Hockey facility, grass facilities exist within a number of local schools.

The Northern Hockey Centre is home to the Greater Northern League played among clubs from across the North-West Coast and Northern Tasmania regions. Approximately 1,500 players and spectators attend the Centre each week during the hockey season.

The study area currently meets the preferred provision ratio of 1 field per 90,000 residents. With the projected population, the existing supply of fields is sufficient to 2036.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### State Sporting Association input

Hockey Tasmania have a priority action to increase junior numbers in Launceston. They also have a desire to complete a future development plan for facilities, and develop a promotional plan to ensure maximum utilisation of all facilities.

Hockey Tasmania have a plan to re-develop the Northern Hockey Centre at a cost of approximately \$2 million. They are seeking government support in the form of funding to see the upgrade achieved.

### Over-arching considerations

The current supply of facilities is suitable for the current level of participation in hockey, and will likely cater for future population growth.

### Recommendations

- undertake a master plan of the St Leonards Sports Complex including hockey, athletics, BMX and croquet to determine the future needs of all facilities
- in line with the outcomes of the master planning process, prioritise the building facility upgrades at the Northern Hockey Centre to enable major events to continue to occur
- monitor demand in line with future participation patterns and population growth.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022



**Lawn Bowls participation**

Lawn bowls is ranked the 10th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for adults and is not ranked for children in 2022<sup>1</sup> due to the very limited participation numbers.

Formal (or registered) playing membership of bowls clubs in Australia has been decreasing for more than 30 years at the rate of 3.4% per annum on average. Social bowls has become the major area of participation in recent years. It is now established as, by far, the largest participation segment in bowls<sup>2</sup>.

Participation in lawn bowls at a national level is increasing for adults, whilst participation by children is very limited. At a state level, lawn bowls participation is very limited for children and decreasing for adults. Three local bowls clubs provided membership data, with data summed in the table below.

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Juniors	1	2	8	Decrease
Seniors	248	248	275	

**Existing facilities**

There are 33 outdoor lawn bowling greens across the study area and one indoor green. More than half of these greens are located within the City of Launceston alone.

The study area has a number of synthetic greens, including: Longford Bowls Club, Westbury Bowls Club, George Town Community Bowls Club, Royal Park Bowls Club and East Launceston Bowls Club. Trevallyn Bowls and Community Club is the only facility with more than 2 outdoor greens. Kings Meadows Bowls Club has 2 outdoor greens and has the only indoor bowls facility (synthetic) within the study area. The West Launceston Bowls and Community Club have the only lit green.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The supply of facilities currently outweighs demand for facilities based on participation in lawn bowls. There is significant capacity within the study area to cater for future growth in the sport. However, growth this is unlikely given the local, state and national trends for the sport.

The study area currently has an over-supply of facilities based on the preferred provision ratio of 1 green per 15,000 residents. There are currently 33 greens (not including indoor greens) compared to the required 9 in 2022. Even considering the predicted population growth within the study area, there will still be an over-supply of 23 greens in 2036.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022  
<sup>2</sup> National Bowls Census Report 2019, Bowls Australia

### Local club input

The continued decline in playing memberships coupled with a lack of volunteers is leading to a number of clubs who are struggling to maintain their facility. Yet, a number of clubs have a desire for 'bigger and better' facilities such as lights, synthetic surfaces, indoor greens and additional greens to host high level competitions, some without the membership base to support the improvements.

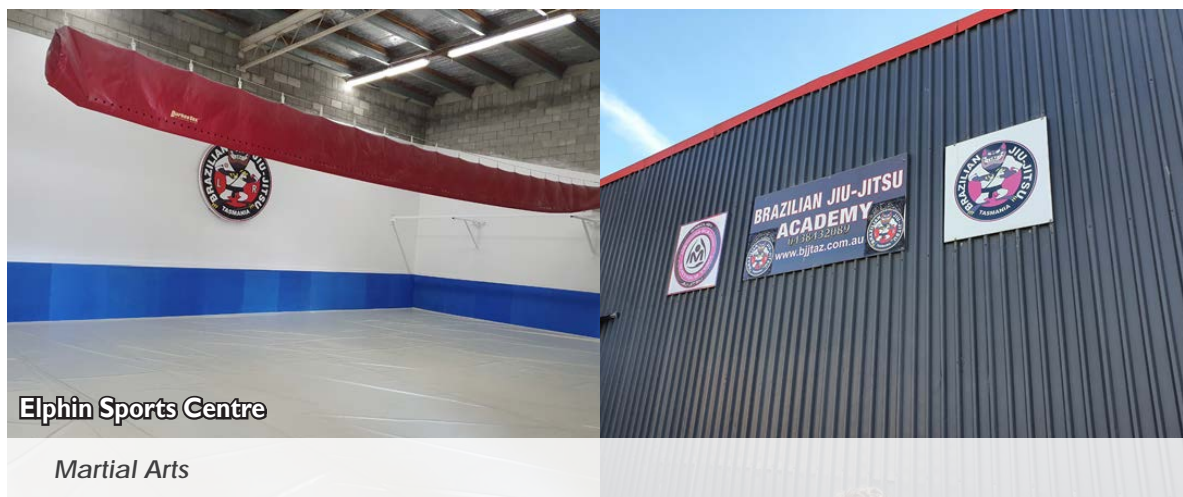
- West Launceston Lawn Bowls Club has a desire to develop one of their existing greens to synthetic surface to allow for year-round use. The club is also seeking an upgrade to their lighting and installation of shade structures for spectators
- East Launceston Bowling Club has a desire to develop an undercover synthetic green over the two derelict tennis courts that adjoin their site. This proposal is at odds with the East Launceston Croquet Club that also has a desire to utilise the derelict tennis courts to develop a second lawn. (Additional lawn bowls development is also not recommended due to the existing significant over-supply of lawn bowls facilities within the study area)
- George Town Community Bowls Club currently has greens that are shared between croquet and lawn bowls. The club has a desire to develop a separate croquet lawn to cater for the sport to reduce the disruption on bowls. However, the site is too small to accommodate this additional lawn within its current footprint. The club also has a desire to expand their clubhouse to provide additional toilets and change facilities as well as an upgrade to their kitchen and hall. An upgrade to their existing facilities is supported however an expansion is thought to be beyond the capacity of their membership.

### Recommendations

- undertake a Lawn Bowls rationalisation strategy across the study area (particularly focussing on the City of Launceston) to determine the viability of the existing clubs and determine a future program of upgrades, consolidation and potential divestment
- master plan the greater Trevallyn Park site to improve car parking, access and circulation.







### *Martial Arts participation*

Martial arts is ranked the 10th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for both children and adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in martial arts at a national level is steady for both adults and children. At a state level, martial arts is increasing for children and is steady for adults. No local clubs provided membership data (one club responded to the club survey).

### *Existing facilities*

While a number of clubs operate out of private facilities or informally within community venues, there is only one club that has a dedicated venue within a council-owned or -controlled facility. The Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy operates out of Elphin Indoor Sports Centre.

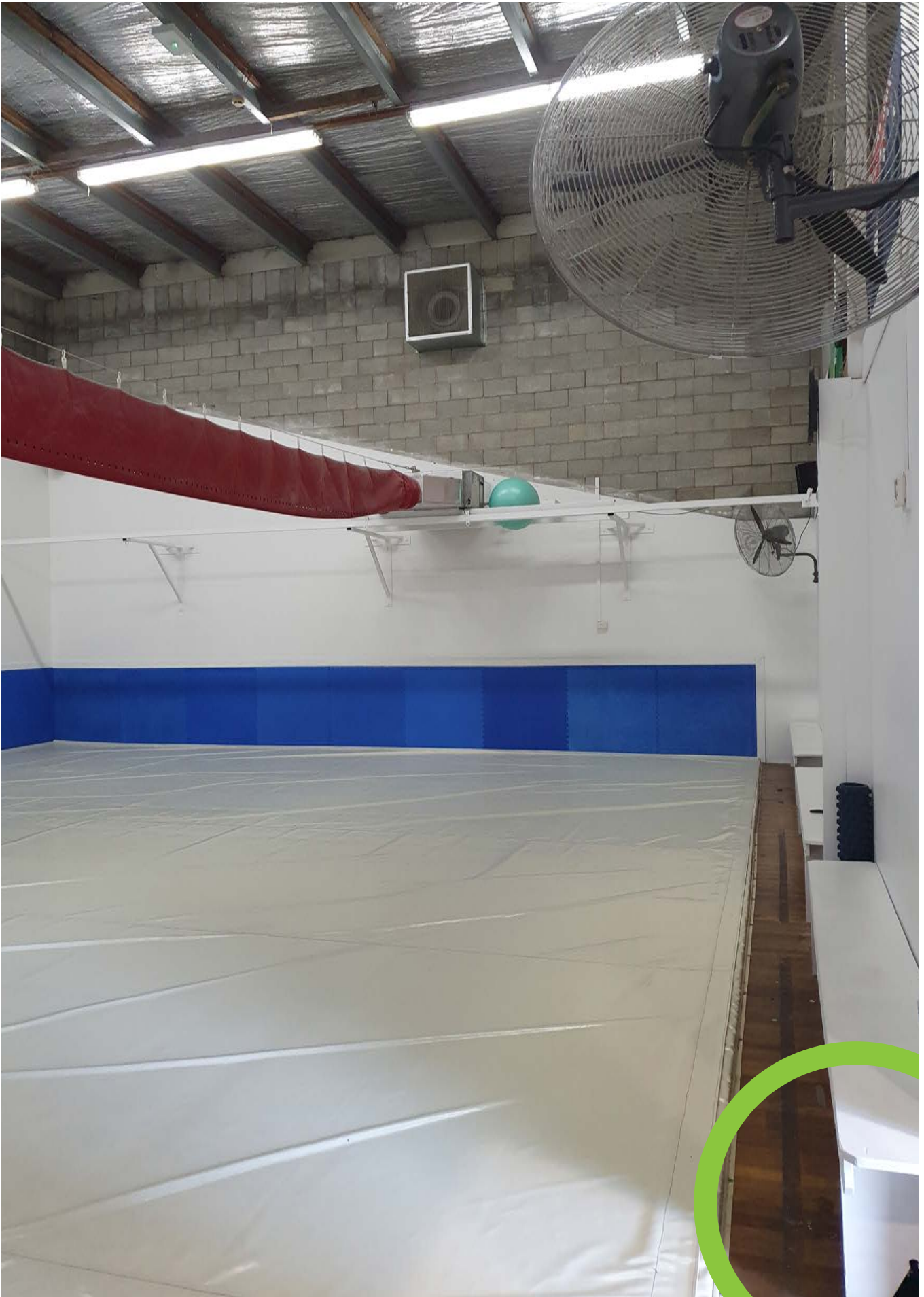
### *Existing facility carrying capacity*

Supply of suitable indoor facilities currently out-weighs demand for facilities based on participation in martial arts. There is significant capacity within the study area to cater for future growth in the sport.

### *Recommendation*

- support existing and emerging clubs in finding suitable venues within the study area.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





### Netball participation

Netball is the highest female participation sport for both Tasmanians and Australians. Netball is ranked 8th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and 7th for children.

Netball is ranked the 9th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children, and the 7th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. Netball reported the highest participation rate of any sport within the study area<sup>2</sup>.

Participation in netball at a national level is steady for adults, whilst participation by children is decreasing. At a state level, netball is decreasing for children and fluctuating for adults. Eight local clubs provided membership data across the study area including one association, with participation data summed in the table below. This data includes state league participation. It is acknowledged that 2020 was a covid-19 affected year.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	Projected participation
Total membership	Yet to be advised	2,268	1,732	1,792	Steady or increasing

### Existing facilities

There are 19 outdoor netball hard courts across the study area. There are 3 local-level facilities including Beauty Point, Hadspen Recreation Ground and Campbell Town War Memorial Precinct. Two of these are multi-purpose courts.

There are two district-level netball facilities providing two courts each; the Deloraine Netball courts and George Town Sports Complex. The Northern Tasmanian Netball Centre at Hobblers Bridge Sports Centre is the regional centre for netball and provides 13 outdoor hard courts across two adjoining sites.

There are a small number of indoor venues catering for netball within the study area including the Longford Community Sports Centre (one court), Graham Fairless Centre in George Town (one court), the former YMCA in Launceston (two under-size courts), and the Silverdome (providing an additional three courts at times). A number of private schools are used by Tasmanian Netball League for training. A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

- the Deloraine courts are relatively new and are in good condition. The courts are lit and the club has exclusive use of a small storage facility
- the George Town courts are in poor condition, additionally the court surrounds including clubhouse require an upgrade for both functionality and amenity. Accessibility to the clubhouse is also an issue. The George Town club train indoors at the Graham Fairless Centre
- North Esk Netball Club utilise the indoor facilities of two primary schools for training which are currently suitable. However, the club is growing and will struggle in future to provide sufficient venues based on suitable times for training. The club find it difficult to find indoor venues for training
- the Northern Tasmania Netball Centre courts at Hobblers Bridge are in poor condition. They are unsafe and require re-surfacing and expansion due to their lack of run-off. Netball courts on the Hart Street side have issues with the surrounding tree roots causing damage to the court surfaces. The courts are dangerous when wet due to the weeds and grass growing through the cracks in the courts

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan Community Survey 2022



- clubs do not have access to the Northern Tasmania Netball Association building for club meetings or functions and have a desire for storage
- gender appropriate change facilities are required at the Centre given the growth in male participation in the sport
- clubs have identified the need to install additional lighting over courts to facilitate the weekly training requirements of the 15 affiliated clubs (only 6 courts are currently lit)
- the courts are at capacity with too many clubs located there.
- the Silverdome is used for senior competition. However, teams are displaced regularly in favour of other events and it is costly to book
- Longford Netball Club train at the Longford Community Sports Centre indoor court and have identified a need for additional courts for training to accommodate their growing club.

The majority of clubs have identified the need for a designated indoor facility for games given the climate. Additionally, junior games are played in cold and wet conditions which impacts participation in the sport.

The study area does not meet the preferred provision ratio of 1 outdoor court per 5,000 residents. There are currently 19 courts compared to the required 27 in 2022. There is a predicted shortfall of 14 courts in line with population growth by 2036 (without additional court development). Albeit the shortfall of outdoor courts, given the shift of the sport from outdoor courts to indoor, the future provision of courts should be focussed on the provision of and access to suitable indoor facilities.

### State Sporting Association input

Netball Tasmania recognises the need for the development of an indoor, multi-court facility to cater for the current and future needs of the sport. The need for an indoor facility is for both the community and elite sectors of the sport. Additionally, state wide competitions and high performance programs are required to be played indoors.

The Northern Tasmania Netball Association (NTNA) have identified that growth in netball is limited due to the inability to fit additional teams/games into the roster. The NTNA are at capacity and are turning participants away. They introduce byes and reduce the length of quarters to fit in their roster.

### Over-arching considerations

Netball is predominately becoming an indoor sport, with over 70% of games played indoors. Additionally, with climate considerations, both cold and wet weather limits the use of outdoor courts, with no all-weather venue available to play regular games or host make-up fixtures.

- there are 1,550 members who use the Northern Tasmanian Netball Centre on a weekly basis, this facility is over-capacity and in need of an upgrade
- the cost of hiring the Silverdome is prohibitive, and games are displaced regularly for events (despite fixtures being booked 12 months in advance)
- there is a lack of club rooms available for meetings at the Northern Tasmania Netball Centre
- the Northern Suburbs Community Hub currently being planned for Mowbray will include four indoor courts dedicated to netball.

### Recommendations

- continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing netball facilities
- continue to advocate for the provision of four dedicated indoor netball courts as part of the Northern Suburbs Community Hub development
- following the completion of the Northern Suburbs Community Hub and the provision of four dedicated indoor courts for netball, there is a need to undertake further analysis into the demand for additional indoor courts to cater for future demand
- Netball Tasmania to work with the Silverdome to guarantee continued use of the venue for regular games
- undertake court re-surfacing and expansion to meet run-off requirements at Northern Tasmania Netball Centre
- develop a shared clubhouse facility at the Northern Tasmania Netball Centre to allow club access for meetings and functions
- upgrade the George Town netball clubhouse and court surrounds in line with the George Town Sports Complex master plan
- plan for the duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre.



**Roller Skating participation**

Participation in roller derby at a national level is steady for both adults and children. At a state level, roller derby is steady for children and increasing for adults. Two local clubs provided membership data.

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Juniors	30	30	Not stated	Steady and increase
Seniors	28	3	Not stated	

**Existing facilities**

Roller Derby operates out of indoor sports venues, with the Westbury Sports Centre being the key location used for training and home games within the study area. Private venues are also used including Skate and Sport at Mowbray. Elphin Indoor Sports Centre is used occasionally, however, gaining access to this facility is difficult.

The Cradle Coast Junior Rollers train at the Westbury Sports Centre, however travel to East Devonport Recreation Centre for competition.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The Westbury Sports Centre floor is in poor condition and requires an upgrade.

There is a distinct lack of indoor venues within the study area, particularly in close proximity to Launceston (where the Devil State Derby League is based). Clubs are seeking a suitable indoor training venue in close proximity to Launceston.

**Considerations**

- clubs currently travel from Launceston to Westbury for training and have a desire for a Launceston training venue
- the Westbury Sports Centre flooring needs an upgrade.

**Recommendations**

- investigate the use of the former Launceston PCYC for training
- upgrade the flooring of the Westbury Sports Centre.



### *Rugby Union participation*

Rugby Union is ranked the 15th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 17th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>. Participation in rugby union at a national level is steady for adults and increasing for children. At a state level, rugby union participation is very limited for children and steady for adults. No local clubs provided membership data.

### *Existing facilities*

Royal Park is the home of Rugby Union providing the sole rugby Union field within the study area. The Launceston Rugby Union facility has one lit field and a clubhouse.

### *Existing facility carrying capacity*

The study area does not meet the preferred provision ratio of 1 field per 62,500 residents. There is currently 1 field compared to the required 2 in 2022. There is a predicted shortfall of 2 fields in line with population growth by 2036 (if no additional fields are developed).

It is thought that while the sport does not meet the accepted provision ratios, the current provision of facilities in the study area appears to reflect membership numbers and subsequent demand for facilities.

### *Considerations*

Australia is hosting the Rugby World Cup in 2027 and 2029 which may result in additional interest in the sport at a national level.

The study area is unlikely to host any training or matches, and subsequently any planned upgrades to the Royal Park facility should be focused on meeting local demand.

The clubhouse is in poor condition and in need of an upgrade to improve its condition and functionality.

### *Recommendations*

- support the plans for the upgrade of the Launceston Rugby Union change rooms
- consider the need for a warm-up area at Royal Park adjoining the existing field, should the tennis courts be rationalised.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022



### Sailing participation

Sailing is ranked the 17th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 9th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

At a state level, sailing is negligible for children, and steady for adults. Australian Sailing (Tasmania) has provided participation numbers for the five council areas:

	2022	2020	2018	Projected participation
Total membership		709	Unknown	844
				Mixed - Steady, increase and decline across the clubs

### Existing facilities

There are four sailing clubs within the study area; Port Dalrymple Yacht Club, Deviot Sailing Club, Tamar Yacht Club and George Town Yacht Club.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

Club accessibility for all abilities is generally poor across the facilities. Most do not have a wheelchair friendly venue (including access to toilets, change rooms, ramps, pontoons, and/or jetties). These issues are restricting the ability for the clubs and sport to be truly inclusive.

The current provision of facilities in the study area appears to be in line with membership numbers and subsequent demand for facilities.

### State Sporting Association input

Australian Sailing (Tasmania) highlighted the ageing population coupled with the lack of volunteers/instructors to deliver training as the main barriers to participation in sailing.

Sailing clubs are generally welcoming of all water sports and activities. Increasing activity at each facility through encouraging complementary water sports such as canoeing and kayaking may assist in increasing club membership. To support this, there is a need for better storage facilities for small water craft.

### Considerations

There is a need to be innovative in attracting new members and activity at the clubs within the study area.

Given the ageing population and the desire of clubs to be inclusive, there is a need for fully accessible facilities.

### Recommendations

- undertake an accessibility audit of the facilities and prioritise the implementation of improvements
- determine the requirements of each club to cater for complementary water sports.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





**Softball participation**

Softball is ranked the 13th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 19th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in softball at a national level is steady for both adults and children. At a state level, softball participation is very limited for children and increasing for adults. Tasmania Softball have provided membership data for the Northern Tasmanian Softball Association:

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	142	99	104	Steady

**Existing facilities**

Churchill Park in Invermay is the sole softball facility within the study area. The facility is shared with baseball, with two diamonds. Softball primarily use Diamond 1.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The study area is well provided for in regards to the provision of softball (and baseball) facilities. While the preferred provision ratio of 1 diamond per 50,000 residents is not being met, given the very low club membership, there is no evidence to suggest that the current provision is not meeting the requirements of the study area.

Participation in the sport is relatively low at a national, state and local level. If the club can demonstrate consistent growth in membership, a 3rd diamond catering for baseball and softball may be required by 2036.

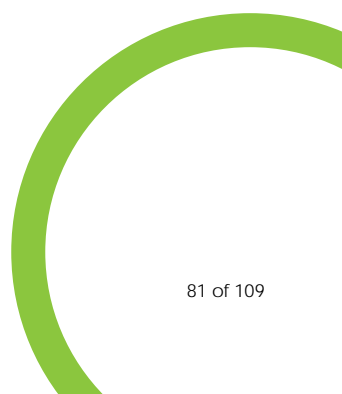
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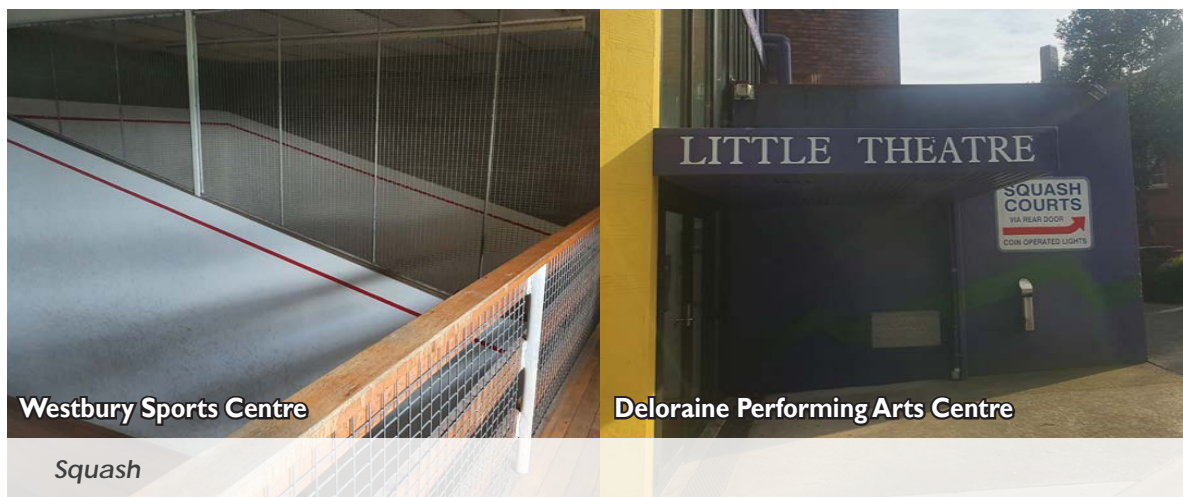
Additional seating and shaded areas would enhance the facility.

**Recommendations**

- work with baseball and softball to improve shared use of the facility
- install shaded seating for spectators.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





Westbury Sports Centre

Deloraine Performing Arts Centre

Squash

### Squash participation

Squash is ranked the 15th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for adults, and is not ranked for children given its limited participation in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in squash at a national level is steady for adults, however, is negligible for children. At a state level, squash participation is very limited for children and increasing for adults. Two local clubs have provided membership data.

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Junior	100	Not stated	Not stated	Increase
Senior	260	Not stated	Not stated	

### Existing facilities

The study area has four known facilities that provide for squash; Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre, Westbury Indoor Sports Centre, Exeter Community Club and the Longford Community Sports Centre.

A dedicated squash facility is currently under construction in Deloraine.

At present, the existing facilities are unable to host State and inter-State tournaments.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

Existing facilities in Deloraine and Westbury are dated and do not meet current standards for the sport. These courts cannot be used for State and inter-State tournaments. The new facility being built in Deloraine will provide four new courts that are expected to be suitable to attract junior state development squads, senior state competitions and master competitions.

### Considerations

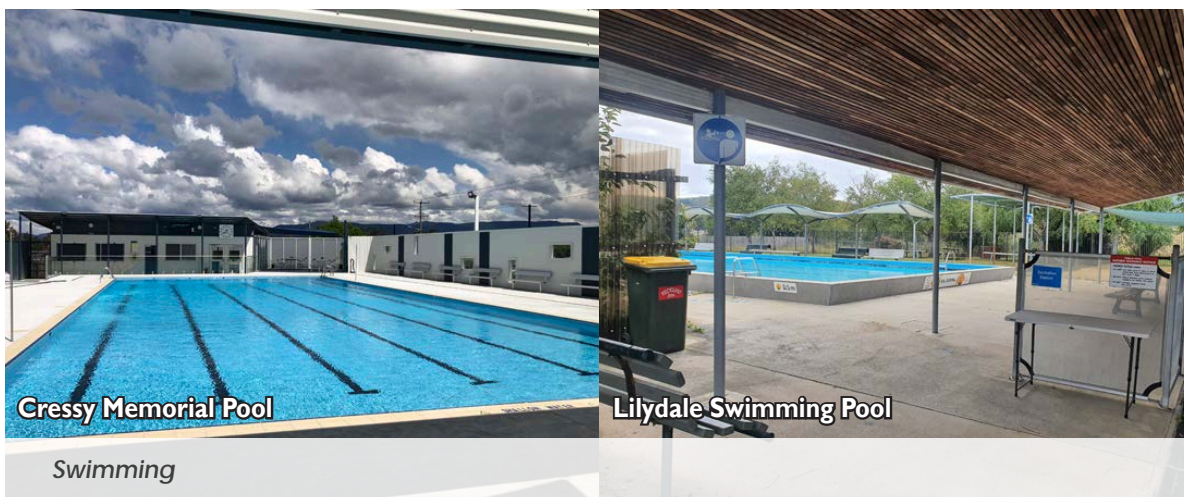
Once the Deloraine facility has been built, the existing facilities in Deloraine and Westbury may become redundant.

### Recommendations

- consider re-purposing the existing courts at the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre following the completion of the new facility in Deloraine
- monitor the demand for the Westbury facility following the development of the new facility in Deloraine.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





**Swimming participation**

Swimming is the 4th overall sport and physical activity participated in by adults in Australia and the 2nd highest organised sport and physical activity for children in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in swimming at a national level is increasing for both adults and children. At a state level, swimming is increasing for children and steady for adults. Swimming Tasmania have provided membership data for the Northern Clubs:

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	493	Unknown	Unknown	Steady

**Existing facilities**

There are a number of swimming pools within the study area. The Cataract Gorge (First Basin) also provides informal swimming opportunities.

Local-level aquatic facilities include the Campbell Town Swimming Pool, Ross Swimming Pool, Cressy Swimming Pool, Deloraine Swimming Pool and Lilydale District Swimming Pool. The Riverside Aquatic Centre is a district-level facility.

There are two regional-level facilities - the George Town Swimming Pool and the Launceston Aquatic Centre. The George Town Swimming Pool has major upgrades planned to meet the needs of the George Town community. The existing outdoor 25m pool and water slide will be enhanced by the provision of an indoor 3 lane lap pool as well as an indoor therapy pool as well as gym and fitness centre.

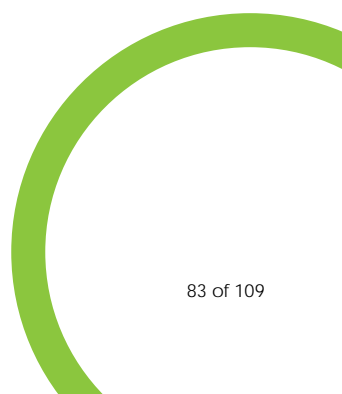
Riverside Swim Centre pool is at the end of its useful life and is planned for upgrade in the near future in line with the West Tamar Aquatic Facility Strategy.

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.

**Existing facility carrying capacity**

The study area currently has an over-supply of facilities based on the preferred provision ratios of one 25m pool per 30,000-50,000 residents. This does not take into consideration the access requirements of residents living in small towns and villages away from population centres . When applying the additional benchmark of one 50m pool per 100,000 residents, minor shortfalls exist to 2036 (however still an over-supply in 25m pools).

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022



### ***State Sporting Association input***

Swimming Tasmania have identified that they are a growing sport and feel they have a lack of pool availability for lane hire.

Swimming Tasmania has a desire for a new 10 lane facility with even depth to enable Swimming Tasmania to bring national swim meets to the area.

### ***Considerations***

The planned upgrade of the George Town Swimming Pool will enhance the current provision of swimming facilities, and cater for the needs of the George Town community. Similarly, the Riverside Swim Centre upgrade will provide a modern aquatic and leisure facility.

The majority of the regions population has close access to the network of swimming pools and aquatic facilities.

Additionally, the minor deficiency in 50m pool by 2036 is more than catered for by the over-supply of 25m pools across the study area.

Peoples willingness to travel to access such facilities has been confirmed though the community survey, with some examples of respondents travelling up to 67km for swimming.

Whilst there may be some capacity issues for squad swimmers at the Launceston Aquatic Centre as identified by Swimming Tasmania, there needs to be a number of management and scheduling strategies implemented long before the development of a new facility to ensure the current facility's utilisation is maximised.

A number of private and commercial swimming pools exist within close proximity to the Launceston Aquatic Centre including at schools. Use of these facilities should be maximised by clubs in conjunction with Council facilities to ensure no unnecessary facilities are developed.

Aquatic facilities require significant initial capital expenditure and ongoing maintenance costs.

### ***Recommendations***

- with the exception of the planned upgrade to the George Town Swimming Pool and Riverside Swim Centre, no new aquatic facilities are recommended for the life of the Plan, to 2036
- continue to promote access to a range of aquatic facilities across the study area
- any approach by swimming Tasmania for a national standard facility in the Northern Tasmania region should include detailed discussion with Sport and Recreation Tasmania and relevant Councils to ensure the best location and facility scope is identified across the state
- if demonstrated demand for an additional facility exists in 2036, undertake an investigation into the feasibility of expanding an existing facility, including its possible enclosure.



Elphin Sports Centre

Table Tennis

### Table Tennis participation

Table Tennis is ranked the 11th highest sport participated in by Tasmanians for children and the 17th highest for adults in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in table tennis at a national level is increasing for both adults and children. At a state level, table tennis is negligible for children, and increasing for adults. Table Tennis Tasmania has provided membership data for the study area:

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Total membership	134	99	66	Steady

### Existing facilities

The study area has two known facilities that provide for table tennis - Elphin Sports Centre and the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre.

Northern Tasmania Table Tennis has a desire to host a State-level competition once each year. Their current facility at Elphin Sports Centre cannot accommodate this.

### Existing facility carrying capacity

Northern Tasmania Table Tennis (based at Elphin Sports Centre) has a desire for a facility with capacity to hold 10 tables in order to host a State competition (annually). However, the current facility cannot cater for this.

The Deloraine Table Tennis League operate out of the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre. They have a desire to remove benches along the wall to allow them to fit in one more court (making 9 in total). This would allow the club to run two extra social teams each week. It is noted that other hall users need the existing benches to undertake their activities.

### Considerations

Table tennis tables permanently set-up at Elphin Sports Centre take up valuable court space that could otherwise be booked for basketball (juniors or training), netball and other community sports with large membership bases.

The former YMCA facility in Launceston has the potential to accommodate table tennis as an alternate venue to Elphin Sports Centre.

### Recommendations

- relocate table tennis from Elphin Sports Centre with a view of having tables that can be packed up when not in use, to allow more equitable use of the space
- initiate discussions with all users of the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre to determine the need for fixed benches (and the possibility of the Table Tennis League fitting in an additional court).

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022



### **Touch Football participation**

Touch football is ranked 16th within the top 20 organised sport and physical activities participated in by adults and children in Australia in 2022<sup>1</sup>.

Participation in touch football at a national level is steady for both adults and children. At a state level, touch football is steady for children, and decreasing for adults. One local club provided membership data for the study area:

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Junior	0	0	0	Steady
Senior	Not stated	40	20	

### **Existing facilities**

The study area has two known facilities that provide for touch football - Prospect Vale Park and the George Town Sports Complex.

### **Existing facility carrying capacity**

The George Town Giants use the George Town Sports Complex for training and Prospect Vale Park for games. The club find the distance required to travel to Prospect Vale Park to play is a barrier.

Across the study area, the provision of facilities for touch football appears to reflect demand for the sport.

### **Considerations**

George Town is geographically isolated from much of the study area and has a small population catchment. It would be difficult to run a successful touch football competition in this locality.

### **Recommendation**

- monitor demand for touch football facilities based on participation in the sport and population growth.

<sup>1</sup> Ausplay 2022





**Tennis participation**

Tennis is ranked 10th in the top sports and physical activities participated in by Australian adults in 2022<sup>1</sup> and 8th for children.

Participation in tennis at a national level is increasing for adults and decreasing for children. At a state level, tennis is increasing for children and steady for adults. Six local clubs provided membership data for the study area, with combined membership totals displayed in the table below.

	2022	2021	2020	Projected participation
Junior	598	440	284	Increase, steady
Senior	459	551	344	

**Existing facilities**

The study area is well provided for in tennis, with 63 tennis courts. Provision includes a wide range of facilities from unlocked, free-to-play shared courts to regional-level facilities with multiple courts.

- the Hadspen Recreation Ground provides a multi-purpose court classified as active recreation.
- local-level facilities include Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct, Perth Tennis Club, Evandale Tennis Club, Westbury Tennis Club, Whitemore Recreation Ground, Carrick Memorial Recreation Ground, Royal Park, Hillwood Oval, Weymouth Tennis Courts, Bellingham Sports Oval, Beechford Recreation Area, Beaconsfield Tennis Centre, Pipers Rivers Recreation Ground, Pipers Brook Tennis Courts (not in use), Karoola Recreation Ground and Myrtle Park Recreation Ground.
- district-level facilities include Deloraine Tennis Courts, George Town Sports Complex (not in use) and Riverside Centre.
- the study area has one regional-level facility - the Regional Tennis Centre (Tennis World) that provides 11 courts (2 clay courts and 9 hard courts).

A full list of facilities and their hierarchy by Local Government Area can be found within Appendix 2.



### *Existing facility carrying capacity*

The study area currently has an over-supply of courts based on the preferred provision ratio of 1 court per 2,500 residents. There are currently 63 courts compared to the required 55 in 2022. Even considering the predicted population growth within the study area, there will still be an over-supply of 2 courts in 2036.

The Karoola Tennis court is in poor condition and has no evidence of current usage.

The Royal Park courts require re-surfacing and repairs to the fence. Use of the courts are unclear. Given the proximity to Tennis World and the good condition of these courts, consideration needs to be given to removal of these courts. This would allow the Rugby Union Club to expand their facilities, or provide a small warm up area.

Trevallyn Park has some tennis courts that are in dis-repair. The club is currently renewing two courts and improving lighting and fencing.

Bluegum Park in Launceston is an informal tennis facility in poor condition and poses a significant safety risk considering its location and complete lack of surveillance.

The George Town tennis courts are in poor condition and require resurfacing. The George Town Sports Complex Master Plan recommends the combination of netball and tennis courts in an upgraded facility. The netball courts are in good condition. The tennis courts are currently not in use and it is recommended that the facilities remain separate for the benefit of both sports.

### *Local club input*

- Beaconsfield Tennis Club has identified the need to undertake a surface clean of their hard court to improve safety and lighting to increase hours of use. Their fence is also in need of replacement. Additionally, improved all abilities access to courts and the clubroom via a wider gate and a ramp is required
- Longford Tennis Club has noted the need for repairing surface cracks and court resurfacing to ensure the safety of the courts. The club has a desire for improved lighting, with the existing lights ageing and providing varying levels across the courts. Additionally, the club have requested a hitting wall to enhance training facilities
- Perth Tennis Club has identified the need for the development of a club room, toilet facilities and shaded area for players. The court surfaces are in poor condition and in need of re-surfacing
- Riverside Tennis Club has identified that 2 of their 4 courts need replacing. The club has a desire for an additional two courts but expanding is difficult as the facility is land locked. The club feel their growth is restricted by the size of their facility. The Club reports being near to capacity and unable to grow without additional courts





- Tennis Australia (Tennis World Launceston) has identified the need to upgrade their clubhouse including bathrooms and storage. The lighting is at the end of its useful life and courts require resurfacing
- Whitemore Tennis Club has highlighted a number of concerns with their facility, including cracks in the courts and a lack of shade and seating.

### ***Considerations***

There is an over-supply of courts within the study area.

A number of courts are ageing and in poor condition, with little evidence of use.

A number of clubs have identified the need for major court improvements, clubhouse development or upgrade and lighting. There needs to be a holistic planning process to understand the demand for these items as well as prioritisation.

### ***Recommendations***

- undertake a tennis network plan to identify the needs of each club in line with participation, and prioritise actions across the study area to ensure a fair and equitable approach
- master plan the greater Trevallyn Park site and review management structure
- rationalise the Karoola Tennis court due to its poor condition and lack of use
- rationalise the Royal Park tennis courts given their poor condition and close proximity to Tennis World
- Divest Bluegum Park court (City of Launceston) and discourage future use for community safety. This venue is a passive recreation/bushland area and should continue to provide this function only
- undertake an accessibility audit of the Beaconsfield Tennis clubhouse and make recommendations for improvement.



**Karoola Tennis Court**



## Prioritisation model for facility development

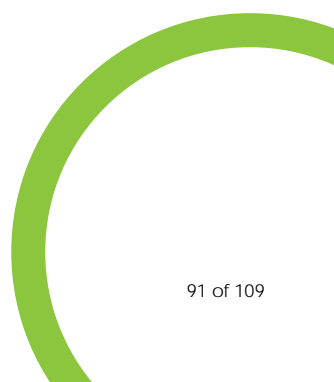
### Sport and recreation prioritisation tool

To assist the working group and subsequently each council to prioritise the recommendations for their annual capital works budgets, a set of criteria have been developed. This criteria will allow the project working group to standardised the process for prioritising its open space capital works, while being transparent and equitable in its decision making.

Each project is scored out of 100, with some factors having higher weight than others.

Table 22: Sport and recreation prioritisation tool

	Factor	Description	Score
Planning	Planning tool	Priority should be given to projects that have been identified through the Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 and demonstrate strategic importance at either a local, district or regional level	/10
	Growth areas	Priority focus should be on supporting facilities within growth areas. This helps to ensure that there are facilities in growth areas that support the community at a local level	/5
	Club management	For sportsgrounds and courts, priority should go to facilities that are managed in an efficient and effective way. As most facilities are leased/licenced, a condition of the lease/licence agreement should be that clubs have a management plan that incorporates asset management, financial management, club development and capital works planning	/5
	Sub total		/20
Asset Management	Asset condition	Priority should go towards projects that are improving an asset. Capital works should not be used to repair facilities, which should be undertaken through a maintenance program associated with the facility (either lessee or Council) or be indicated in an asset renewal schedule	/5
	Safety	While capital works should not be primarily used for funding safety aspects, safety and risk remain critical issues for Council	/5
	Sub total		/10
Function	Capacity	Priority should be given to projects that will cater for increased participation in recreation, physical activity or sport	/10
	Access	Priority should be given to facilities that cater for more than one sport or activity. Any leases/licenced facilities that have only one user group or club should be encouraged to share facilities if possible. Priority should also be given to community access as well as the clubs	/10
	Function	Priority should be given to projects where there is a demonstrated need within the community. Funding should also target projects that are appropriate for the type of open space. There is a strong need for a variety of facilities to serve all areas of the community. A project at one site should not impact on the ongoing use of another facility and preference away from projects where needs are already being met elsewhere within its catchment	/10
	Social impact	Priority should go to those projects that are targeting growth or emerging recreation activities and/or sports. Clubs or activities with limited or declining participation will need to look at the reasons why and address these issues to achieve a higher priority	/10
	Sub total		/40





## Key recommendations and action plan

### Key plan recommendations

Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this Plan will require strong leadership, appropriate resources from NTDC, councils and other funding partners, as well as a commitment to making some difficult decisions.

While this Plan presents a key guiding vision for the NTDC and councils (and the community), the overlaying issue will be the capacity to fund it. Exact individual project timing will be dependant on the availability of necessary funding (be it from local clubs, council, State or Federal Governments).

Priorities are assigned for each action. A high recommendation should be undertaken as soon as resources allow while medium (in the next 5-10 years) and low priorities (in the next 10-15 years) are not as urgent. Indicative costs are provided for the total project cost (not necessarily an individual council's financial burden). More detailed costing should be undertaken for each project as its nears commencement.

Table 23: Strategic priorities

Ref	Recommendation	Priority	LGA	Responsibility
<b>Strategic priorities</b>				
1.1	The current working group has proven successful and should be maintained in order to oversee the management and monitoring of the Sports Facility Plan and its implementation	High	All	Project team and NTDC
1.2	Continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing sport and active recreation facilities	High	All	Councils, project team and NTDC
1.3	Pursue partnerships with schools and education providers for joint use of sports facilities	High	All	Councils, project team and NTDC
1.4	Considering the high participation rates, undertake a demand study for informal active sport to better understand the communities need	High	All	Councils, project team and NTDC
1.5	Seek to promote the use of existing sport and active recreation facilities across the region through marketing and awareness and programming with a focus on social, unstructured and emerging activities	High	All	Councils, project team and NTDC

Table 24: Sport-specific recommendations

Ref	Recommendation	Priority	LGA	Responsibility	Indicative cost
<b>AFL</b>					
2.1	Continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing AFL facilities	High	All	Councils and project team	Nil
2.2	Develop training areas to support existing one-oval facilities where possible, including Bridgenorth Recreation Ground, Rocherlea Recreation Ground and Longford Recreation Ground	High	All	WT, CoL and NM	Not costed
2.3	Deloraine Recreation Ground - redevelopment at the showground/race track could provide opportunity for a multi-oval facility	Med	MV	MV	\$30,000 Concept plan
2.4	Exeter Showgrounds (private) - currently has 2 ovals catering for cricket and Mini League/Auskick. This facility could be formalised in partnership with council to provide for AFL	Low	WT	WT and Exeter Showgrounds	Not costed
2.5	Investigate the development of at least two new multi-oval facilities in key locations close to population centres i.e. the Legana Structure Plan Growth Area and the growth area in the vicinity of St Leonards	Med	All	WT and CoL	Land not costed \$3million each
2.6	Lilydale Recreation Ground requires an upgrade to the entrance road and installation of spectator shade	Low	CoL	CoL	\$50,000
2.7	City of Launceston to complete the master planning process for the NTCA precinct with the NTCA Facilities Management Group	High	CoL	CoL and NTCA	Underway

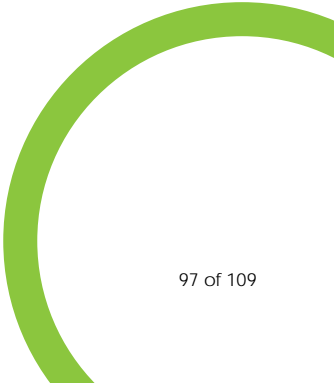
Ref	Recommendation	Priority	LGA	Responsibility	Indicative cost
2.8	Implement the Perth Recreation Precinct Master Plan	Med	NMC	NMC	As costed
<b>Athletics</b>					
3.1	Investigate inclusion of Little Athletics training facilities at the George Town Sports Complex re-development	Low	GT	GT	Nil
3.2	Undertake a master plan of the St Leonards Sports Complex to determine the future needs of all users (athletics, hockey, BMX and croquet), including potential upgrade of the building, toilets and in-field area	High	CoL	CoL, Hockey, Athletics, Croquet, BMX	\$80,000
3.3	In line with the outcomes of the master planning process, prioritise the facility upgrades at the Northern Athletics Centre	High	CoL	CoL and Northern Athletics Centre	To be costed by the master plan
3.4	Promote the availability of the centre of St Leonards track for use by winter sport to train	Med	CoL	CoL and Northern Athletics Centre	Nil
3.5	Monitor the demand for additional athletics facilities based on the growth of the sport (and population growth)	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil
<b>Badminton</b>					
4.1	Assess the suitability of the Deloraine Community Complex to continue to provide for badminton	Med	MV	MV	Nil
<b>Baseball</b>					
5.1	Work with Baseball and Softball to improve shared use of the facility	High	CoL	CoL	Nil
5.2	Install shaded seating for spectators	High	CoL	CoL and Launceston Baseball League	\$70,000
<b>Basketball</b>					
6.1	Support the progression of the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub concept plans in providing indoor courts	High	CoL	CoL and working group	Nil
6.2	Continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing indoor facilities	High	All	Councils, working group and NTDC	Nil
6.3	Identify a suitable location for the development of a future multi-court indoor facility to meet the growing needs of basketball	High	All	Councils and working group	Nil
6.4	Plan for the duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre	Med	NM	NM	\$1,500,000
<b>BMX</b>					
7.1	Undertake a master plan the St Leonard Sports precinct including BMX, hockey, athletics and croquet to determine the future needs of the facilities, including potential upgrade of the building, toilets and in-field area	High	CoL	CoL, Hockey, Athletics, Croquet, BMX	Costed in 3.2
7.2	Consider ancillary facility upgrades for the Launceston BMX Club including the provision of spectator viewing and improved lighting	Med	CoL	CoL and Launceston BMX Club	\$110,000
7.3	Monitor the demand for additional BMX facilities in line with population growth	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil
7.4	Consider the development of pump tracks within the Northern Midlands and City of Launceston to enhance the provision of active recreation across the study area	Med	CoL NM	CoL NM	Nil
<b>Cricket</b>					
8.1	Continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing cricket facilities	High	All	Councils, working group and NTDC	Nil
8.2	Develop multiple-oval facilities to enhance capacity and reduce pressure on playing surfaces - potential for Deloraine Recreation Ground (Racecourse)	Med	MV	MV	Not costed
8.3	City of Launceston to complete the master planning of the NTCA precinct with the NTCA Facilities Management Group	High	CoL	CoL and NTCA	Underway
8.4	Formalise the use of Dover Reserve, Newstead Reserve and Charlton Reserve for training to take the pressure off other venues	Med	CoL	CoL	\$60,000 irrigation
8.5	Confirm the use of Lebrina Recreation Ground, Karoola Recreation Ground and Bellingham Sports Oval for cricket	Med	CoL	CoL	Nil
8.6	Upgrade the clubroom and change facilities at Ross Recreation Ground to cater for its increased use	Med	NM	NM and Veterans Cricket Tasmania	\$100,000
8.7	Undertake a Master Plan and Facility Management Review of Trevallyn Park (cricket, tennis and lawn bowls) including car parking and circulation	Low	CoL	CoL	\$45,000

Ref	Recommendation	Priority	LGA	Responsibility	Indicative cost
<b>Croquet</b>					
9.1	The East Launceston Croquet Club and City of Launceston to work together in undertaking an accessibility audit and developing a preferred site layout for the future of the facility, which includes the needs of the East Launceston Bowling Club	Med	CoL	CoL, East Launceston Bowling Club and East Launceston Croquet Club	\$15,000
9.2	Investigate the feasibility of converting the disused tennis courts at East Launceston Croquet Club to a shared facility between croquet and bowls	Low	CoL	CoL and East Launceston Croquet Club	Not costed
9.3	As part of the master planning process of the St Leonards Sports Complex (athletics, hockey, BMX and croquet), include the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre and work with clubs to implement facility sharing	Med	CoL	CoL and Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre	Costed in 3.2
<b>Cycling</b>					
10.1	Continue to monitor demand for off-road cycling and additional facilities across the study area in line with population growth and demand for the sport	High	All	Councils and working group	Nil
10.2	Program the replacement of the George Town fence and spectator shelters, as well as improvements to the track surface	High	GT	GT and Northern Vets Cycling Club	\$170,000
<b>Equestrian</b>					
11.1	Investigate the demand for cricket at the Lebrina and Karoola Recreation Grounds. If there is no demand for cricket, there is the potential for equestrian uses to expand	Med	CoL	CoL	Nil
11.2	Investigate the potential for Edinburgh Park to be expanded to include an expanded outdoor arena and covered yards	Med	WT	WT and Edinburgh Park	Nil
11.3	Equestrian Tasmania in conjunction with the clubs located within Northern Tasmania, undertake a strategic review of their facilities in the north	High	All	Equestrian Tasmania and clubs	Nil
11.4	Support the Longford Racecourse Master Plan's proposed equestrian precinct development	High	NM	NM and Tasracing	Nil
<b>Football (soccer)</b>					
12.1	Continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing football facilities	High	All	Councils, working group and NTDC	Nil
12.2	Investigate suitable land for the development of a new multi-field facility for football within the study area. There is potential for this facility to be located within the growth area near to St Leonards or Legana. The development of a synthetic pitch should be considered at this location	High	CoL WT	CoL, WT, working group and Football Tasmania	Not costed
12.3	City of Launceston to complete the master planning process of the NTCA precinct with the NTCA Facilities Management Group	High	CoL	CoL and NTCA	Underway
12.4	Master plan the greater NTCA/Elphin Indoor Sports/Tennis World precinct to improve car parking, access, circulation, rationalise some uses and provide opportunities to expand uses where practical	High	CoL	CoL and Elphin	Underway
12.5	Upgrade the West Launceston Community Park to provide an additional training facility for Football. Lighting and field upgrade would be required in the first instance, with future upgrades to the existing public toilets	Low	CoL	CoL	\$130,000 for lights and irrigation
12.6	Encourage the use of Carrick Recreation Ground as a training venue for soccer and other sports	High	All	MV	Nil
12.7	Investigate the need for a football field within the north of the Northern Midlands LGA	Med	NM	NM	Nil
<b>Gymnastics</b>					
13.1	Support the progression of the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub concept plans in potentially providing shared use of an indoor facility	High	CoL	Councils and working group	Nil
13.2	Monitor demand for gymnastics within the study area and support clubs in seeking access to existing indoor venues where appropriate	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil
<b>Hockey</b>					
14.1	Undertake a master plan of the St Leonards Sports Complex including hockey, athletics, BMX and croquet to determine the future needs of all facilities	High	CoL	CoL, Hockey, Athletics, Croquet, BMX	Costed in 3.2
14.2	In line with the outcomes of the master planning process, prioritise the facility upgrades at the northern Hockey Centre	Med	CoL	CoL and Hockey Tasmania	To be costed by the master plan
14.3	Monitor demand in line with future participation patterns and population growth	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil



Ref	Recommendation	Priority	LGA	Responsibility	Indicative cost
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>					
15.1	Undertake a Lawn Bowls rationalisation strategy across the study area (particularly focussing on the City of Launceston) to determine the viability of the existing clubs and determine a future program of upgrades, consolidation and potential divestment	High	All	Councils and working group	\$50,000
15.2	Master Plan the greater Trevallyn Park site	Med	CoL	CoL and Trevallyn Park Improvement Assoc	As costed in 8.8
<b>Martial Arts</b>					
16.1	Support existing and emerging clubs in finding suitable venues within the study area	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil
<b>Netball</b>					
17.1	Continue to pursue strategic investment opportunities including acquisitions, that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan, particularly those that build on and expand existing netball facilities	High	All	Councils, working group and NTDC	Nil
17.2	Continue to advocate for the provision of four dedicated indoor netball courts as part of the Northern Suburbs Community Hub development	High	All	Councils, working group and NTDC	Nil
17.3	Following the completion of the Northern Suburbs Community Hub and the provision of four dedicated indoor courts for netball, there is a need to undertake further analysis into the demand for additional indoor courts	Med	All	Councils, working group and NTDC	Nil
17.4	Netball Tasmania to work with the Silverdome to guarantee continued use of the venue for regular games	High	CoL	Netball Tasmania	Nil
17.5	Undertake court re-surfacing and expansion to meet run-off requirements at Northern Tasmania Netball Centre	High	CoL	CoL and NTNA	\$300,000
17.6	Develop a shared clubhouse facility at the Northern Tasmania Netball Centre to allow club access for meetings and functions	Med	CoL	CoL and NTNA	\$1,500,000
17.7	Upgrade the George Town netball clubhouse (in conjunction with tennis) and court surrounds	Med	GT	GT and George Town Saints Netball Club	\$300,000
17.8	Plan for the duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre	Med	NM	NM	As costed in 6.4
<b>Roller Derby</b>					
18.1	Investigate the use of the former Launceston PCYC for training	Med	CoL	CoL and Roller Derby	Nil
18.2	Upgrade the flooring of the Westbury Sports Centre	Med	All	MV	\$30,000
<b>Rugby Union</b>					
19.1	Support the plans for the upgrade of the Launceston Rugby Union change rooms	Med	CoL	CoL and Launceston Rugby Union Club	As costed by the Club and CoL
19.2	Consider the need for a warm-up area at Royal Park adjoining the existing field, should the tennis courts be rationalised	Med	CoL	CoL and Launceston Rugby Union Club	Nil
<b>Sailing</b>					
20.1	Undertake an accessibility audit of the facilities and prioritise the implementation of improvements	Med	All	Councils, working group and sailing clubs	\$15,000
20.2	Determine the requirements of each club to cater for complementary water sports	Med	All	Councils, working group and sailing clubs	Nil
<b>Softball</b>					
21.1	Work with baseball and softball to improve shared use of the facility	Low	CoL	CoL and clubs	Nil
21.2	Install shaded seating for spectators	High	CoL	CoL and Northern Tasmania Softball Assoc	Costed in 5.2
<b>Squash</b>					
22.1	Consider re-purposing the existing squash courts at the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre following the completion of the new facility in Deloraine	Low	MV	MV	Not costed
22.2	Monitor the demand for the Westbury facility following the development of the new facility in Deloraine	Low	MV	MV	Nil
<b>Swimming</b>					
23.1	Continue to promote access to a range of aquatic facilities across the study area	High	All	Councils and working group	Nil

Ref	Recommendation	Priority	LGA	Responsibility	Indicative cost
23.2	Any approach by swimming Tasmania for a national standard facility in the Northern Tasmania region should include detailed discussion with Sport and Recreation Tasmania and relevant Councils to ensure the best location and facility scope is identified across the state	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil
23.3	If demonstrated demand for an additional facility exists in 2036, undertake an investigation into the feasibility of expanding an existing facility, including its possible enclosure	Low	All	Councils and working group	\$80,000
<b>Table Tennis</b>					
24.1	Initiate discussions with all users of the Meander Valley Performing Arts Centre to determine the need for fixed benches and the possibility of the Table Tennis League to fin in their additional court	High	MV	MV, MVPAC users	Nil
<b>Touch Football</b>					
25.1	Monitor the demand for touch football facilities based on the demand for the sport and population growth	Low	All	Councils and working group	Nil
<b>Tennis</b>					
26.1	Undertake a tennis network plan to identify the needs of each club in line with participation, and prioritise actions across the study area to ensure a fair and equitable approach	Med	All	Councils and working group	\$50,000
26.2	Master Plan the greater Trevallyn Park site and review management structure	Med	CoL	CoL and Trevallyn Park Improvement Assoc	As costed in 8.8
26.3	Rationalise the Karoola Tennis court due to its poor condition and lack of use	High	CoL	CoL	\$5,000
26.4	Rationalise the Royal Park tennis courts given their poor condition and close proximity to Tennis World	Med	CoL	CoL	\$5,000
26.5	Divest Bluegum Park court (CoL) and discourage future use for community safety	High	CoL	CoL	\$5,000
26.6	Undertake an accessibility audit of the Beaconsfield Tennis clubhouse and make recommendations for improvement	High	WT	WT and Beaconsfield Tennis Club	\$3,000





## Appendix 1 - Desired facility guidelines

### Background

The following pages present desired facility provision standards for the key sports at two levels - district and regional. Councils will continue to be a key driver in the development of district-level facilities (largely through developer contributions and grants) and will strive to develop facilities according to the district-level provision standards. However, the development of regional-level facilities will require a collaborative approach where facilities may need to be staged in order to ultimately meet the regional-level provision standards. User groups and state (and national) sporting organisations will be expected to contribute to the development of these high-level facilities.

## AFL<sup>1</sup> and cricket<sup>2</sup> Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Playing field (includes 5m run-off)	AFL - Preferred 175m x 145m, Minimum 145m x 120m Cricket - Preferred 60m radius, Minimum 50m radius	AFL - Minimum 175m x 140m Cricket - Preferred 70m radius, minimum 65m radius
Orientation	North-south	North-south
Drainage (outside fencing)	Basic	Comprehensive system
Irrigation	Automated system	Automated system
Sight screens	n/a	One at each end of the main field
Number of ovals	Minimum 2	Minimum 1, 2 recommended and 3 desirable

## Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Ball protection fencing	Required if goals are within 10m of car parking, roads, buildings or footpaths	
Car parking	Off-street minimum 57 cars per oval	Off-street minimum 57 cars per oval
Cricket practice nets	2 synthetic practice nets per oval	Minimum 2 synthetic practice nets per oval (consideration of turf practice nets as an alternative or additional option)
Cricket wicket - turf	22.56m x 3.05m (5-6 pitches). Turf wickets require club contribution and require junior use	22.56m x 3.05m (8-10 pitches). Turf wickets require club contribution
Cricket wicket - synthetic	28m x 2.8m	
Drinking fountains	2 per oval	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility
Goal posts	<input type="checkbox"/> Goals posts - 10m out of ground <input type="checkbox"/> Point posts - 6.5m out of ground	<input type="checkbox"/> Goals posts - 12m out of ground <input type="checkbox"/> Point posts - 8m out of ground
Oval fencing	Post and rail fencing around each oval	Cyclone wire mesh infill
Park furniture	6 bench seats per oval	
Player shelter	2 fixed shelters on western side of oval (8 seat capacity)	
Playspace	Local-level play node	Local-level play node
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	Minimum 1200 litres per oval	2400 litres for main oval, 960 litres for secondary ovals
Scoreboard	Scoreboard stand provided. Minimum 2m high and 2.6m wide	Elevated manual scoreboard with scorer's room. Storage below
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	Ovals lit to training standard with capacity to expand the main oval to competition standard	Competition standard lighting on at least one oval, other ovals lit to training standard with capacity to expand to competition standard

1 Desired standards are based on AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines, August 2012. Council's 'district' facility is 'local' in the AFL Guidelines. Council's 'regional' facility is 'regional' in the AFL guidelines

2 Desired standards are based on Cricket Australia's (CA) Community Cricket Facility Guidelines, September 2015. Council's 'district' is 'club (home)' in the CA Guidelines. Council's 'regional' is 'Premier/Regional' in the CA guidelines.

## Athletics

### Playing area<sup>1</sup> considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Orientation	North-south	
Track surface	Permanent synthetic track of 400m circumference with minimum 8 lanes, and 10 front straight lanes for 110m hurdles events. (Construction in accordance with guidelines as outlined in IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual)	Permanent synthetic track of 400m circumference with minimum 8 lanes, and 10 lanes in front and back straights for 110m hurdles events. (Construction in accordance with guidelines as outlined in IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual)
Steeplechase	Permanent water jump (inside or outside the track)	Permanent water jump (inside or outside the track)
Combined discus/hammer cage	Minimum of 1 permanent combined throwing cage	2 permanent combined throwing cages
Shot put circle	Minimum of 2 permanent throwing circles	Up to 3 permanent throwing circles
Javelin	Minimum of 1 synthetic approach	2 synthetic approaches
High jump	Minimum of 1 synthetic 'D'	2 synthetic 'Ds'
Long/triple jump	2 double-ended synthetic approaches with pits	Up to 4 double-ended synthetic approaches with pits
Pole vault	Minimum of 1 synthetic approach (across 'D' with vaulting box)	2 synthetic approaches with vaulting box (across 'D' and in one of the straights)
Irrigation	Automated system	Automated system

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Car parking	Assessment require for the site	Assessment required for the site
Drinking fountain	Minimum of 2	Minimum of 4
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility
Park furniture	6 bench seats	Minimum of 8 bench seats
Playspace	Local-level play node	Local- to district-level play node
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	At the pavilion (and potential for additional standalone)
Rubbish bins	Minimum 1200 litres	Minimum 2400 litres
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	Lighting to recreation and training standard	Lighting to club competition
Storage shed	75m <sup>2</sup> (minimum)	100m <sup>2</sup> (minimum)

<sup>1</sup> Based on IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual 2008 guidelines



## Baseball<sup>1</sup> and softball

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size	Baseball - 98m along foul lines and 114m to centre outfield from home plate Softball - 83.82m radius from home plate	
Backnet	Permanent backnet for 2 diamonds (minimum)	Permanent backnet for 2 diamonds (minimum) with at least one having fencing extensions between home plate and first base and home plate and third base
Outfield fencing	Full outfield fencing (portable)	Full outfield fencing (portable or permanent)
Number of fields	Minimum of two full-size diamonds with no outfield overlaps	
Infield	Grass with skinned running tracks	Grass (or skinned) with skinned running tracks
Outfield	Grass surface with automated irrigation and quality drainage	

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Car parking	Off street minimum 36 cars per diamond	
Drinking fountain	1 per diamond	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility
Park furniture	4 bench seats per diamond	
Player dugouts	Permanent dug outs for 2 fields minimum (located along run to first base and run to home plate)	
Playspace	Local-level play node	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	720 litres per oval	
Scoreboard	Scoreboard stand provided. Minimum 2m high and 2.6m wide	
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas between diamonds	
Sportsfield lighting	Diamonds lit to training standard with capacity to expand the main diamond to competition standard	Competition standard lighting on at least one diamond, other diamonds lit to training standard with capacity to expand to competition standard

<sup>1</sup> Desired standards are based on Baseball Victoria Regulations for New Baseball Fields (October 2014)

## Basketball

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size	Playing surface 28m x 15m with at least a 2m run-off from the court to any obstructions	
Surface	Hard, flat surface, usually timber	

## Football (soccer)<sup>1</sup>

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size (playing area and run-off)	Minimum 106m x 66m. Preferred 111m x 74m	
Orientation	North-south	
Drainage	Basic	Comprehensive system
Irrigation	Automated system	
Number of fields	Minimum 3 fields	Minimum 4 fields
Surface	Majority turf, consider demand for synthetic	

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Ball protection fencing	Required if goals are within 10m of car parking, roads, buildings or footpaths	
Car parking	Off street minimum 40 cars per field	Preference for 200 car parks within 400m of the ground (minimum 40 cars per field)
Drinking fountain	1 per field	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility (spectator fencing around each field)	
Goals	Permanent and semi permanent goals must conform to Australian Standard AS 4866.1-2007 - Playing field equipment- Soccer goals Part 1: Safety aspects and be properly installed and secured. Moveable goals must be complaint with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commissions Consumer Protection notice no28. of 2010	
Park furniture	4 bench seats per field	
Pitch fencing	Post and rail preferred	Post and rail with chain mesh infill
Player shelters	2 shelters on western side of field (5-seat capacity)	2 shelters on western side of field (8-seat capacity)
Playspace	Local-level play node	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	720 litres per field	1440 litres for main field and 720 litres for additional fields
Scoreboard	Scoreboard stand provided. Minimum 2m high and 2.6m wide	Elevated manual scoreboard on main field
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	At least two fields lit to training standard with capacity to expand the main field to competition standard	Competition standard lighting on at least one field, other fields lit to training standard with capacity to expand to competition standard

<sup>1</sup> Desired standards are based on Football Federation Victoria (FFV) 2014 Rules of Competition. Council's 'District' is 'Class D' in the FFV Guidelines. Council's 'Regional' is 'Class B' in the FFV guidelines.

## Hockey<sup>1</sup> and Lacrosse

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size	Hockey - 101.44m x 63m (inclusive of run-offs) Lacrosse - 108.58m x 62.86m (inclusive of run-offs)	
Orientation	North-south	
Field surface	Synthetic turf	
Number of fields	Minimum one pitch with capacity to expand to two	Minimum two pitches

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Ball protection fencing	Required if goals are within 10m of car parking, roads, buildings or footpaths	
Car parking	Off street minimum 30 cars per pitch	
Drinking fountain	1 per pitch	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility	
Park furniture	4 bench seats per pitch	
Player shelters	2 shelters per pitch (6-seat capacity)	
Playspace	Local-level play node	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	720 litres per oval	
Scoreboard	Scoreboard stand provided. Minimum 2m high and 2.6m wide	
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	At least one pitch lit to training standard with capacity to expand the main pitch to competition standard	Competition standard lighting on at least one pitch, other pitches lit to training standard with capacity to expand to competition standard

<sup>1</sup> Desired standards are based on Hockey South Australia Statewide Facilities Strategy. Council's 'District' is 'Level E' in the HSA Guidelines. Council's 'Regional' is 'Level C' in the HSA guidelines

## Lawn bowls

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size	Playing surface 37-40m x 37-40m	
Surface	Grass and/or synthetic turf	
No. of greens	Minimum 2 with capacity for a third	Three or more
Drainage	Comprehensive system	

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Car parking	Off street minimum 34 cars per green	
Drinking fountain	1 per green	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility	
Park furniture	12 bench seats per green	
Player shelters	Permanent shade structures (minimum 1 per 3 rinks)	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	480 litres per green	
Scoring stands	1 for each rink on each green	
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	Training standard on at least one green	Competition standard on at least one green, consider demand for training standard on others

## Netball (outdoor)<sup>1</sup>

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size	30.5m x 15.25m (run-off 3.05m outside sidelines and/or 3.65m between courts)	
Orientation	North-south	
Court surface	Hardcourt (asphalt, concrete or plexipave)	Hardcourt (plexipave preferred)
Number of courts	Minimum 1 court with capacity to expand to at least 2	Minimum 6 courts

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Car parking	Off street minimum 30 cars per court	Off street minimum 30 cars per court (with overflow areas)
Drinking fountain	1 per court	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility (no fencing near court area)	
Park furniture	2 bench seats per court (not in run-off areas)	
Player shelters	2 shelters per court (not in run-off areas)	Opportunities for shelters dependent on court design
Playspace	Local-level play node	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	240 litres per court	
Scoreboard	Scoreboard stand provided. Minimum 2m high and 2.6m wide	
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	At least one court lit to training standard with capacity to expand the main court to competition standard	Competition standard lighting on at least one court, other courts lit to training standard with capacity to expand to competition standard

<sup>1</sup> Desired standards are based on SRV Netball Court Planning Guide



## Rugby league<sup>1</sup>, rugby union<sup>2</sup> and gridiron

### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size (playing area and run-off)	Rugby league - Minimum 122m x 78m. Maximum 132m x 78m Rugby union - Minimum 120m x 78m. Maximum 144m x 80m Gridiron - 120m x 58.8m	
Orientation	North-south	
Drainage	Basic	Comprehensive system
Irrigation	Automated system	
Number of fields	2 fields	Minimum 2 fields

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Ball protection fencing	Required if goals are within 10m of car parking, roads, buildings or footpaths	
Car parking	Off street minimum 50 cars per field	Off street minimum 50 cars per field (with overflow areas)
Drinking fountain	1 per field	
Fencing	Vehicle and pedestrian fencing around the facility (spectator fencing around each field)	
Park furniture	4 bench seats per field	
Player shelters	2 shelters on western side of field (4-seat capacity)	2 shelters on western side of field (6-seat capacity)
Playspace	Local-level play node	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	720 litres per field	
Scoreboard	Scoreboard stand provided. Minimum 2m high and 2.6m wide	
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	Fields lit to training standard with capacity to expand the main field to competition standard	Competition standard lighting on at least one field, other fields lit to training standard with capacity to expand to competition standard

<sup>1</sup> Desired standards are based on NRL Preferred Facility Guideline (2014). Council's 'District' is 'Local' in the NRL Guidelines. Council's 'Regional' is 'Regional' in the NRL Guidelines

<sup>2</sup> Desired standards are based on Australian Rugby Union National Community Rugby Facilities Strategy (2012). Council's 'District' is 'Local' in the ARU Guidelines.

Council's 'Regional' is 'State/Regional' in the ARU Guidelines. World Rugby Laws of the Game were referenced for ground dimensions

## Tennis<sup>1</sup>

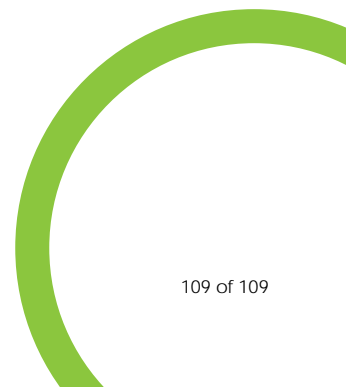
### Playing surface considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Size (including run-off)	Minimum 34.77m x 17.07m. Preferred 36.6m x 18.3m	
Orientation	North-south	
Court surface	Synthetic grass or hardcourt (plexipave)	Synthetic grass or hardcourt
Number of courts	Minimum 4 courts	Minimum 16 courts

### Associated infrastructure considerations

Facility component	District	Regional
Pavilion	see Appendix 2	
Car parking	Off street minimum 4 cars per court	
Drinking fountain	1 per 4 courts	
Fencing	All courts fenced	
Park furniture	1 bench seats per 2 courts (outside fenced area)	
Playspace	Local-level play node	
Public toilets	Externally accessible at the pavilion	
Rubbish bins	240 litres per 2 courts	
Shade	Consider spectator shade in key gathering areas	
Sportsfield lighting	Competition standard on at least 4 courts	Competition standard on all courts

<sup>1</sup> Desired standards are based on SRV Tennis Facility Planning Guide



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**16. ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK**

**16.1. Fees and Charges 2023/2024 - Hall Hire for Community Users**

**FILE NO:** SF2968

**AUTHOR:** Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider changes to the approved Fees and Charges for 2023/2024 for the hire of Council owned halls for use by community groups.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council - 4 May 2023 - Agenda Item 16.2 - Fees and Charges 2023/2024

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), update the existing fees and approve the new fees for new bookings, as detailed below for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, as they relate to the hiring of Council owned halls for Community use:

	Community Use - Non Regular	Community Use - Regular	Half Daily Rate - 4 hours max	Daily Rate - more than 4 hours
<b>Existing Fee – per hour</b>	\$25	\$20	N/A	N/A
<b>Proposed New Fee – per hour</b>	\$12.50	\$10	\$30	\$45

All figures are inclusive of GST.

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**REPORT:**

From January 2022 to December 2022, 56% of usage of City of Launceston owned halls were by an individual or organisation which met the definition of a 'Community' user, as defined below in Council's approved listing of Fees & Charges;

- "Benevolent" - an organisation or association that has objects and activities of a charitable nature that holds an Australian Tax Office certificate granting 'benevolent' status.

- "Community Association" - an incorporated or unincorporated association of members that has objects and activities of a social or recreational nature and openly offers membership to any member of the community reasonably able to participate in that activity.

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- "Not-for-profits" - organisations that provide services to the community and do not operate to make a profit for its members.

Based on feedback received from community members and internal stakeholders, it is recommended to halve the existing hourly rates for 'regular' (\$20 reduced to \$10 per hour) and 'non-regular' (\$25 reduced to \$12.50 per hour) users that fall under the classification of 'Community' as detailed above.

It is also recommended to implement two new fees;

- 1) Half day (to a maximum of four hours) fee at a cost of \$30.
- 2) Full day (more than four hours) fee at a cost of \$45.

Reducing the cost for community groups to use Council halls can have several positive social and community outcomes, such as: increased usage, greater community inclusivity and participation and enhanced community engagement particularly in more regional parts of the municipality.

Some Council owned halls do not receive significant usage, and it is envisioned that the recommended new fee structure will increase usage. The financial implications for Council will be negligible.

No changes to individuals or organisation deemed to be using halls for 'Commercial' purposes is proposed and these will be charged in accordance with the fees already approved by Council.

#### **RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Higher usage of Council halls can in fact lead to better maintenance and facility management outcomes, as users will report issues noted during the duration of their hiring arrangement.

There is a risk that with lower usage, comes a greater risk that halls fall into disrepair and issues go unacknowledged or addressed.

#### **ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

As detailed in the report.

#### **STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
5. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

Strategic Priority 5: We serve and care for our community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

10-Year Goal: To offer access to services and spaces for all community members and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

Focus Areas:

4. To support the delivery of programs and events for people to connect with each other through participation in community activities and civic life.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

It is envisioned that by providing a reduced rate, usage will increase and any reduction in revenue received by Council will be offset. The financial implications are considered to be very minor and far outweighed by the community benefits anticipated.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil



**16.2. Progress against 2022/2023 Annual Plan Actions for period ending 30 June 2023**

**FILE NO:** SF6812

**AUTHOR:** Courtney Osborne (Team Leader Performance and Planning)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the progress against Council's 2022/2023 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 30 June 2023.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council - 15 June 2023 - Agenda Item 14.6 - Progress Against 2022/2023 Annual Plan Actions - 31 March 2023

Council - 23 March 2023 - Agenda Item 18.3 - Progress Against 2022/2023 Annual Plan Actions - 31 December 2022

Council - 17 November 2022 - Agenda Item 16.1 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2022/2023 - Progress Against Annual Plan Actions for period Ending 30 September 2022

Council - 16 June 2022 - Agenda Item 15.3 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2022/2023

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That, in respect of the 2022/23 Annual Plan, Council:

1. Approves the deferral of the action -

*Develop and commence implementation of Stage 2 Launceston City Heart Project which includes the following key areas of investment:*

- *Greening of our City.*
- *Improved public transport infrastructure.*
- *Creating greater opportunities for pedestrianisation of the CBD.*

2. Notes progress for the period ending 30 June 2023:

**Strategic Priority 1:**

We **connect with our Community and our Region** through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

Our interactions with our community are authentic, timely, accurate and open. We want to build strong and productive relationships with our community and regional partners.

**10-Year Goal:**

To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities, and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
<p>Through the next iteration of the Tomorrow Together program engage with our community on the following:</p> <p><b>Theme one: A Social, Inclusive and Fair City:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails and Network Strategy</li> <li>• Northern Regional Sports Facility Plan</li> <li>• Urban Tree Canopy Strategy</li> <li>• Smart Cities Strategy</li> <li>• Public Open Space Strategy</li> <li>• City Park and Punchbowl playground renewals</li> <li>• Preliminary Playspace Strategy consultation</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme two: A Mobile and Accessible City:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-way traffic and more.</li> </ul> <p>Launch of the new Community Engagement website.</p> <p>Implementation of compulsory <i>Closing the Loop</i> feedback on all projects.</p>	Organisational Services	100
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Theme one: A Social, Inclusive and Fair City was successfully completed.</p> <p>Theme two: A Mobile and Accessible City was put on hold until Stage Two City Heart commences. Instead, engagement on the Tomorrow Together, A Well-Designed City Theme was undertaken. This included engaging on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism Plan</li> <li>• Events Strategy</li> <li>• E-scooters</li> <li>• CCTV Strategy</li> <li>• Sustainability Action Plan</li> <li>• Emergency Management</li> <li>• Open data and how we can share it</li> </ul> <p>Previous community engagement website <a href="#">Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.</a> was replaced with a refreshed look and renamed <a href="#">Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.</a></p> <p><i>Closing the Loop</i> feedback on all projects is now compulsory.</p>		

Focus Area		
To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities		
Action	Network	% Complete
Complete Regional Sports Facility Plan (the Plan) in conjunction with sporting clubs, the State Government, and neighbouring councils.	Infrastructure and Assets	95
Comment		
The Regional Sports Facility Plan was completed in draft. It was previously reported that the Plan would be released in March 2024; however, it is currently being finalised for adoption by Council earlier in the financial year 2023/24. A detailed medium-term implementation plan to guide our investment will be prepared for adoption with the Regional Sports Facility Plan 2023/24. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan, as the project moves into its implementation phase.		

**Strategic Priority 2:**

We **Facilitate Prosperity** by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

We use our influence and resources to deliver the foundations for ongoing economic development. We want Launceston to be the heart of a thriving regional economy.

**10-Year Goal:**

To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy, and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

Focus Area		
To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Develop and Implement Smart Cities Strategy (the Strategy).	Organisational Services	100
Comment		
The Strategy, rebranded to be the <i>City Innovation Strategy</i> , was endorsed at the Council meeting on 18 May 2023. Implementation is under way.		

**Strategic Priority 3:**

We are a **Progressive Leader** that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

Our decision-making and actions are evidence-based, strategic, transparent and considered. We are ethical, fair and impartial in complying with and enforcing the law.

**10-Year Goal:**

To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Provide information and advice to prospective Councilor candidates and support the Tasmanian Electoral Commission in the delivery of the Local Government election.	Organisational Services	100
<b>Comment</b>		
Council officers provided significant support for the 2022 local government elections, which concluded in November 2022. Additionally, support was provided for the Mayoral by-election which was carried out late in 2022/23 and concluded in July 2023.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Engage with the community and commence a review of the Corporate Strategic Plan.	Organisational Services	5
<b>Comment</b>		
This project will be undertaken during the 2023/24 financial year in line with statutory obligations. The focus this year has been on the review of the Greater Launceston Plan which will direct the Corporate Strategic Plan. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Deliver End of Term Report.	Chief Executive Officer	100
<b>Comment</b>		
The End of Term Report 2018-2022 was received by the Council on 21 September 2022 and marked the conclusion of the term of that Council.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Level of Service Planning Stage 1 Develop a project plan to document service levels, review appropriateness of services, and engage with the community around expectations.	Organisational Services	10
<b>Comment</b>		
This project has been impacted by a lack of resources due to a number of failed recruitments. Despite this, an internal trial is complete and has informed the approach to the broader project. The timeline for the delivery of this work in 2023/24 is to be considered along with the resourcing requirements for other important projects. Progress on this action will continue to be reported to Council as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement the Organisational Cultural Development Roadmap.	Organisational Services	100

<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The Cultural Roadmap is a multi-year project.</p> <p>This year, an organisational cultural reassessment was successfully completed which will guide future iterations of the roadmap.</p> <p>Culture Roadmap initiatives such as Team Leader Forum/Cohort, our 2023 Culture Survey, a review of leadership capabilities to include employee capabilities, our new Leaders Induction, leaders self-help tools (tool kit) and refreshing of our Values Champions Guidelines are completed. Work on the development of an Internal Communication Framework and Plan is well underway by the Communications Team.</p> <p>Work on a Lean "Guide Group" has not yet commenced.</p> <p>Our focus in 2023/24 now turns to a planned review of our Culture Roadmap, implementation of the New Leaders Induction, implementation of our revised Leadership Capabilities, promotion of our next value "we bring an open mind" and implementation of the new Internal Communication Framework and Plan.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
<p>To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.</p>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Undertake the Corporate Application Replacement Program (CARP).	Organisational Services	100
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>This is a multi-year project. All key milestones for the 2022/23 reporting year have been met. The project continues to be delivered in line with the Council's Information Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy and will provide multiple benefits to the City of Launceston.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
<p>To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.</p>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement the recommendations of the UTAS Stadium Future Direction Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	85
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The implementation of the UTAS Stadium Future Direction Plan has been substantially progressed with \$130M being committed by the Tasmanian and Australian Governments in support of the proposed re-development of the stadium. Work is progressing with Stadiums Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government on the proposed stadium ownership and governance changes, which are expected to be finalised in early 2023/24. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan around our work with Stadiums Tasmania.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
<p>To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.</p>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement recommendations of the QVMAG Futures Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	80

Comment
Throughout this year the Council's officers have been focused on addressing the strategic needs of the QVMAG and determining future workforce arrangements over the first half of this year. Officers have held meetings in respect to the future funding of QVMAG. Work will continue through the 2023/24 financial year on the development of the QVMAG Future Direction Action Plan. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

**Strategic Priority 4:**

We value our City's Unique Identity by celebrating our special heritage and culture and building on our competitive advantages to be a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

We facilitate our community's sense of place by enhancing local identity. We want people to be proud to say that Launceston is my City.

**10-Year Goal:**

To sustain and promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, learn and play.

Focus Area		
To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Heritage List Review and Precincts - continuing the review of the City of Launceston's local heritage list as part of the final stage of this five-year project.	Community and Place	100
Comment		
A preliminary review of heritage listed properties has been completed. Informal consultation has been undertaken with property owners. This feedback has been collated and reviewed in preparation for Council to initiate formal public exhibition in August 2023.		
Focus Area		
To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Place Brand implementation and commencement of monitoring of usage.	Community and Place	100
Comment		
A report on the first 12 months' usage has been prepared and presented to Councillors. A two-year implementation plan is under development and will involve partner organisations including Visit Northern Tasmania and Central Launceston.		
Focus Area		
To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Continue to work with the newly formed Cultural Advisory Committee to implement the first four-year action plan from the Cultural Strategy.	Community and Place	100



<b>Comment</b>		
Meetings of the Cultural Advisory Committee were held throughout the year with the committee providing feedback and advice on a range of matters including on actions from the Cultural Strategy. The committee will continue to meet over the coming year to provide advice on matters including public art installations and placemaking.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Undertake review of the City of Launceston Open Space Strategy.	Infrastructure and Assets	5
<b>Comment</b>		
This project is in the detailed planning stage, with a scope and briefing paper in draft form. The project will be delivered within the next 12 months. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue the Albert Hall Renewal program.	Infrastructure and Assets	90
<b>Comment</b>		
The program for Albert Hall Renewal was to commence construction late this financial year as it has been delayed due to seeking a value for money outcome which has now been achieved. A contract for construction has been executed with construction to commence early next financial year. Progress around the redevelopment of Albert Hall will continue to be reported to Council and the community as a project of great significance to Launceston.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop and implement an improvement plan for Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre upgrade implementation.	Infrastructure and Assets	90
<b>Comment</b>		
The Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre project has commenced with a focus on engaging users of the facility. Procurement of an architect was intended to be completed by the end of the financial year. This process is in progress and will be concluded in August/September 2023. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop and commence implementation of Stage 2 Launceston City Heart Project which includes the following key areas of investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greening of our City.</li> <li>• Improved public transport infrastructure.</li> <li>• Creating greater opportunities for pedestrianisation of the CBD.</li> </ul>	Community and Place	Deferred
<b>Comment</b>		
Unfortunately, this project was placed on hold pending outcomes of negotiations on a bus interchange, funding application and confirmation of project outcomes. Towards the end of the financial year an agreement was reached in respect to the development of the former Katies/Birchalls building with an announcement on this expected early in the 2023/24 financial year. Once both of these elements are addressed the project will be able to be progressed.		

**Strategic Priority 5:**

We Serve and Care for our Community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

We are invested in our community's long term health, well-being, safety and resilience.

We want to be trusted and respected by our community.

**10-Year Goal:**

To offer access to services and spaces for all community members, and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics and needs of our community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement Council commitments from the <i>My Place My Future Plan</i> and support State and Federal Governments on implementation of their actions.	Community and Place	100
<b>Comment</b>		
The Northern Suburbs Project Officer continues to collaborate with local service providers in the Northern Suburbs and has facilitated a range of events and programs supporting the community in the Northern Suburbs. These included: Rave on Wheels Skate Competition, <i>Healthy &amp; Connected Communities</i> training for Attracting and Keeping Customers, Crafting Your Digital Strategy small business workshops, facilitation of Rocherlea Action Project community group meetings, and negotiating land to lease for the FARM Project.		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue to roll out the ABCDE Learning Sites community development program, with the Invermay learning site to commence in July 2022.	Community and Place	100
<b>Comment</b>		
The Invermay ABCDE Learning Site is over halfway through with strong community participation, project delivery and new community partnerships. Eleven community led projects and initiatives have been delivered with six more underway and on track for delivery prior to the completion of the learning site in December 2023. Support and connection are also occurring with past learning site community builders for three projects.		

**Strategic Priority 6:**

We Protect our Environment by caring for our unique natural assets and amenity and sensitively managing future development opportunities.

We strive to minimise the impact of our actions on the environment, while planning for, adapting to and managing the impact of climate change. We want to protect the special character and values of our city for future generations.

**10-Year Goal:**

To enhance the unique natural character, values, and amenity of our City by minimising the impacts of our organisation's and our community's activities in the environment.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Participate and support the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.	Infrastructure and Assets	100
<b>Comment</b>		
Council has actively supported the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce and is involved in working groups focusing on estuary rehabilitation, master planning for the upper estuary and wetland development in the North Esk catchment.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Support TasWater and NRM North with the implementation of the \$157m River Health Action Plan to improve catchment management and reduce overflows from the combined system.	Infrastructure and Assets	100
<b>Comment</b>		
The River Health Action plans for improvement of the combined drainage have been progressing through design by TasWater. Council has been providing support for the planning and delivery of the project.		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop City of Launceston Sustainability Action Plan which sets out how the organisation will achieve sustainable outcomes for operations, service delivery and assets. The Sustainability Action Plan focuses on six key priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership and Advocacy</li> <li>• Towards Zero Emissions</li> <li>• Adaption and Resilience</li> <li>• Material Efficiency, Recovery and Optimisation</li> <li>• Natural Capital</li> <li>• Smart Assets</li> </ul>	Infrastructure and Assets	100
<b>Comment</b>		
The Sustainability Action Plan is complete and has been adopted by Council. Implementation of priority actions has commenced.		

**Strategic Priority 7:**

We are a City Planning for our Future by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure investment is coordinated, progressive, and sustainable.

We play a leading role in balancing the enviable amenity of our municipality with the needs of future development and growth. We want to influence the delivery of the right investment for our City and Region.

**10-Year Goal:**

To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment, and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Participate in the Northern Regional Land Use Strategy Review.	Community and Place	100
<b>Comment</b>		
Participation is ongoing. A key input into the review process, the Northern Tasmanian Residential Demand and Supply Study was completed in June 2023 and represents a significant milestone.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop a Placemaking Framework.	Community and Place	50

<b>Comment</b>		
A draft framework is currently under development and will be finalised in the first half of the 2023/24 financial year. Progress on this action will be communicated to Councillors at a Workshop, ahead of the Council being asked to consider the Placemaking Framework for adoption.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue work on St Leonards Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan and obtain Council endorsement for a structured plan and delivery framework for development within St Leonards and the Eastern Growth Corridor.	Chief Executive Officer	25
<b>Comment</b>		
In the second half of the financial year a temporary position was created and filled via an internal secondment to fast-track work on the St Leonards Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan. This role has resulted in an acceleration of progress with the strategy, particularly as it relates to infill development. The Council will continue to provide additional resources for this project to make significant progress during 2023/24. Progress on this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue work on South Prospect Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan and initiate planning scheme amendments to facilitate development with the South Prospect Growth Corridor.	Chief Executive Officer	95
<b>Comment</b>		
Much of the technical feasibility assessment has been completed. Officers are working with external stakeholders to finalise Department of State Growth support to connect road infrastructure to the surrounding highway interchanges, North Barker on completion of the natural values assessment and seeking approval from Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife to include Kate Reed Nature Recreation Area in the Planning Scheme Amendment. In addition, officers are working with the developers and Mesh urban planners on finalising elements of the masterplan including zoning, open space, and treatment of the electrical transmission line easement. Early in the 2023/24 financial year, the masterplan will be finalised and the Planning Scheme Amendment will be prepared and submitted for Council approval, followed by a public input period and submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission. Progress on this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement the Launceston Transport Strategy with the following key actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the new formed Transport Committee.</li> <li>• Develop implementation plan for traffic calming in the City.</li> <li>• Undertake the first stage of a review of speed limits.</li> <li>• Implementing the Network Operating Plan.</li> </ul>	Infrastructure and Assets	90
<b>Comment</b>		
The Transport Committee is set up and operational. A review of speed limits is complete and on track for implementation. A Network Operating Plan has been implemented. City traffic calming concept designs are drafted and further work is ongoing. Progress against this action will continue to be reported to Council in the 2023/24 Annual Plan.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
City Deal Agreement: Continue to work with the Commonwealth and State Governments to successfully implement all of the City of Launceston's commitments under the City Deal program to deliver a range of economic and social benefits to the City.	Chief Executive Officer	100
<b>Comment</b>		
Work on Launceston City Deal projects is continuing in collaboration with the Australian and Tasmanian Governments. The Australian Government has confirmed its commitment to all current city and regional deal commitments.		
Commitments continue to be progressed. Although infrastructure projects have been impacted by construction industry constraints, the UTAS Relocation to the City reached a milestone with the opening of the Stone Building on 16 May 2023. One hundred and fifty professional staff are transitioning to their new headquarters at UTAS's Inveresk campus, which will support increased vibrancy in the CBD.		
UTAS published the Newnham Development Strategy and invited community feedback. The strategy includes locations for two City Deal commitments; the Defence and Innovation Precinct and the Cadet Facility.		
The Northern Suburbs Recreation Hub received additional funding from the Tasmanian Government of \$27.5M and has now been substantially commenced.		



**REPORT:**

This report represents the final report to Council on progress against 2022/23 Annual Plan actions.

Progress against the 2022/2023 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 30 June 2023 is summarised by the following table:

Action Status	No. of Actions	%
Not Started	0	0
In Progress	12	42
Complete	16	55
Recommended for Deferral	1	3
<b>Total Number of Actions</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>100</b>

Incomplete actions from the 2022/2023 Annual Plan:

Upon conclusion of the 2022/2023 financial year, twelve actions from the 2022/2023 Annual Plan have been identified as incomplete. As referenced in the action item comments throughout the progress report above, each of these items will be carried through to the 2023/2024 financial year, with one item also carrying across to the 2024/2025 financial year.

Deferral of actions from the 2022/2023 Annual Plan:

The deliverables in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan have been reviewed and the following one action has been identified as needing to be deferred:

*"Develop and commence implementation of Stage 2 Launceston City Heart Project which includes the following key areas of investment:*

- *Greening of our City.*
- *Improved public transport infrastructure.*
- *Creating greater opportunities for pedestrianisation of the CBD."*

Deferral is recommended due to progress being delayed by negotiations on a bus interchange, funding application and confirmation of project outcomes. The deferred action is proposed to be progressed throughout the 2023/2024 financial year, pending the outcome of these negotiations.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Risk implications are considered in relation to individual actions and projects during their scoping.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Economic, environmental and social impacts are considered in relation to individual actions and projects during their scoping.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Proposed annual plan actions inform the budget during its development and are reported separately to Council. Budget performance in relation to the items detailed in the 2022/23 annual plan, where relevant, will be reported in our 2022/23 Annual Report.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

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**17. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK**

**17.1. Appointment - Independent Audit Panel Member - Kathleen Sales**

**FILE NO:** SF3661

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVAL:** Michael Stretton

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the appointment of an independent member to the City of Launceston Audit Panel

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

*Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, pursuant to section 85 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and clauses 5 and 6 of the *Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014 (Tas)*, appoints Kathleen Sales as a member (independent person) of the City of Launceston Audit Panel for a term of four years as provided for in 14-Plx-010 Audit Panel Charter.

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**REPORT:**

The City of Launceston Audit Panel is an advisory committee established under section 85(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.

The membership of the Audit Panel is currently comprised of Ric de Santi (Chair) and Ken Clarke as an independent member, together with Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie and Councillor Tim Walker.

Two expressions of interest (EOI) processes were undertaken in respect of the appointment of an independent person to the Audit Panel. The first EOI was advertised in The Examiner newspaper on 13 and 20 May 2023, however no applications were received. A second EOI was advertised in The Examiner on 8 and 15 July 2023, along with social media and a recruitment ad on <https://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Council/Careers/Positions-Vacant>.

The Council received 19 applications for second EOI, with one application being later withdrawn. Three applicants were shortlisted and face-to-face interviews were conducted, followed by reference checks of the preferred candidate, Kathleen Sales.

The Recommendation, if carried, will see Kathleen Sales being appointed as a member (independent person) of the Audit Panel.

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Members of the Audit Panel who are independent persons, are remunerated in accordance with established arrangements.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

*City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024*

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.
4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.
5. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Members who are independent persons are remunerated for the days on which the Audit Panel meets and this is a standing item in the budget.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The Chief Executive Officer has no interests to declare in this matter.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**18. MEETING CLOSURE**

**19. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

**The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 7 September 2023 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.**