



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

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The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers:

Date: 8 February 2016

Time: 1.00pm

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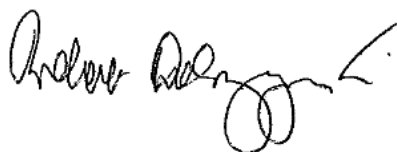
## Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

### Background

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

### Declaration

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



**Robert Dobrzynski**  
General Manager

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**Present:**                   **Alderman**           **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**  
**R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)**  
**R L McKendrick**  
**R J Sands**  
**D H McKenzie**  
**J G Cox**  
**D C Gibson**  
**J Finlay**  
**D W Alexander**  
**S R F Wood**  
**E K Williams**  
**K P Stojansek**

**In Attendance:**                   **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**  
**Mr H P Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)**  
**Mrs L M Hurst (Director Development Services)**  
**Mr R K Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)**  
**Mr R Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)**  
**Mr M J Tidey (Director Corporate Services)**  
**Mrs L F Purchase (Governance and Planning Coordinator)**  
**Miss Tegan West (Committee Clerk)**

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

*Local Government Act 1993 - Section 48*

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

**No Declarations of Interest were made for the Meeting**

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 25 January 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

### DECISION: 8 February 2016

### MOTION

Moved Alderman S R F Wood, seconded Alderman D W Alexander.

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

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**4 DEPUTATIONS**

**No Deputations were identified as part of these Minutes**

**5 PETITIONS**

*Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 57 and 58*

**No Petitions were identified as part of these Minutes**

**6 COMMUNITY REPORTS**

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

**No Community Reports were registered with Council as part of these Minutes**

**7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

**7.1 Public Questions on Notice**

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

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

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**7.2 Public Questions Without Notice**

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

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

**7.2.1 Andrew Saville - 1 Gaunt Street, Invermay**

- 1. Does Council have plans to fix the flooding issues at the properties in Gaunt Street, Invermay?**

**The question remained unanswered at the Meeting and will be treated as a Question on Notice for the next Meeting.**

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## 7.2.2 Laura McCaughey - Recycling Issues

Questions (written as received) from Ms Laura McCaughey:

1. Is the council aware that potentially large volumes of commercial and residential recycling are being dumped directly onto landfill?
2. What does the LCC intend to do about the recent revelation that recycling contractors are dumping residential and commercial recycling directly into landfill? How long has this been occurring?
3. How much of what is collected as "recycling" actually gets recycled? Where is each product (steel, aluminium, glass, plastic, cardboard, paper, etc.) recycled? Can the council provide accurate data on recycling figures, and where this occurs for each product?
4. What does the council assume the public's reaction would be if they knew that (all/a large portion) of their recyclables they went to considerable effort to sort/clean was not actually recycled, despite presenting an image of an environmentally friendly, progressive council?
5. Is there a plan in place to recycle a majority of what is collected residentially from Launceston and surrounding regions/municipalities through an advanced sorting station?
6. If so, when will this occur?

The General Manager advised that the questions will be Taken on Notice.

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**8 PLANNING AUTHORITY**

**No Development Applications were registered with Council as part of these Minutes**

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**9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR****9.1 Mayor's Announcements****FILE NO:** SF2375

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**Tuesday 26 January 2016**

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

**Wednesday 27 January 2016**

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

**Thursday 28 January 2016**

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

**Tuesday 2 February 2016**

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

**Wednesday 3 February**

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

**Friday 5 February**

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

**Saturday 6 February 2016**

- Attended the Miss World State Finals at Peppers Seaport Hotel

**Sunday 7 February 2016**

- Officiated at the Launceston Tennis International at the Launceston Regional Tennis Centre, Racecourse Crescent, Launceston
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**9.1 Mayor's Announcements...(Cont'd)**

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- **Expressed concern for the 39 workers and their families who are affected by Lion's decision to move some beer production from Boag's to interstate**
  - **Noted that Festivale commences this Friday, 12 February 2016**
  - **Noted that 48 delegates from Ikeda will be visiting Launceston from Wednesday, 10 February to Saturday, 13 February 2016**
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**10 ALDERMEN'S REPORTS**

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

**10.1 Alderman D C Gibson**

- Reminded the public that applications for community grants round 3 2015-2016 and event sponsorship round 1 2016-2017 are now open, closing 31 March 2016. Information is available at [www.launceston.tas.gov.au](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au).
- Noted that the Breathe! Stay below .05, as part of the Launceston Safer Communities partnership, will be at Festivale on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Noted the opening of The Haven drop in centre, a collaborative partnership between the Child Health Association of Tasmania and Uniting Care located in Paterson Street.

**10.2 Alderman S R F Wood**

- Attended the information and question session facilitated by Council for traders, property owners and residents of the Quadrant Mall.
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**11 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN**

**11.1 Questions on Notice**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 30*

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

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

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**QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

Alderman D C Gibson asked the following questions:

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

**Response:**

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

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

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst Director Development Services)*

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

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

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

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

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Alderman J Finlay asked the following questions:

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

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

Alderman E K Williams provided the following written questions (*Attachment 1*):

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Matthew Skirving - Manager Architectural Services)*

Active users of the areas surrounding the site in question have implemented a number of strategies to minimise the impact of the large numbers of birds aggregating in the area, with little success. These have included more frequent cleaning of actively used areas to remove bird droppings (rowing pontoons and external decking areas) and bird deterrent devices (spinning bird scarers and humming lines). The specific area in question has been subject to ongoing construction activities associated with both the concrete river-edge piling, followed by the new flood levee constructions works.

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

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During this time the flat area of land above high tide level has been largely unused, and has provided close to ideal conditions for birds to nest and breed. No other active or passive management actions have been undertaken by Council since the last 'cull'.

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Matthew Skirving - Manager Architectural Services)*

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

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

Previously, almost the entire area of vacant land provided close to ideal nesting habitat for Silver Gulls, resulting in a large aggregation in this area (further attracted by the close proximity of feeding opportunities directly across the river). The works undertaken were designed to modify the majority of the site area to make this less attractive, while leaving an area of land to the west undisturbed, along with a section of land at the top of the river bank to remain unchanged. Inspections undertaken at this site since completion indicates that a smaller number of birds has recolonised these areas.

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

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst Director Development Services)*

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

Alderman R J Sands asked the following questions:

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

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

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

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

Alderman R J McKendrick asked the following question:

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

**Response:**

*(Mr Harry Galea Director Infrastructure Services)*

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

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

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

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

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The current consultation is to inform residents of the scheduled construction in February although some have taken the opportunity to provide a response.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

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**11.2 Questions Without Notice**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 29*

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

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**12 COMMITTEE REPORTS****12.1 Tender Review Committee Meeting - 18 and 25 January 2016****FILE NO:** SF0100**AUTHOR:** Raj Pakiarajah (Projects Manager)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016****MOTION**

**Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman J G Cox.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.**

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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**13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

Council Workshops conducted on 1 February 2016 were:

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

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

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

**FILE NO:** SF5547/SF0521

**AUTHOR:** Alderman R J Sands

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) and Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R J Sands, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.**

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

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**That Council:**

**Instructs the General Manager to provide Aldermen with an Impact Report showing the effect of increasing the fixed charge component of the general rate in the attached format, to be presented to Aldermen prior to the Workshop on 29 February 2016.**

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a response to the Draft Building Bill.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Mrs L Hurst (Director Development Services) and Mr R Gillett (Manager Building Services) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016****MOTION**

**Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman J Finlay.**

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

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That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**Message from the Mayor of Launceston**

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAYOR

Albert van Zetten

### **Introduction**

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

### **Event Benefits**

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

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

### **Scope**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **3. Key Principles**

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

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

### **Our Priorities**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **4. Key Goals**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### 1. Key Strategies

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

### 2. Measures of success

Key measures of success will include:

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

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

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

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

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

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### 3. Key Strategies

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

### 4. Measures of success

Key measures of success will be:

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

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

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

### 1. Key Strategies

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

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### 2. Measures of success

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

### 4.4 Goal 4: City Activation

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

### 3. Key activities

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

### 4. Measures of success

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

### 4.5 Goal 5: Community Safety and Amenity

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

### 5. Key Activities

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

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### **6. Measures of success**

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

### **5. Reviewing the Plan**

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

### **Appendix A: Associated Strategies and Plans**

#### **City of Launceston**

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

#### **Tourism**

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

#### **Venues**

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

#### **Community and Business**

- Cityprom – Strategic Plan 2014-2017

### **Appendix B: Definitions**

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

- **Community events and festivals** – events that bring the community together to celebrate, entertain, fundraise or provide participation opportunities. They include a diverse range of cultural, artistic, sporting, food and beverage, charity and special interest events. Community events primarily attract locals and/or people from within the region.
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- **City activation events** – events primarily designed to activate city precincts as part of the City Heart program. They attract both locals and visitors.
  - **Major events** – events attracting a significant number of attendances, including locals and visitors from intra and/or interstate. They generate significant tourism and economic impacts, a positive profile for Launceston in intra and/or interstate markets and deliver a range of benefits for the local community.
  - **Signature events** – events attracting significant attendance and visitation, including visitors from interstate and possibly internationally. They deliver substantial tourism and economic benefits, a positive media profile interstate and/or internationally and significant community benefits.
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**Mrs L Hurst (Director Development Services), Ms W Newton (Manager Community, Tourism and Events) and Ms E Gibbons (Grants and Sponsorship Officer) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**Alderman K P Stojansek withdrew from the Meeting at 1.30pm.  
Alderman K P Stojansek re-attended the Meeting at 1.32pm.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

### **MOTION**

**Moved Alderman D C Gibson, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.**

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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## 16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS

### 16.1 Leisure & Aquatic Centre Security Fence

**FILE NO:** SF0873/SF0874

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

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

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

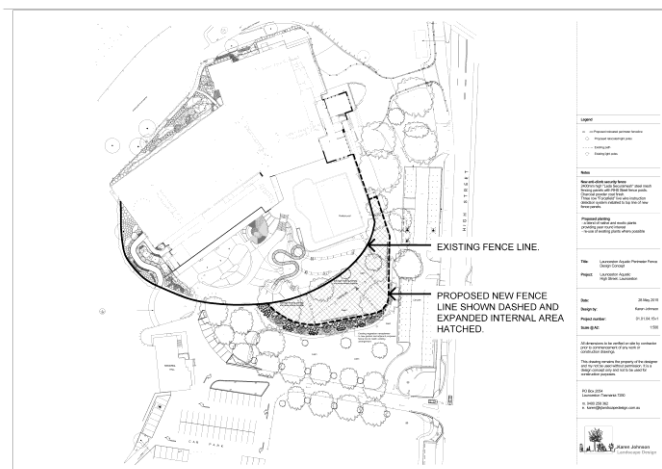
To obtain approval from Council for the alignment of a new security fence for the Leisure & Aquatic Centre (LAC).

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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



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

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**Mr R Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management) and Mr B Davis (Manager LAC) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R J Sands, seconded Alderman J Finlay.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.**

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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

**No Items were identified as part of these Minutes**

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**18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS****18.1 Quarantine Road Highway Closure (verge section adjacent to 241-247 Hobart Road)****FILE NO:** SF1895, 62560, DA0463/2015**AUTHOR:** Robert Holmes (Property Coordinator)**DIRECTOR:** Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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

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

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**Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**Alderman R I Soward withdrew from the Meeting at 1.59pm.**

**Alderman R I Soward re-attended that Meeting at 2.08pm.**

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

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**DECISION: 8 February 2016****MOTION****Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.****That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.****CARRIED 10:2****FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek****AGAINST VOTE: Alderman D C Gibson and Alderman J Finlay**

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

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

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Mr H Galea (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**Alderman R L McKendrick withdrew from the Meeting at 2.17pm.**

**Alderman R L McKendrick re-attended the Meeting at 2.19pm.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman R J Sands.**

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

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That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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**19 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS****19.1 Progress against 2015/2016 Annual Corporate Plan Actions as at 31 December 2015****FILE NO:** SF6177/SF5652**AUTHOR:** Leisa Hilkmann (Corporate Planning Administration Officer)**DIRECTOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive the report on progress against Council's 2015/2016 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 December 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**Alderman R J Sands withdrew from the Meeting at 2.22pm.**

**Alderman D W Alexander withdrew from the Meeting at 2.24pm**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.**

**CARRIED 10:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

**ABSENT DURING VOTING:** Alderman D W Alexander and Alderman R J Sands

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**Alderman R J Sands re-attended the Meeting at 2.25pm.**

**Alderman J Finlay withdrew from the Meeting at 2.25pm.**

**Alderman D W Alexander re-attended the Meeting at 2.26pm.**

**Alderman J Finlay re-attended the Meeting at 2.27pm.**

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

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**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION 1**

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman R I Soward.

That LGAT Agenda Items for Decision 2.1 - 3.6 be endorsed as per the City of Launceston comment.

**CARRIED 11:1**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Alderman R L McKendrick

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION 2**

Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman R J Sands.

That in respect of LGAT Agenda Item 4.1 for Discussion - Poker Machines and the Gaming Act, Council's delegate will observe the discussion at the LGAT Meeting on 12 February 2016.

**CARRIED 11:1**

**FOR VOTE:** Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten



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

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**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION 3**

**Moved Alderman R J Sands, seconded Alderman J G Cox.**

**That in respect of LGAT Agenda Item 4.2 for Discussion - Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and 4.3 - Councillors Declaration of Office, Council's delegate will observe the discussion at the LGAT Meeting on 12 February 2016.**

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

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

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Item 5.1 - Annual General Meeting 2015 - 7 December 2015

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That Council does not support Mr Robin Smith's Notice of Motion of the Annual General Meeting of 7 December 2015, which states:  
*That Council (or their contractors) in the course of repaving the city malls, do not continue with the practice of using a brick cutting machine in close proximity to pedestrians and business due to excessive noise pollution.*
  2. That the mover of the Motion at the Annual General Meeting be advised of the Council's decision.
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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager), Mr M Tidey (Director Corporate Services) and Mr J Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION:** 8 February 2016**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J G Cox.**

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

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That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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

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**QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

Mrs Angela Prosser-Green asked the following questions:

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

**Response:**

*(Emma Price - Manager Communications)*

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

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

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst - Director Development Services)*

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

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

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

***Response:***

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst - Director Development Services)*

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

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

***Response***

*(Emma Price - Manager Communications)*

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

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 8 February 2016**

**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman D H McKenzie.**

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**20.2 Questions on Notice from Council's Annual General Meeting 2015...(Cont'd)**

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That Council notes the questions and responses per the report.

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek**

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**21 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**No Urgent Items were identified as part of these Minutes**

**22 CLOSED COUNCIL**

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

**No Closed Council Items were identified as part of these Minutes**

**23 MEETING CLOSURE**

**The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten Closed the Meeting at 2.35pm.**

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