



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2024  
1.00PM**

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**The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:**

**Date: 27 June 2024**

**Time: 1.00 pm**

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### **Certificate of Qualified Advice**

#### **Background**

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    - (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.

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- (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
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**Shane Eberhardt  
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

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***Present:***

Mayor Councillor M K Garwood  
Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie  
Councillor D C Gibson  
Councillor A E Dawkins  
Councillor A G Harris  
Councillor T G Walker (from 1.01pm)  
Councillor Prof G Razay  
Councillor J J Pentridge  
Councillor A J Palmer  
Councillor L M McMahon  
Councillor S Cai  
Councillor A J Britton

***In Attendance:***

Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)  
Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place Network)  
Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)  
Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer)  
Michael Newby (Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)  
Richard Jamieson (Manager City Development) (Agenda item 9.1)  
Catherine Mainsbridge (Senior Town Planner) (Agenda item 9.1)  
Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities) (Agenda items 13.1 to 13.4)  
Angie Hart (Team Leader Tourism and Events) (Agenda items 13.1 to 13.4)  
Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer) (Agenda items 13.1 to 13.4)  
Michael Attard (Team Leader Sustainability) (Agenda item 14.1)  
Samuel Kely (Manager Finance) (Agenda item 15.1 to 15.4)  
Emily Lewis (Business Improvement Officer) (Agenda item 15.5)  
Duncan Campbell (Team Leader Legal Services) (Agenda item 15.6)  
Michelle Grey (Properties and Legal Officer) (Agenda item 15.6)  
Leanne Purchase (Governance Manager)  
Zara Dawtrey (Senior Communications Officer)  
Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)  
Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

***Apologies:***

Nil

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

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm.

Councillor A E Dawkins provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

**2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, paid tribute to the former City of Launceston Alderman Annette Waddle who passed on 26 June 2024.

Alderman Waddle was first elected to Council in 1989 and served for 21 years. She was known for her passionate representation and advocacy particularly for the Lilydale community.

The Mayor extended his sympathy to family, friends and loved ones.

**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).*

Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, declared an interest in Agenda items 13.2 - Major Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/25 - Launceston Carols by Candlelight Inc. - *Launceston Carols by Candlelight*, and 13.3 - Small Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/2025 - Launceston Festival of Dance Inc. - *Launceston Festival of Dance*, and Cancer Council Tasmania - *Women's 5km Walk/Run*.

Councillor A G Harris declared an interest in Agenda items 13.2 Major Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/25 - *Sally's Ride*, and item 13.3 - Small Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/2025 - Cancer Council Tasmania - *Women's 5km Walk/Run*.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie, declared an interest in Agenda Items 13.2 - Major Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/25 - Launceston Musical Society - *Wizard of Oz*, 13.3 - Small Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/2025 - Cancer Council Tasmania - *Women's 5km Walk/Run*, - The Launceston Players Society Inc. - *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*, and 13.4 - Community Grants Round 2 2023/2024 - Three River Theatre Inc. - *The Laramie Project*.

**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 13 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A J Palmer, seconded Councillor A E Dawkins.**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 13 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

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

**5.1. Council Workshops Report 13 June 2024 and 20 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF4401

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (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:

1. pre-Council Workshop conducted on 13 June 2024:

**New Year's Eve Event Sponsorship 2024 - 2026**

*Officers sought feedback from Councillors about pre-committing triennial event sponsorship support for a New Year's Eve event in 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027.*

**QVMAG Strategic Instrument Review**

*QVMAG sought feedback and review on the draft Strategic Instruments from Councillors.*

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

2. Workshop conducted on 20 June 2024:

**Protrusions over Roads and Footpaths**

*Council received information regarding Section 75CA of the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884 which deals with certain protrusions over roads and footpaths.*

**Petition to Amend Sealed Plan 16-30 Waverley Road, Waverley**

*Council received information regarding disposal of interests in land under the Local Government Act 1993.*

**Northern Tasmanian Alliance for Resilient Councils**

*Council was updated on the Northern Tasmanian Alliance for Resilient Councils (NTARC).*

**Launceston Future Housing Discussion**

*Council discussed the future of housing supply in the municipality.*

**Tamar NRM (Natural Resource Management) Update**

*Council received an update about the Tamar NRM (Natural Resource Management)*

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

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**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A J Britton, seconded Councillor S Cai.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

**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 were registered with Council as part of these Minutes**

**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 - The Honourable Rosemary Armitage MLC - Shuttle Bus, Launceston Airport - 13 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 13 June 2024 by the Honourable Rosemary Armitage MLC, has been answered by Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place).

**Questions:**

1. As 10% owners of the Launceston Airport, have you had any discussion with the airport regarding the cessation of the shuttle service and do you have an opinion on whether there should be a service as Hobart has a shuttle every 30 minutes?

**Response:**

*The City of Launceston understands that the shuttle bus was operated as a private business, and its closure represents a commercial decision by the operators. A range of transport options remain available for people travelling to and from Launceston Airport, including ride-share services, taxis, and rental car options. For quick drop-offs and pick-ups, Launceston Airport offers a 30-minute free parking zone. We are hopeful that the exit of the Shuttle Bus is seen as an opportunity to introduce new transport options for Launceston Airport patrons in partnership with the airport operators.*

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**8.1.2. Public Questions On Notice - Robin Smith - Disability Parking Permits and City Heart Strategy - 13 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 13 June 2024 by Robin Smith, have been answered by Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer), David Mullenger (Manager Health and Compliance) and Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities).

**Questions:**

1. On Council's website it says that individuals can apply for a one year temporary disability parking permit, however it is unclear if the noted additional time is free. Can Council look at the wording to provide clarity?

**Response:**

*As per the terms set out by the Tasmanian Government, permit holders need to pay for the maximum time available in an on-street parking area to gain additional time in a parking space. For example, in a 1-hour parking space, permit holders can park their vehicle for up to 2 hours; or in a 3-hour parking space a permit holder can park their vehicle for up to 6 hours. Payment can be made via the on-street machine or the Easy Park app. The additional time in the space is free so long as the maximum time is paid for. If a partial payment is made (e.g. 30 minutes paid for in a 1-hour maximum parking area) no additional time is provided for a permit holder and the ordinary time limit applies.*

*In City of Launceston operated car parks, permit holders are entitled to park in the designated parking bays, however no further concessions apply.*

- 2 In 2020 I asked Council about a South Korean tourist who had been living rough in the city centre. This same individual has been living rough for over 5 years on Council reserves. If the new Homelessness Statement of Commitment is adopted today, how differently will this man be treated and what can Council do for him as an example?

**Response:**

*Council officers have been following a process outlined in the Homelessness: Statement of Commitment (the statement), namely the protocol, for many months as it has provided a dignity-first approach for council officers responding to homelessness. The adoption of the statement now formalises the dignity first approach as council's preferred method for responding to homelessness.*

*As with all homeless people we interact with, and which has been our approach for many months, our approach is to alert service providers to the person who is homeless so the service providers can provide the appropriate support to that person. By using this approach in the past we have successfully helped homeless people move off the street and into accommodation. To enable officers to help homeless people in our community we need information on their whereabouts so we can provide this to the service providers. The best way for officers to receive and action this information is through a customer service request or snap send solve from a member of the community.*

*Further, with the adoption of the statement, we will have additional budget to work towards the establishment of a by-names list which will provide additional clarity for us and service providers about who is homeless, where they are sleeping and what services they need. We anticipate creation of a by-names list will speed up how quickly homeless people can access services. The adoption of the statement will also allow officers to undertake broader education about homelessness and services available for people, including around concerns like food insecurity which can sometimes be a precursor to homelessness.*

3. With reference to the City Heart Stage 2 project, is my understanding correct that the Launceston Central Bus Interchange options technical feasibility assessment, only looks at moving 50% of the buses in St John Street, on the west side between York and Brisbane Street, and not those on the other side of the street outside Cotton On, as this information is unclear in the document?

**Response:**

*The Launceston Central Bus Interchange Options, Technical Feasibility Assessment (GHD, 2017) (<https://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Council-Region/Reports-Plans-and-Strategies/Launceston-Central-Bus-Interchange-Assessment>), available on Council's website, was an assessment of potential issues associated with the bus stop relocation including a review of the operational feasibility of each option, the resulting transport impacts, and the design considerations required to achieve a workable solution. The report was initiated based on relocating the existing bus stop on St John Street between York Street and Brisbane Street.*

*A well-functioning public transport service would provide for users to easily connect with other bus services through consolidation of all bus stops into one area. What can be interpreted from the report is there is no on-street location that could facilitate consolidation of all bus transport services.*



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**8.1.3. Public Questions on Notice - Larissa Allan - Concern - Safety of Children  
Crossing Road - George Town Road - 19 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 19 June 2024 by Larissa Allan, have been answered by Michael Newby (Chief Infrastructure Officer), and Uriel Walters (Engineer - Asset Planning).

**Questions:**

1. There are traffic lights outside the Australian Christian College Newnham and I have witnessed many cars running orange and red lights. Why is the area around the Australian Christian College Newnham and East Tamar School not classed as a school zone before and after school?

**Response:**

*As per the Tasmanian Speed Zoning Guidelines, a 40km/h school zone is applied at schools where a children's crossing exists, and typically extends 100m either side of the crossing. There is a school zone outside East Tamar Primary as there is a children's crossing on Hargrave Crescent near Cook Crescent. There is an existing signalised pedestrian crossing on George Town Road outside the Australian Christian College, and a similar crossing exists outside St Finn Barr's School on Invermay Road.*

*The Department of State Growth, who are responsible for all speed limits, children's crossings and traffic signals in Tasmania, have advised multiple times in the past that a school speed zone is not warranted in this location. This is because the signalised pedestrian crossing immediately outside the school is considered to be a sufficiently high level of provision for a pedestrian crossing facility, and the number of children crossing the road during the designated times is insufficient to warrant additional measures like a school speed zone.*

2. St Finn Barr's School on Invermay Road has a school zone and George Town Road is just as busy. Can you please look into zoning and what can be done to make this area safer for the children and the community?

**Response:**

*Council officers will continue to monitor the situation and advocate to State Growth for a school speed zone in this location, as appropriate.*

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**8.2. Public Questions Without Notice**

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

**8.2.1. Public Questions Without Notice - Robin Smith - Disability Parking Permits, Brisbane Street Mall Christmas Tree Damage, City Heart Stage 2 - 27 June 2024**

- 1. With regard to Disability Parking Permits, the website does not say 'free'. Can the words and website be made clearer to state that the additional time is free?**

The Acting Chief Executive Officer advised that the website will be reviewed to ensure the wording is clearer.

- 2. With reference to previous questions regarding the Brisbane Street Mall Christmas tree lights, security guards did not work and last year the lights were stolen. Council has advised that raising the fence would create a fall hazard. What options are available for making this safer and protecting the tree?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that options will be investigated.

- 3. City Heart Stage 2 - Moving the bus stop from St Johns Street based on the GHD Report would be detrimental. Was there anything else to confirm the move was the best option other than the GHD Report?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that he, along with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, met with State Growth and the Deputy Premier to advocate for the positions and routes for the buses and better solutions for public transport.

Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer) added that from a Council perspective, we want a public transport system where people can easily connect from one service to another. A lack of infrastructure has been identified and Council is looking at solutions.

## 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. DA0202/2024 - 23 Beverley Hills Road, Newstead - Residential - Construction of an Additional Dwelling

FILE NO: DA0202/2024

AUTHOR: Catherine Mainsbridge (Senior Town Planner Development)

APPROVER: Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place)

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#### DECISION STATEMENT:

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

#### PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Applicant:	DCM Tas
Property:	23 Beverley Hills Road, Newstead
Zoning:	General Residential
Receipt Date:	8/05/2024
Validity Date:	13/05/2024
Further Information Request:	15/05/2024
Further Information Received:	20/05/2024
Deemed Approval:	29/06/2024
Representations:	3

#### RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston

#### STANDARDS REQUIRING PLANNING DISCRETION:

8.4.2 - Setbacks and building envelope for all dwellings

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That, in accordance with sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston, a permit be granted for DA0202/2024 Residential - Construction of an additional dwelling at 23 Beverley Hills Road, Newstead, subject to the following conditions:

#### 1. ENDORSED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

The use and development must be carried out in accordance with the endorsed plans and documents to the satisfaction of the Council unless modified by a condition of the Permit:

- a. Cover Sheet, Prepared by Design Construction Management, Drawing No. A00, Rev 2, Dated 17/02/2024.
- b. Site Plan, Prepared by Design Construction Management, Drawing No. A01, Scale 1:200@A3, Rev 2, Dated 17/02/2024.
- c. Floor Plan, Prepared by Design Construction Management, Drawing No. A02, Scale 1:100@A3, Rev 1, Dated 17/02/2024.
- d. Elevation 1 & 2, Prepared by Design Construction Management, Drawing No. A04, Scale 1:100@A3, Rev 3, Dated 17/02/2024.
- e. Elevation 3 & 4, Prepared by Design Construction Management, Drawing No. A05, Scale 1:100@A3, Rev 3, Dated 17/02/2024.
- f. Floor Plan of Existing Building, Prepared by Design Construction Management, Drawing No. A500, Scale 1:200@A3, Rev 0, Dated 17/02/2024.

## **2. LEGAL TITLE**

All development and use associated with the proposal must be confined to the legal title of the subject land.

## **3. TASWATER**

The development must comply with the requirements of TasWater as detailed in the form Submission to Planning Authority Notice, Reference No. TWDA 2024/00580-LCC, dated 20/05/2024 and attached to the permit.

## **4. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION**

- a) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Manager Health and Compliance construction activities must only be carried out between the hours of:
  - i. Monday to Friday - 7 am to 6 pm; and
  - ii. Saturday - 8 am to 6 pm.
- b) Notwithstanding the above paragraph, construction activities must not be carried out on public holidays that are observed state-wide (Easter Tuesday excepted).

## **5. DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA CONSTRUCTION**

Before the use commences, areas set aside for parking vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must:

- a) Be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
- b) Be surfaced with an impervious all weather seal;
- c) Be adequately drained to prevent stormwater being discharged to neighbouring property;
- d) Be line-marked or otherwise delineated to indicate each car space and access lanes.

Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the development.

## **6. DAMAGE TO COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE**

The developer is liable for all costs associated with the repair of damage to Council infrastructure resulting from non-compliance with the conditions of the Planning Permit and any by-law or legislation relevant to the development activity on the site. Damage may also include the undertaking of unauthorised works to Council infrastructure such as driveways, footpaths and stormwater infrastructure. The developer will also be liable for all reasonable

costs associated with the enforcement of compliance with the conditions, by-laws and legislation relevant to the development activity on the site.

#### **7. WORKS WITHIN/OCCUPATION OF THE ROAD RESERVE**

All works in (or requiring the occupation of) the road reserve must be carried out in accordance with a detailed Traffic Management Plan prepared by a qualified person in accordance with the requirements of Australian Standard AS1742. A copy of such plan is to be maintained on site and available for inspection upon request by an Authorised Officer.

The explicit permission of General Manager - Infrastructure & Assets Network is required prior to undertaking works where the works:

- a. require a road or lane closure;
- b. require occupation of the road reserve for more than one week at a particular location;
- c. are in nominated high traffic locations; or
- d. involve opening or breaking trafficable surfaces.

Where the work is associated with the installation, removal or modification of a driveway or a stormwater connection, the approval of a permit for such works shall form the explicit approval.

#### **8. APPLICATION TO ALTER A STORMWATER SERVICE**

An application must be made using the Council's eServices web portal, or on the approved form, and accompanied by the prescribed fee to install a new connection, or physically remove/relocate or alter an existing service connection.

All work must be carried out by a suitably experienced contractor and in accordance with Council standards. All costs associated with these contractors are to be borne by the applicant.

#### **9. SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Prior to the commencement of the development works the applicant must install all necessary silt fences and cut-off drains to prevent the soil, gravel and other debris from escaping the site. Additional works may be required on complex sites. No material or debris is to be transported onto the road reserve (including the nature strip, footpath and road pavement). Any material that is deposited on the road reserve as a result of the development activity is to be removed by the applicant. The silt fencing, cut off drains and other works to minimise erosion are to be maintained on the site until such time as the site has revegetated sufficiently to mitigate erosion and sediment transport.

#### **10. CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS**

All retaining walls, above 1m, located within 1.5 metres of the property boundaries are to be designed and certified by a suitably qualified person. The design must have regard to the installation of fencing atop the retaining wall and other imposed loading in addition to site conditions on adjoining properties.

#### **11. FACILITIES AND HIGHWAYS BY-LAW**

Prior to the placement of any skip bin, security fencing, hoarding, shipping containers, site offices or amenities within a local highway, the person, corporation or other legal entity must seek and have issued a permit pursuant to the Facilities and Highways By-Law (No.

1 of 2021). The payment of the scheduled Occupation Fee (comprising a minimum base fee and a square metre weekly rate) is required prior to the occupation commencing. No occupation of the road reserve is permitted without approval.

## 12. STRATA LOT NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES FOR DWELLINGS

The following number and addressing is to be assigned to the development consistent with the residential addressing standard: Australian Standard AS4819:

Dwelling No	Strata Lot No.	Street Address
Existing Dwelling	1	Unit 1 / 23 Beverley Hills Road
Proposed Dwelling	2	Unit 2 / 23 Beverley Hills Road

The above addresses are to be adhered to when identifying the dwellings and their associated letterboxes.

## 13. DEMOLITION

The developer must:

- a) protect property and services which are to either remain on or adjacent to the site from interference or damage;
- b) not undertake any burning of waste materials or removed vegetation;
- c) remove all rubbish from the site for disposal at a licensed waste disposal site;
- d) dispose of any asbestos found during demolition in accordance with the Safe Work Australia 'How to Safely Remove Asbestos: Code of Practice, July 2020', or any subsequent versions of the document.

## 14. BUILDING ACT 2016 REQUIREMENTS

Prior to acting on this permit, it is recommended that an architect, a licensed building practitioner such as a building surveyor or a building designer be consulted to determine the requirements for any associated building, plumbing or demolition work under the Building Act 2016.

### Notes

#### A. General

*This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA0202/2024. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Council's planning staff can be contacted on 03 6323 3000.*

*This permit takes effect after:*

- a. *The 14 day appeal period expires; or*
- b. *Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Appeal Tribunal (TASCAT) is withdrawn or determined; or*
- c. *Any agreement that is required by this permit pursuant to Part V of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 is executed; or*
- d. *Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.*

*The permit lapses after a period of two (2) years if the development or use has not substantially commenced within that period. An extension may be granted subject to the provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 as amended, by request to Council.*

**B. Restrictive Covenants**

*The granting of this permit takes no account of any covenants applicable to the land. The permit holder and any other interested party, should make their own enquiries as to whether the proposed development is affected, restricted or prohibited by any such covenant.*

*If the proposal is non-compliant with any restrictive covenants, those restrictive covenants should be removed from the title prior to construction commencing or the owner will carry the liability of potential legal action in the future.*

**C. Appeal Provisions**

*A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).*

*A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the Corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant.*

*For more information see the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) website [www.tascat.tas.gov.au](http://www.tascat.tas.gov.au) <<http://www.tascat.tas.gov.au>>*

**D. Permit Commencement.**

*If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and wishes to commence the use or development for which the permit has been granted within that 14 day period, the Council must be so notified in writing. A copy of Council's Notice to Waive Right of Appeal is attached.*

**E. No Approval for alterations to Driveway Crossover**

*No approval to install a new, or alter an existing, driveway crossover in any way has been granted or is implied by the issue of this Planning Permit.*

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**Jonathon Buist spoke for the Recommendation.**

**Richard Jamieson (Manager City Development) and Catherine Mainsbridge (Senior Town Planner - Development) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**



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**9.2. PSA-LLP0019 - 325 Watery Plains Road, White Hills - Planning Scheme Amendment - Rezone from Agriculture Zone to Rural Zone**

**FILE NO:** PSA-LLP0019

**AUTHOR:** Catherine Mainsbridge (Senior Town Planner Development)

**APPROVER:** Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To decide whether to reject or agree to initiate and exhibit Amendment PSA-LLP0019 to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

**PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Applicant:	6ty° Pty Ltd
Address:	325 Watery Plains Road, White Hills (described as CT 106554/1, CT 232243/1 & CT208625/1)
Existing Zones:	Agriculture
Existing Codes:	7.0 Natural Assets Code 13.0 Bushfire Prone Areas Code 15.0 Landslip Hazard Code 16.0 Safeguarding of Airports Code
Existing Use:	Part cleared land with outbuilding sustaining grazing, remainder Native bushland protected by Conservation covenant C412685

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, pursuant to:

1. Section 40D of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, agrees to, and initiates Amendment PSA-LLP0019, to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule, to rezone land at 325 Watery Plains Road, White Hills (described as CT 106554/1, CT 232243/1 & CT208625/1) from the Agriculture zone to Rural zone and agrees to apply the Priority Vegetation component of the Natural Values code to part of the site.
2. Section 40F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, certifies draft amendment PSA-LLP0019; and
3. Sections 40G and 40H of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, determines the period for public exhibition be 28 days.

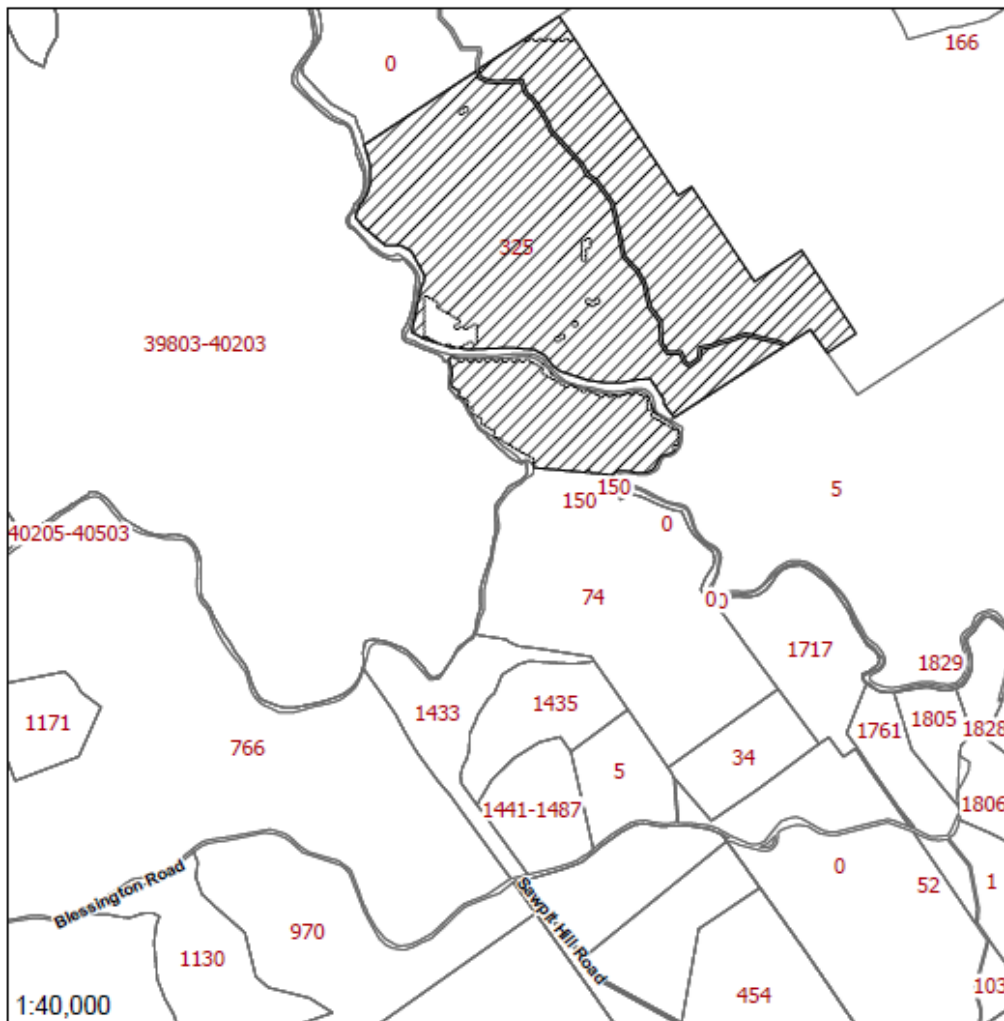
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston Amendment PSA-LLP0019

**TASMANIAN PLANNING SCHEME - LAUNCESTON LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE**

**Amendment PSA-LLP0019**

Apply the Priority Vegetation Overlay 325 Watery Plains Road  
(described as CT 208625/1, CT 232243/1 & CT 106554/1)

Amend the Tasmanian Local Provisions Schedule maps as below



 Priority Vegetation Overlay

THE COMMON SEAL  
of the City of  
Launceston was  
hereunto affixed in the  
presences of: -

Shane Eberhardt  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

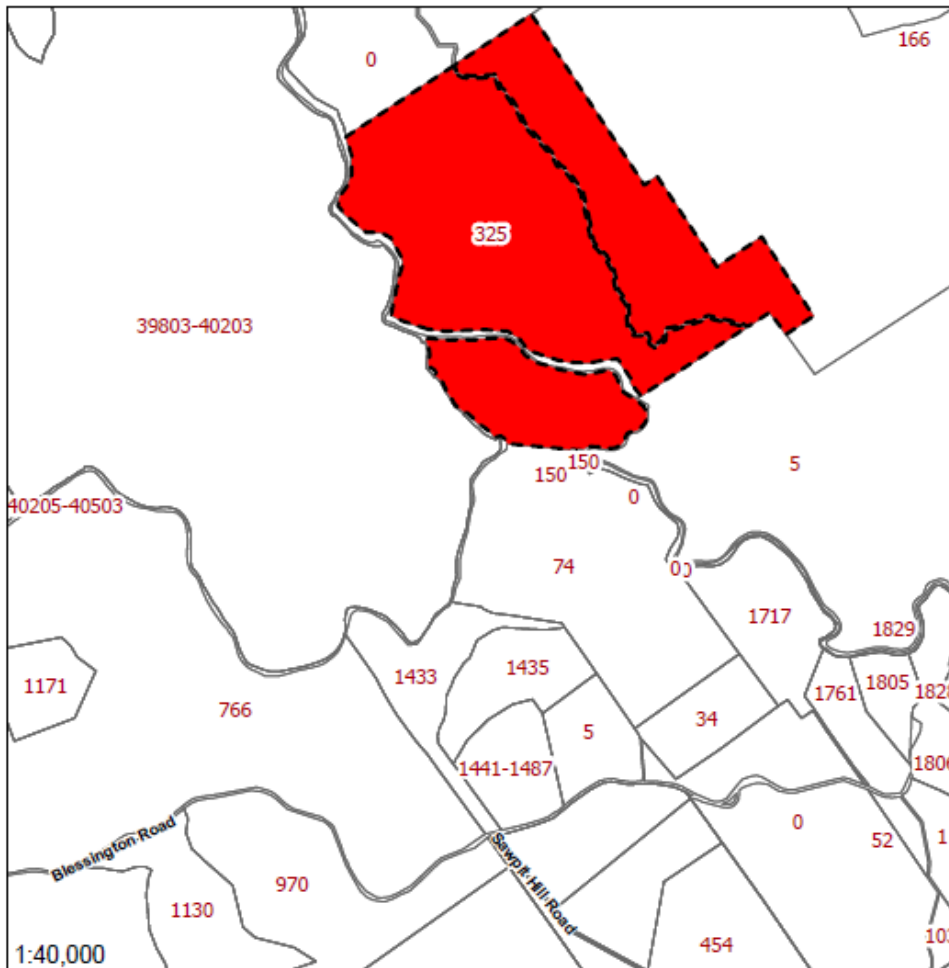
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**TASMANIAN PLANNING SCHEME - LAUNCESTON LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE**

**Amendment PSA-LLP0019**

Rezone land at 325 Watery Plains Road (described as CT 208625/1, CT 232243/1 & CT 106554/1)  
from Agricultural to Rural

Amend the Tasmanian Local Provisions Schedule maps as below



 Rural Zone

THE COMMON SEAL  
of the City of  
Launceston was  
hereunto affixed in the  
presences of: -

Shane Eberhardt  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Date

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that item 9.2 had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

### 10.1. Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

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#### Thursday 13, June 2024

- Launceston Women In Business (WIB) - Winter Pledge

#### Friday 14, June 2024

- Attended & Officiated COTA - Walk against Elder Abuse speech and rally
- Attended The GO Company Launch - Tramsheds
- Attended Encore Theatre Company performance - The 39 Steps production opening night

#### Sunday 16, June 2024

- Participated in Invictus Australia event - Veteran and Family Archery

#### Tuesday 18, June 2024

- Officiated Refugee Week Launch - Guest Speech

#### Wednesday 19, June 2024

- Participated in MND Big Freeze City of Launceston - Slide event

#### Thursday 20, June 2024

- Officiated Opening - 51Y Development Project

#### Friday 21, June 2024

- Guest Speaker at Aus Independent Retirees (AIR) event

#### Saturday 22, June 2024

- South Esk Sprint Meet, South Esk Swim Club event - Launceston Aquatic & Leisure Centre
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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).*

**Councillor A J Britton withdrew from the Meeting at 1:28 pm**

**Councillor S Cai withdrew from the Meeting at 1:29 pm**

**Councillor S Cai re-attended the Meeting at 1:31 pm**

**Councillor A J Britton re-attended the Meeting at 1:34 pm**

**Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie**

- **Monday 24 June 2024, attended the Mens Shed at Rocherlea to view the new laser cutter**
- **Wednesday 26 June 2024, attended a farewell to Nettie Burr from Starting Point Neighbourhood House**
- **Acknowledged and paid tribute to the late Alderman Annette Waddle**

**Councillor D C Gibson**

- **Acknowledgment of the late Alderman Annette Waddle**

## 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).*

#### 12.1.1. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor D G Gibson - Recording of, and Historical Street Naming - 13 June 2024

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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#### QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 13 June 2024 by Councillor D G Gibson, has been answered by Jaclyn Galea (Infrastructure Development Officer).

##### **Questions:**

1. Does Council still maintain a community collection with regard to the historical naming of streets?

##### **Response:**

*In 1989, a book History in our Streets, was published by J. & D. Morris. This is a comprehensive collection exploring the history of Launceston's street names. The book was a private venture by the two historians. Unfortunately, Council does not and has not maintained a community collection of the historical naming of streets. However, the state run Placenames which register the street name into a statewide data base, provides all the information regarding the history and origins of a place name via a publicly available Placenames Tasmania website.*

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**12.1.2. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor D G Gibson - 2023/2024 Budget - Budget Amendments - 13 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 13 June 2024 by Councillor D G Gibson, have been answered by Michael Newby (Chief Infrastructure Officer).

**Questions:**

1. How is the Community Halls Capital Federal Grant intended to be used?

**Response:**

*This revenue budget relates to the following capital projects:*

*CP24609 St Leonards Sports Hall Access Ramp - \$200,000. Which relates to the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grant funding Phase 4 which was recently approved.*

*CP24140 Albert Hall Upgrade and Refurbishment - \$9,800,000. This was the grant funds at the start of the financial year which have not yet been received on this project and is made up of Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grant funding Phase 3 \$1,000,000 and Launceston City Deal (CDG) \$8,800,000. It is to be noted that grant funds of \$1,200,000 have been received from the Launceston City Deal in previous financial years as milestone payments have been claimed.*

2. The St Leonards Sports Hall was being redone and importantly had a lot of compliance issues. Is that the entrance to the St Leonards Athletic Center Hall or is it the other one?

**Response:**

*Yes, this is the hall at the St Leonards Athletic Centre. Screenshot of the building outlined in blue, below.*



3. With reference to Forster Street and the Better Active Transport Grant, through the Department of State Growth, could we receive a reminder of that project and the grants received?

**Response:**

*The project will deliver a 2.5m wide bike path, separate to the footpath. Access ramps will be upgraded and a splitter island constructed to suit the new pathway. Line marking will be amended and upgraded with painted bike path line markings and symbols.*

*This project was identified in Launceston Transport Strategy trails improvements and completes a missing link in the northern trail network connecting the Riverbend Park/Levee off-road shared paths to the Goderich Street shared paths.*

*The grants received total \$260k via the State Government's - Infrastructure Tasmania - Better Active Transport in Tasmania to enable construction of this project.*



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**12.1.3. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor J J Pentridge - Parking Around UTAS Stadium and Rezoning in Merino Street - 13 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 13 June 2024 by Councillor J J Pentridge, have been answered by David Mullenger (Manager Health and Compliance) and Richard Jamieson (Manager City Development) .

**Questions:**

1. Did Council put parking staff on to surround UTAS and fine people for parking illegally?

**Response:**

*On Saturday 8 June 2024, the Parking Team was critically understaffed due to illness and leave. As a result only two officers were on duty for that day. One officer staffed the communications room and the other officer patrolled the Central Business District on foot.*

*Whilst the officer was patrolling the CBD on foot, they were approached by various council staff and also members of the general public who complained about vehicles parking illegally across access ways to houses and businesses, blocking intersections and stopping on yellow lines obstructing the view of road users creating a safety hazard in Invermay. One of the members of the public who stopped the officer stated that they have had to walk into town as they were unable to get their vehicle out of the driveway due to people blocking them in.*

*After being approached numerous times, the officer decided to investigate. The officer observed vehicles committing traffic offences against the Road Rules 2019 and proceeded to issue infringement notices in accordance with the breaches they observed.*

*The streets where the officer issued infringement notices were not adjacent to UTAS stadium and the infringements were issued on Holbrook Street and Gleadow Street, Invermay.*

*A total of 33 infringement notices were issued for breaches of the State instituted Road Rules 2019 for the following offences:*

- *Stop on/across driveway or vehicular access - State Road Rules 2019 - 198 (2)*
- *Stop alongside yellow line - Road Rules 2019 - 169*
- *Stop in Taxi Zone - Road Rules 2019 - 182 (1)*

- *Disobey no parking sign - Road Rules 168 (1).*

*We have educated the general public about parking in the area for AFL games over many years. The officer was thanked by multiple residents and business owners who were happy to see City of Launceston addressing parking infringements in the area.*

2. On what authority did the Planning Department decide they were going to rezone some land on Merino Street?

**Response:**

*Council officers have been in discussion with the landowner of 30 Merino Street for some time to identify the most appropriate long term land use of the land. Due to the complex circumstances of the land it was determined by the Chief Executive Officer at the time, Michael Stretton, that the Council would take a proactive role in identifying and facilitating the most appropriate zone for the site.*

*The necessary preparatory work has now been completed. It is the intention of council officers to present the work to the Council for consideration at an upcoming meeting.*

*It will be up to the Council, sitting as the Planning Authority, to consider the merits of the proposal and determine whether to proceed with a rezoning.*

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**12.1.4. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor Professor G Razay - Budget Amendments - Pavement Maintenance - 13 June 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 13 June 2024 by Councillor Prof G Razay, has been answered by Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer).

**Questions:**

1. What proportion of expenditure of the budget goes into pavement maintenance?

**Response:**

*To 31 May 2024, Council has spent \$485,041 in capital expenditure on its Footpath Renewals Program (including in Parks). A number of footpath works are not included in this year to date expenditure, as they will have occurred as part of road renewal and reconstruction projects. This figure will become clearer after 30 June 2024.*

*The value of footpath assets built or renewed by City of Launceston are as follows in recent years;*

*2022/2023 - \$838,740  
2021/2022 - \$1,306,842  
2020/2021 - \$1,492,131*

*Further to this, an average of almost \$300,000 per year has been spent on maintenance works of Council owned footpaths since 2020/2021.*

*Council has allocated \$600,000 in the proposed 2024/2025 Capital Budget for its Footpath Renewal Program, along with a \$400,000 allocation in the Parks Track, Footpath and Trail Renewal Program.*

*Footpath renewal and improvement works regularly occur during road renewals and reconstruction projects, which is not included in the 2024/2025 budget figure provided.*

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### 12.1.5. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor J J Pentridge - NTCA Facility Management

**FILE NO:** SF2375 / SF7448

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

**APPROVER:** Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

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#### **QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 19 June 2024 by Councillor J J Pentridge have been answered by Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer).

#### **Questions:**

1. Can the current Acting CEO please give Councillors an explanation as to when the Executive Management decided to discard the recommendations of the Stretton Report and on what grounds?

#### **Response:**

*There has been no decision made to discard the recommendations contained within the report named. Based on continued and frequent concerns received by City of Launceston from the user clubs regarding the operations and maintenance activities undertaken by the NTCA in their role as facility manager, this required officers to consider intervention actions to maintain or improve the service standards at the NCTA grounds. Council officers have provided information to Councilors in a timely, unbiased manner to enable fair and transparent decision making.*

2. Can the Acting CEO please outline the investigations he made into the current governance structures of the NTCA prior to arriving at these new recommendations?

#### **Response:**

*The 'new' recommendations are based on the response to continued and frequent concerns received by CoL from the user clubs regarding the operations and maintenance activities undertaken by the NTCA in their role as facility manager and the inability to resource the operations. A further meeting with the Acting CEO, Mayor, Cricket Tasmania and NTCA Board members is scheduled on Wednesday 26 June 2024 to receive feedback of the proposed change in facility management direction.*

3. Can the Acting CEO or the Manager Parks and Sustainability inform the Councillors as to how many meetings, and at what frequency, the Chair has reported to both the NTCA Board and to Council as required under the adopted Charter?

**Response:**

*The Facility Management Group met most months and NTCA Inc have three representatives on the Group. The Manager Parks and Sustainability has received two invites - one relates to a meeting this week and another which was attended. Council officers have made requests to attend the NTCA Board Meetings. Councillors have received updates through workshops and the Councillors Bulletin.*

4. In the light of the findings of the Stretton Report, will the Acting CEO outline the financial advantages to the LCC, if any, of resuming the management of the NTCA Facility?

**Response:**

*There is not a financial advantage to Council resuming management of the NTCA facility. The intent of Council assuming management is to improve the service standards at the ground and better meet the resourcing requirements of these activities.*

5. In addition will the Acting CEO please indicate to Council the number of additional staff to be appointed in order to maintain the NTCA grounds and facilities under permanent LCC management?

**Response:**

*This information is contained within the workshop attachment from 6 June 2024*

6. Will the Acting CEO or the Chair of Facilities Management Group table all correspondence received from the tenant clubs for the information of the Councillors?

**Response:**

*The Acting CEO will review the resources required to meet this request and the content of the communications, and advise accordingly.*

7. Will the Acting CEO please inform Council as to the reasons why this 2018 commitment was withdrawn?

**Response:**

*There is no evidence a formal commitment or application was made and officers do not have the ability to commit to such a large funding request. A financial commitment would have needed to be made by a decision of Council, which did not occur.*

8. Given a clear history of conflict between the Old Scotch Football Club and the NTCA will the Acting CEO give a clear account of all communications between the Club and the Chair of the Facilities Management Group and LCC Executive Management up until this point?

**Response:**

*It is not evident from the account above that there is a clear history of conflict between the Old Scotch Football Club and the NTCA. Seemingly, assuming that all stated above is true, an inappropriate use of the facility was identified by the NTCA administration and a punishment administered. According to the information above this instance occurred in 2017, almost seven years ago. The Acting Chief Executive Officer has not considered this potential or perceived conflict as part of this process. The Facilities Management Group has been in existence since 2022.*

9. Will the Acting CEO and Executive Management make provision for representatives of the NTCA administration and Board to meet with Councillors prior to a final decision on the current issue of site management? If not, then why not?

**Response:**

*The intent is a recommendation will be put to the Council at its meeting on 11 July 2024. There are no plans for a formal meeting of the NTCA Board and Councillors. Individual Councillors are free to meet with the NTCA Board.*

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**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).*

**12.2.1. Councillors' Questions Without Notice - Councillor D H McKenzie -  
Coronation Park Play Equipment - 27 June 2024**

- 1. Can Officers provide a timeline as to when Coronation Park play equipment might be considered for refurbishment?**

**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 11 July 2024.**

**12.2.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice - Councillor D C Gibson - Grants and Sponsorship Funds - 27 June 2024**

- 1. If an event that receives funding does not proceed, previously officers were able to go further down the list to allocate the funding that might still be available, because the recommendation was in line with the budget and not in line with the scoring. If the event does not go ahead, would the intent then be that officers bring back a subsequent motion for the next in line event, rather than it just going down the list?**

**Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place Network) advised that the question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 11 July 2024.**



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**13. COMMUNITY AND PLACE NETWORK**

**13.1. New Year's Eve Event Sponsorship 2024 - 2026**

**FILE NO:** SF6543

**AUTHOR:** Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer)

**APPROVER:** Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider pre-committing triennial event sponsorship support for a New Year's Eve event in 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. pursuant to the Events Sponsorship Policy 05-PI-012 -
  - a. notes that the Launceston BeerFest New Year's Eve event has been identified as a Major Signature Event; and
  - b. approves the application by BeerFest No 1 Pty Ltd to receive sponsorship recommended below for the Launceston BeerFest New Year's Eve event:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Recommended sponsorship</b>
2024/2025	\$46,000
2025/2026	\$46,000
2026/2027	\$46,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,000</b>

2. notes that the amounts listed at Recommendation 1 will be included in budget estimates for 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 which are yet to be adopted by the Council.
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**Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities), Angie Hart (Team Leader Tourism and Events) and Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

### 13.2. Major Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/2025

**FILE NO:** SF7570

**AUTHOR:** Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer)

**APPROVER:** Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place)

#### DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider event sponsorship support for major events (round 1) in 2024/2025.

#### RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- Approves the following major event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 major event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed #	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Tasmanian Agrifood Networks Ltd	agriCULTURED	Level 2	82%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Lions Club City of Launceston	Lions Club City of Launceston Christmas Parade	Level 1	80%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$9,375
Launceston Carols by Candlelight INC	Launceston Carols by Candlelight **	Level 2	76%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Launceston Musical Society	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Level 1	76%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$9,375
AusCycling	Tour of Tasmania	Level 1	74%	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
Launceston City Cycling Club Inc	Launceston Christmas Cycling Classic	Level 1*	71%	\$20,000	\$12,500	\$9,375
Trevallyn Bowls & Community Club	Launceston International Bowls Classic***	Level 2	69%	\$16,900	\$16,900	\$3,375
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$119,000</b>	<b>\$104,400</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>

# Note - there are two levels in this category: Level 1 events receive funding between \$5,001 - \$12,500, and Level 2 events receive funding between \$12,500 - \$20,000.

\* Application assessed at Level 1 (\$12,500) and not Level 2 (\$20,000) as the panel deemed the events to be Level 1 events.

\*\* Mayor Garwood abstained from the assessment of Launceston Carols by Candlelight.

\*\*\* Although the Launceston International Bowls Classic is recommended to receive 75% of funding, there is only \$3,375 of funding remaining in the allocated budget.

2. Determines the following major event sponsorship applications will not be funded by Council as the available funding has been fully allocated to higher scoring applications.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Level assessed#</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>\$Request</b>	<b>\$Assess</b>	<b>\$Recom</b>
Joseph Chromy Wines	Effervescence Tasmania 2024	Level 1*	68%	\$20,000	\$12,500	\$0
Community Peace Network Pty Ltd	2024 Tamar Valley Peace Festival **	Level 1	66%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) Inc	National Veteran Vehicle Tour	Level 1	66%	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
The ReDress Hub	ReDressed: ReFashion Competition and Show	Level 1	60%	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
Rotary Club of Central Launceston	Sally's Ride 2024	Level 1	59%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# Note - there are two levels in this category: Level 1 events receive funding between \$5,001 - \$12,500, and Level 2 events receive funding between \$12,500 - \$20,000.

\* Application assessed at Level 1 (\$12,500) not Level 2 (\$20,000) as the panel deemed the event to be a Level 1 event.

\*\* Alina Bain (Chamber of Commerce) abstained from the assessment of the 2024 Tamar Valley Peace Festival.

**Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities), Angie Hart (Team Leader Tourism and Events) and Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**Donna Bain (Chair Tamar Community Peace Trust) spoke against the Recommendation.**

**Mayor Councillor M K Garwood handed the Chair to Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie and withdrew from the Meeting at 1:52 pm**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 1**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

Approves the following major event sponsorship application to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 major event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed #	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Launceston Carols by Candlelight INC	Launceston Carols by Candlelight **	Level 2	76%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

**CARRIED 10:1**

**FOR VOTE: Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**

**AGAINST VOTE: Councillor A G Harris**

**Mayor Councillor M K Garwood re-attended the Meeting and resumed the Chair at 2:08 pm**

**Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie withdrew from the Meeting at 2:08 pm**

**Councillor A G Harris withdrew from the Meeting at 2:08 pm**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 2**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor S Cai.

That Council:

Approves the following major event sponsorship application to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 major event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed #	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Launceston Musical Society	Wizard of Oz	Level 1	76%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$9,375
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$9,375</b>

**CARRIED 10:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie re-attended the Meeting at 2:17 pm

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 3**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That Council:

Determines the following major event sponsorship application will not be funded by Council as the available funding has been fully allocated to higher scoring applications.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed#	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Rotary Club of Central Launceston	Sally's Ride 2024	Level 1	59%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**CARRIED 9:2**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton

**AGAINST VOTE:** Councillor T G Walker and Councillor J J Pentridge

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 4**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

1. Approves the following major event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 major event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed #	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Tasmanian Agrifood Networks Ltd	agriCULTURED	Level 2	82%	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Lions Club City of Launceston	Lions Club City of Launceston Christmas Parade	Level 1	80%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$9,375
AusCycling	Tour of Tasmania	Level 1	74%	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
Launceston City Cycling Club Inc	Launceston Christmas Cycling Classic	Level 1*	71%	\$20,000	\$12,500	\$9,375
Trevallyn Bowls & Community Club	Launceston International Bowls Classic***	Level 2	69%	\$16,900	\$16,900	\$3,375
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$79,400</b>	<b>\$71,900</b>	<b>\$49,625</b>

**# Note - there are two levels in this category: Level 1 events receive funding between \$5,001 - \$12,500, and Level 2 events receive funding between \$12,500 - \$20,000.**

**\* Application assessed at Level 1 (\$12,500) and not Level 2 (\$20,000) as the panel deemed the events to be Level 1 events.**

**\*\* Mayor Garwood abstained from the assessment of Launceston Carols by Candlelight.**

**\*\*\* Although the Launceston International Bowls Classic is recommended to receive 75% of funding, there is only \$3,375 of funding remaining in the allocated budget.**



2. Determines the following major event sponsorship applications will not be funded by Council as the available funding has been fully allocated to higher scoring applications.

Organisation	Event	Level assessed#	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Joseph Chromy Wines	Effervescence Tasmania 2024	Level 1*	68%	\$20,000	\$12,500	\$0
Community Peace Network Pty Ltd	2024 Tamar Valley Peace Festival **	Level 1	66%	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
Veteran Car Club of Australia (Tasmania) Inc	National Veteran Vehicle Tour	Level 1	66%	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
The ReDress Hub	ReDressed: ReFashion Competition and Show	Level 1	60%	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# Note - there are two levels in this category: Level 1 events receive funding between \$5,001 -

\$12,500, and Level 2 events receive funding between \$12,500 - \$20,000.

\* Application assessed at Level 1 (\$12,500) not Level 2 (\$20,000) as the panel deemed the event to be a Level 1 event.

\*\* Alina Bain (Chamber of Commerce) abstained from the assessment of the 2024 Tamar Valley Peace Festival.

**CARRIED 11:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahan, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

**13.3. Small Event Sponsorship Round 1 2024/2025**

**FILE NO:** SF7571

**AUTHOR:** Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer)

**APPROVER:** Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place)

**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider committing to event sponsorship support for small events (Round 1) 2024/2025.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Approves the following small event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 small event sponsorship budget.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>\$Request</b>	<b>\$Assess</b>	<b>\$Recom</b>
Bus Stop Films	Bus Stop Films 2024 Launceston Showcase	83%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Cancer Council Tasmania	Women's 5km Walk/Run	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
*Launceston Festival of Dance Inc	Launceston Festival of Dance	78%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Alive After 5	Alive After 5	73%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Three River Theatre	End Game	73%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
The Launceston Players Society Inc.	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	71%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Tasmanian Poetry Festival Inc	Tasmanian Poetry Festival	70%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
St Cecilia Productions Tasmania Inc	St Cecilia Performance Challenge 2024	70%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Kentish Regional Clinic - CORES	LGBTIQA+ Forums	69%	\$4,260	\$4,260	\$3,195

DARE Collective	Puffs Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic	68%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Launceston PCYC	End of Year Kids Celebration – PCYC**	62%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$555
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$54,260</b>	<b>\$54,260</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

\* Mayor Garwood abstained from the assessment of Launceston Festival of Dance.

\*\* Although the End of Year Kids Celebration was recommended to receive 75% of funding, there was only \$555 of funding remaining in the allocated budget for this event.

- Determines the following small event sponsorship application will not be funded by Council as the applicant has withdrawn their application.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>\$Request</b>	<b>\$Assess</b>	<b>\$Recom</b>
Tasmanian Fashion Festival Inc	Tasmanian Fashion Festival	66%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Councillor A G Harris re-attended the Meeting at 2:32 pm**

**Mayor Councillor M K Garwood handed the Chair to Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie and withdrew from the Meeting at 2:32 pm**

**Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities), Angie Hart (Team Leader Tourism and Events) and Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 1**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor S Cai.

That Council:

Approves the following small event sponsorship application to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 small event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
*Launceston Festival of Dance Inc	Launceston Festival of Dance	78%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>

**CARRIED 11:0**

**FOR VOTE: Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie handed the Chair to Councillor D C Gibson, and withdrew from the Meeting at 2:34 pm**

**Councillor A G Harris withdrew from the Meeting at 2:34 pm**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 2**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

Approves the following small event sponsorship application to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 small event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Cancer Council Tasmania	Women's 5km Walk/Run	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

Mayor Councillor M K Garwood re-attended the Meeting at 2:35 pm

Councillor A G Harris re-attended the Meeting at 2:35 pm

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 3**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

Approves the following small event sponsorship application to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 small event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
The Launceston Players Society Inc.	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	71%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Total			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750

**CARRIED 11:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie re-attended the Meeting at 2:38 pm

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 4**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

1. Approves the following small event sponsorship applications to receive the recommended sponsorship amount from the 2024/2025 small event sponsorship budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Bus Stop Films	Bus Stop Films 2024 Launceston Showcase	83%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Alive After 5	Alive After 5	73%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Three River Theatre	End Game	73%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Tasmanian Poetry Festival Inc	Tasmanian Poetry Festival	70%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
St Cecilia Productions Tasmania Inc	St Cecilia Performance Challenge 2024	70%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Kentish Regional Clinic - CORES	LGBTIQA+ Forums	69%	\$4,260	\$4,260	\$3,195
DARE Collective	Puffs Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic	68%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,750
Launceston PCYC	End of Year Kids Celebration – PCYC**	62%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$555
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$39,260</b>	<b>\$39,260</b>	<b>\$27,500</b>

\* Mayor Garwood abstained from the assessment of Launceston Festival of Dance.

\*\* Although the End of Year Kids Celebration was recommended to receive 75% of funding, there was only \$555 of funding remaining in the allocated budget for this event.

2. Determines the following small event sponsorship application will not be funded by Council as the applicant has withdrawn their application.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Request	\$Assess	\$Recom
Tasmanian Fashion Festival Inc	Tasmanian Fashion Festival	66%	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Total			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil



**13.4. Community Grants Round 2 2023/2024**

**FILE NO:** SF7569

**AUTHOR:** Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer)

**APPROVER:** Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place)

**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider round 2 applications for the 2023/2024 Community Grants program.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. Approves the following organisations' applications to receive the recommended grant amounts:

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recom
GroWaverley	Growing our Neighbourhood impact	86%	\$5,000	\$5,000
Reclink Australia	Reclink Youth Adventure, Resilience and Wellbeing Program	82%	\$4,970	\$4,970
Just Cats Inc.	Community Desexing Project	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sawtooth ARI Inc	SAW: Sawtooth Artist Workshops	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000
The ReDress Hub	ReDress: ReGift - Sharing the skills to keep clothing in use for longer	68%	\$4,600	\$3,450
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$24,570</b>	<b>\$23,420</b>

2. Determines the following community grant applications will not be funded by the Council as the applications received a score less than the recommended level for funding (<50%):

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recom
Women's Legal Service Tasmania	Number Blocks	49%	\$5,000	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

3. Determines the following community grant applications will not be funded by the council as the applications received were deemed ineligible by the assessment panel.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>\$Request</b>	<b>\$Recom</b>
Black Box Theatre Co.	Spring Awakening	0%	\$5,000	0
Design Tasmania	Women in Design	0%	\$5,000	0
Three River Theatre Inc	The Laramie Project	0%	\$5,000	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities), Angie Hart (Team Leader Tourism and Events) and Kate Schindler (Grants and Sponsorship Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie withdrew from the Meeting at 2:42 pm**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 1**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

Determines the following community grant application will not be funded by the council as the applications received were deemed ineligible by the assessment panel.

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recom
Three River Theatre Inc	The Laramie Project	0%	\$5,000	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**CARRIED 11:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie re-attended the Meeting at 2:45 pm

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION 2**

Moved Councillor L M McMahon, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

1. Approves the following organisations' applications to receive the recommended grant amounts:

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recom
GroWaverley	Growing our Neighbourhood impact	86%	\$5,000	\$5,000
Reclink Australia	Reclink Youth Adventure, Resilience and Wellbeing Program	82%	\$4,970	\$4,970

Just Cats Inc.	Community Desexing Project	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000
Sawtooth ARI Inc	SAW: Sawtooth Artist Workshops	81%	\$5,000	\$5,000
The ReDress Hub	ReDress: ReGift - Sharing the skills to keep clothing in use for longer	68%	\$4,600	\$3,450
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$24,570</b>	<b>\$23,420</b>

2. Determines the following community grant applications will not be funded by the Council as the applications received a score less than the recommended level for funding (<50%):

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recom
Women's Legal Service Tasmania	Number Blocks	49%	\$5,000	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

3. Determines the following community grant applications will not be funded by the council as the applications received were deemed ineligible by the assessment panel.

Organisation	Project/Activity	Score	\$Request	\$Recom
Black Box Theatre Co.	Spring Awakening	0%	\$5,000	0
Design Tasmania	Women in Design	0%	\$5,000	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahan, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

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## 14. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS NETWORK

### 14.1. Concessional Waste Disposal 2024/2025 - Charitable Organisations

**FILE NO:** SF0628

**AUTHOR:** Michael Attard (Team Leader Sustainability)

**APPROVER:** Michael Newby (Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the value of concessions to approved charitable organisations for waste disposal at the Launceston Waste Centre for the 2024/25 financial year.

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

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

Council - 17 June 2023 - Agenda 18.1 Concessional Entry to Council's Waste Disposal Facilities

Council - 4 May 2023 - Agenda 13.1 Notice of Motion - Councillor A E Dawkins - Financial Support for Veterinary Practices Treating Injured Wildlife

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, in respect of clause 4(e) of the '*Concessional Entry to Council's Waste Disposal Facilities*' policy (12-Plx-014), approves the participating charitable organisations and their recommended concessional entry values for the 2024/25 financial year, as listed below (Table 1).

**Table 1 - List of charitable organisations which applied for the concessional entry program and their recommended subsidy values, for the 2024/25 financial year**

Organisation Name	2024/25 recommendation (\$)
Connections Op Shop Inc	405.06
Door of Hope Christian Church	1,944.73
Launceston Benevolent Society Inc	342.69
Launceston City Mission	25,978.03
Lions Club of Kings Meadows	150.00
New Horizons Club Inc	150.00
Bluegum - NOSS	1,368.88
PCYC	288.05
SelfHelp Workplace	5,638.63

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Veterans Support Group	567.66
Kings Meadows Community Mens Shed	229.50
Starting Point Neighborhood House	150.00
Worldview	203.98
Just Cats Tasmania	150.00
Community Housing Limited	13,503.14
Community Care Tasmania	664.28
Rotary Punchbowl Community Gardens	150.00
Karinya Young Women's Service	520.54
Launceston VFC Services Inc	622.40
Litter Free Launnie	150.00
Windermere Church Forever Inc.	150.00
Launceston Players Society	150.00
GroWaverly	150.00
Friends of the Library Launceston	169.22
Oak Possability Tasmania	1,876.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53,391.78</b>

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**Michael Attard (Team Leader Sustainability) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

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**15. ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK**

**15.1. Financial Report to Council to 31 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF3611

**AUTHOR:** Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance)

**APPROVER:** Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the Council's financial performance for the period ended 31 March 2024.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the operational and capital financial reports for the period ended 31 March 2024, noting the operational report discloses an underlying surplus of \$2.36m as compared to the budgeted underlying deficit of \$3.53m, comprising of a \$4.23m favourable revenue variance and a \$1.66m favourable expenditure variance.

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**Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer) and Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A G Harris.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahan, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

## 15.2. Rates and Charges Policy (23-Plx-010)

**FILE NO:** SF7153/SF0521

**AUTHOR:** Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer)

**APPROVER:** Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the revised Rates and Charges Policy (23-Plx-010).

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*  
*Valuation of Land Act 2001 (Tas)*  
*Fire Services Act 1979 (Tas)*  
*Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022 (Tas)*

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Considered annually.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, pursuant to section 86B of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, adopts the revised Rates and Charges Policy (23-Plx-010) as set out below:

## ***Rates and Charges Policy***

### ***PURPOSE:***

This Policy provides the rating framework that the Council has adopted for rates and charges.

The Policy is prepared in accordance with section 86B of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* (LGA 1993) and provides an overview of the rating framework that Council has adopted.

The Policy reflects the fundamental premise as set out in section 86A of the LGA 1993 that:

- (a) rates are a tax and not a fee for service; and
- (b) the value of land is an indicator of the capacity to pay.

The Council through the application of this Policy primarily levies rates based on property values with a contribution through fixed and service charges. The Policy also outlines the Council's approach to the provision of remissions and the management of the rate debt.



**SCOPE:**

The Policy sets out the Council's rates and charges (taxation) objectives in regard to:

- (a) Statutory compliance; and
- (b) Discretionary matters.

This document is a statement of policy and intent, it does not supersede or overrule the specific rating resolutions and policies that are determined by resolution of the Council.

**POLICY:**

**Rating Objectives**

To maintain an appropriate distribution of rates and charges consistent with the principles stated in this Policy with the objectives of:

- (a) Consistent and equitable treatment of all residents and ratepayers;
- (b) Achieving an appropriate mix and distribution of taxation from
  - i. rates based on property values, fixed and service charges and revenue from other sources; and
  - ii. different sectors (including land use categories and localities) within the municipality.
- (c) Managing the impact on ratepayers of changes in
  - i. the Council's funding requirements; and
  - ii. property valuations as reflected in municipal revaluations.
- (d) Using rate settings to support the achievement of strategic objectives.

**Rating Strategies and Methodologies**

The strategies and methodologies that have been developed consistent with the principles and rating objectives are as follows.

- The valuation methodology is based on assessed annual value.
- The inclusion of a general fixed charge (that is not based on a property's value) as a component of the general rate.
- The use of service charges for waste management (collection and processing) based on the capacity of the service provided.
- Transitional arrangements through the capping of rate increases for residential ratepayers when municipal revaluations occur. Transitional arrangements are also considered in other circumstances where there is the potential for a significant change in rates from a change in the Council's rating structure.
- Debt management policies and disincentives intended to encourage the timely payment of rates.
- The minimisation of rate remissions to support equitable outcomes for all ratepayers and for the remissions to be strategically targeted to address unintended consequences of legislation and policy.
- Exemptions based solely on the legislative provisions of section 87 of the LGA 1993.

### **Valuation Methodologies**

The Council has determined to use assessed annual value as the basis of rates (section 89A(2) of the LGA 1993) within the municipality. Valuations are arranged by the Office of the Valuer General. Municipal valuations occur on a six yearly cycle, with indexation adjustments made between the full revaluation every two years.

Supplementary valuations occur when additions or significant alterations are made to a property. The values are determined as though the alterations existed at the date of the last municipal revaluation, with effect from the date the works are completed.

### **Rating Structures and Differential Rates**

The Council uses the power provided by section 107 of the LGA 1993 to vary the rate based on property use and also by location for properties within a defined area of the city centre. The property usage categories are residential, commercial, industrial, primary production, public (community) service, quarrying or mining, sport or recreation and vacant land (non-use).

The location variation or differential is applied to raise an additional rate for promotional activities within the city centre.

### **Contribution Methodology**

Assessed annual value (AAV) is a differential valuation system where the AAV varies with the use and capital value of the property. Through this differential valuation system together with differential rates based on property usage the contribution from sectors of the municipality varies with changes in property values. The use of assessed annual value is consistent with the rating principles contained in section 86A of the LGA 1993.

### **Fixed Charge**

The Council has resolved to impose a fixed charge (section 91 of the LGA 1993) on each rateable property or tenancy, consistent with the legislation a minimum rate is not also levied. The application of a fixed charge recognises that all rateable properties should make a fixed contribution to the cost of the Council's operations and services. The application of a fixed charge reduces the rates that are raised based on property values. The Council recognises the regressive taxation effect of fixed charges and so limits the amount of the fixed charge. The total revenue raised from the fixed charge must not exceed an amount equal to 50% of the Council's general rates in each rating year.

### **Service Charges**

The Council imposes a service charge (section 94(1) of the LGA 1993) for waste management services. Waste management (the collection of waste and recycling materials) is a defined service for which a pay for use charge is appropriate.

Private operators provide specific services to a limited number of organisations where for operational reasons it is not practical or efficient to provide the Council managed service. These organisations are able to opt out of the Council arranged service.

The Council varies or applies different charges based on the capacity of the bins that are now available, this pricing strategy is intended to provide incentives to reduce waste, encourage recycling and reflect the cost of waste disposal.

The Council also imposes a service charge (section 94(1) of the LGA 1993) for waste management services to offset a levy payable by the Council to the State Government under the *Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022* (the Waste Management Levy Offset Service Charge). The State Government imposed levy commenced in 2022/2023 at \$20.00 per tonne of waste disposed to the Council's operated landfill facilities. In 2024/2025, the levy will increase to \$40.00 per tonne. From 2026/2027, the levy will be \$60.00 per tonne. These amounts are subject to annual indexation increases, linked to the Consumer Price Index for Hobart and Fee Units as determined by the State Government.

The Council's methodology when calculating the Waste Management Levy Offset Service Charge is to use the average weight of landfill disposed of per property annually in the municipality, multiplied by the landfill levy which is published by the State Government annually. The City of Launceston will impose the Waste Management Levy Offset Service Charge on each property that has one or more bins on a per property basis only. Data collected indicates that on average, each property disposes 0.49 tonnes to landfill per year and at \$44.88 per tonne (as advised by the State Government) this equates to a charge of \$22.05 per property with one or more bins for 2024/2025. This amount is disclosed separately on rates notices for properties to which this Waste Management Levy Offset Service Charge applies.

#### Rating Independent Living Units (Retirement Villages)

##### *General Rate*

Residential Independent Living Units within retirement villages which are owned by a charitable organisation and operated exclusively for charitable purposes are exempt from the general rate (section 87(1)(d) of the LGA 1993).

##### *Fire Rate*

Residential Independent Living Units within retirement villages which are owned by a charitable organisation and operated exclusively for charitable purposes will have the Fire Rate charged on their property reinstated for the 2024/2025 financial year. Council has obtained independent legal advice on the matter, and is of the view that by spreading the total fire levy to be raised amongst the community achieves a more equitable outcome. The total funds to be raised and remitted to the Tasmanian Fire Service is unchanged as a result of this.

The appropriateness of discretionary remissions is subject to ongoing monitoring by the Council.

Residential properties or units owned commercially or by private individuals are not exempt from being charged the general rate or fire rate.

#### Residential Rate Cap (Transitional Arrangements)

The Council supports the fundamental principle, subject to any differential rating structures and remissions, that properties with the same value (in the same usage category) should pay the same rate.

The Council recognises that the municipal revaluation may produce circumstances where the rates on individual properties increase or decrease significantly. In order to assist residential ratepayers to transition to the new rating levels the Council has determined to

cap the amount that the general rate (the value based component) can increase at 20 percent per annum following a municipal revaluation.

### **Debt Management**

The Council recognises that some members of the community may not pay the applicable rates and charges either because

- (a) they choose not to, or
- (b) they are unable to due to financial difficulties.

The Council provides financial disincentives through interest and penalty charges and undertakes commercial debt collection practices to ensure that the payment of rates and charges is given appropriate priority.

The Council seeks to assist those members of the community in genuine financial difficulty through payment arrangements. It also understands that the failure to take appropriate and timely action can have a greater adverse consequence for the ratepayer than the debt collection action.

Unpaid Council rates and charges are a debt that is secured (similarly to a mortgage) against the property (section 119 of the LGA 1993). Thus, any debt must be repaid when the property is sold. The Council has the power to sell a property when debts are outstanding for more than three years (section 137 of the LGA 1993).

### **Postponement of Payments**

Section 125 of the LGA 1993 provides the power for the Council to defer or postpone the payment of rates on the grounds of hardship. The Council has determined that it will not offer this long term debt management facility as there are other commercial facilities that should be used in these circumstances. The Council provides short term payment arrangements.

### **Rate Remissions**

Under section 129 of the LGA 1993, Council by absolute majority, may grant a remission of all or part of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by the ratepayer and/or class of ratepayers. The Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy (23-Plx-011) sets out the process for applications in respect of remissions or postponement of rates, penalties or interest on the basis of financial hardship.

The Council is also required to exempt under section 87 of the LGA 1993 some properties from rates.

Without limiting the application of section 129 of the LGA the Council has resolved to provide rating remissions via the following policy documents:

- Crown leases/licences for jetties and slipways (Policy 23-PI-008)
- Charitable organisations (Policy 23-Plx-002)
- Small balances (Policy 23-PI-006)
- Interim Rates and Charges Hardship (Policy 23-Plx-011)

## Other Rates

### CBD Promotional Rate

Council, based on the request of the effected businesses, applies a differential rate to properties used for commercial purposes to fund promotional activities within the central business area (details of the area are specified in the annual rates resolution).

The delivery of the promotional outcomes is provided by Launceston Central Marketing Inc. under a service agreement with the Council.

This rate is being phased out over a four year period, with 2024/2025 being the third year of this transition. The additional revenue is collected across the rest of the rating base.

### State Government Departments and Business Enterprises

State Government properties, with some exceptions related to parks and infrastructure, are subject to rates and charges on the same basis as other properties (section 87(1)(b) of the LGA 1993).

### Construction Rates

Construction rates can be levied (sections 97 and 98 of the LGA 1993) related to drainage infrastructure works. The Council uses developer contribution arrangements in preference to construction rates due to limitations contained in section 98 regarding the amount that can be charged.

### Separate Rates

Separate rates can be levied (section 100 of the LGA 1993) where the Council believes the services provided are of particular benefit to the *affected land; or the owners or occupiers of that land*.

There are currently no separate rates.

### Fire Service Rates

The Council as required by legislation raises rates on behalf of the State Fire Commission (section 93A of the LGA 1993). The amount of the rate revenue is determined by the State Fire Commission. The Council receives an administrative fee for the provision of the service.

## Payments

The Council has spread the payment dates across the year with the instalments due.

Instalment 1 - 31 August

Instalment 2 - 30 November

Instalment 3 - 31 January

Instalment 4 - 30 April

Penalty charges apply when instalments are not paid by the due date, interest applies on unpaid balances.

Rates can be paid in full, by four instalments or by more frequent payments so long as the instalments are paid by the due date, penalty and interest will not be incurred.

### Payment Methods

The Council provides a range of payment facilities that include the use of modern technologies and in person.

### Discounts

The Council does not provide payment discounts (section 130 of the LGA 1993) due to the additional cost imposed on those who are unable to take advantage of such a facility (the estimated cost of discount significantly exceeds the additional interest earnings that would result from the take up of the discount.)

### Application of Payments

Payments are applied to outstanding debts in accordance with the sequence prescribed in the legislation (section 131 of the LGA 1993).

### Objection

Objections to rates notices can only be made based on the grounds specified in section 123 of the LGA 1993. The grounds broadly relate to factual or calculation errors.

Objections to valuation can be made under section 28 of the *Valuation of Land Act 2001* (VLA 2001) only on the grounds specified and within 60 days of the date of notice issue. Application can be made for the correction of errors of fact at any time.

### Disclaimer

This Policy is a general statement of the Council intent it is not a statement of legislative compliance. The Policy provisions do not provide a legal basis for a challenge or objection to any rating matters. The Policy is updated from time to time, consistent with the legislation (section 86B(4) of the LGA 1993).

### **PRINCIPLES:**

The Council's rating policies are formed within a framework that includes:

- (a) The *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas);
- (b) Established taxation principles;
- (c) Organisational Values;
- (d) The Council's Long Term Financial Plan; and
- (e) The Council's Rating Resolution.

### **RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

23-PI-003 Private Use of Council Land Policy  
23-PI-006 Property Debt (Small Charge) Remission Policy  
23-PI-008 Rating Exemptions and Remissions for Crown Lease Jetties and Slipways  
23-Plx-002 Rating Exemptions and Remissions for Charitable Organisations Policy  
23-Plx-011 Interim Rates and Charges Hardship Policy

### **RELATED LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) (Part 9 - Rates and Charges)  
*Valuation of Land Act 2001*  
*Fire Services Act 1979* (Tas)  
*Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022* (Tas)

**REFERENCES:**

Access Economics/Henry Review ([www.taxreview.treasury.gov.au](http://www.taxreview.treasury.gov.au))  
Taxation Policy Criteria (Oakes Committee April 1990)

- Equity or Fairness
- Simplicity and Efficiency
- Accountability or Visibility
- Acceptability
- Benefits Derived
- Capacity to Pay

Local Government Rates and Charges - Guidance paper for policy development April 2012

**DEFINITIONS:**

Economic Efficiency

- Does the rating methodology distort property ownership and development decisions in a way that results in significant efficiency costs?

Simplicity

- Is the system practical and cost-effective to administer?
- Is the system simple to understand and comply with?

Equity

- Does the tax burden fall appropriately across different classes of ratepayers?

Capacity to Pay (is the tax progressive or regressive?)

- Those with a greater capacity to pay contribute more.

Benefit Principle

- Should those who benefit more, contribute more?

Sustainability

- Does the system generate sustainable and reliable revenues?
- Is it durable and flexible in changing conditions?

Cross-border Competitiveness

- Does the rating system undermine the Council as a business location?

**REVIEW:**

This Policy will be brought for approval as part of the annual budgeting and planning cycle.

This Policy is required to be at a minimum reviewed as required by legislation. Section 86B(4) of the LGA 1993 requires that:

A Council must review its rates and charges policy -

- (a) by the end of each successive four-year period after 31 August 2012.

There are other provisions in the legislation that trigger a policy review.

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**Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer) and Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**Councillor A J Britton withdrew from the Meeting at 3:13 pm**

**Councillor A J Britton re-attended the Meeting at 3:13 pm**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor T G Walker.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**



### 15.3. Budget 2024/2025 - Rating Framework

**FILE NO:** SF7153/SF0521

**AUTHOR:** Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer)

**APPROVER:** Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider adoption of the Rating Framework for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

*Pursuant to Part 9 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), this decision requires an absolute majority of Council.*

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*  
*Valuation of Land Act 2001 (Tas)*  
*Fire Service Act 1979 (Tas)*  
*Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022 (Tas)*

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

Considered annually.

Workshop – 26 October 2023 – Long Term Financial Plan  
Workshop – 7 December 2023 – Budget 2024/2025 Update  
Workshop - 29 February 2024 – 2024/2025 Annual Plan and Budget Update  
Council – 4 April 2024 – Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Plan and Statutory Estimates  
Workshop - 23 May 2024 - Rates Modelling 2024/2025  
Workshop – 6 June 2024 – Rates Modelling 2024/2025  
Council – 13 June 2024 – Public Consultation Feedback – 2024/2025 Budget and Annual Plan

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, by absolute majority, pursuant to Part 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), adopts the following Rating Framework for the financial year ending 30 June 2025:

#### ***Rating Resolution***

##### **1. General Rate:**

- 1.1 Pursuant to sections 90 and 91 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council makes the following general rate on all rateable land (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 87) within the municipal area of Launceston for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025, which consists of two components as follows:
- (a) a rate of **5.1441** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land; and
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(b) a fixed charge of **\$340.90**.

1.2 Pursuant to section 107(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), by reason of:

- (a) the use or non-use of any land which is within the municipal area; and
- (b) the locality of the land;

Council declares, by absolute majority, that component 1.1(a) of the General Rate is varied for the financial year as follows:

- (i) for land used for commercial purposes, that is not located within the area known as the CBD Rate Variation Locality, the rate is varied by **increasing** it by **1.4638** cents in the dollar to **6.6079** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land;
- (ii) for land used for commercial purposes and which is located within the area known as the CBD Rate Variation Locality, the rate is varied by **increasing** it by **1.8240** cents in the dollar to **6.9681** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land;
- (iii) for land used for industrial purposes, the rate is varied by **increasing** it by **0.8033** cents in the dollar to **5.9474** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land;
- (iv) for land used for public purposes, the rate is varied by **increasing** it by **0.7260** cents in the dollar to **5.8701** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land;
- (v) for land used for primary production purposes, the rate is varied by **decreasing** it by **0.3329** cents in the dollar to **4.8112** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land;
- (vi) for land used for sporting or recreation facilities, the rate is varied by **increasing** it by **0.3315** cents in the dollar to **5.4756** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land;
- (vii) for land used for quarrying or mining, the rate is varied by **decreasing** it by **1.5897** cents in the dollar to **3.5544** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land; and
- (viii) for land which is vacant land, the rate is varied by **decreasing** it by **1.1338** cents in the dollar to **4.0103** cents in the dollar of the assessed annual value of the land.

### Definition CBD Rate Variation Locality

1.3 That pursuant to section 107(1)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council declares by absolute majority, that the location of any land which is within the following parts of the municipal area shall be defined as within the **CBD Rate Variation Locality** for the purposes of clause 1.2 above, namely:

- (a) that portion of the City of Launceston as is bounded by Wellington, Cameron, George and York Streets;
- (b) those properties having a frontage on the Eastern side of George Street from numbers 37 to 115 (both inclusive);
- (c) those properties having a frontage on the Southern side of York Street from numbers 45 to 123 (both inclusive);
- (d) those properties having a frontage on the Northern side of Cameron Street from numbers 44 to 70 (both inclusive) and on the Southern side of that Street from numbers 41 to 93 (both inclusive);
- (e) those properties having a frontage on the Eastern side of St John Street from numbers 119 to 153 (both inclusive) and on the Western side of that Street from numbers 116 to 128 (both inclusive);

- (f) those properties having a frontage on the Eastern side of Charles Street from numbers 179 to 205 (both inclusive) and on the Western side of that Street from numbers 126 to 156 (both inclusive); and
- (g) those properties having a frontage on the Northern side of Brisbane Street from numbers 36 to 60 (both inclusive) and those having a frontage on the Southern side of that Street from numbers 43 to 65 (both inclusive).

### Maximum Percentage Increase

- 1.4 Pursuant to section 88A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council by absolute majority, sets a maximum percentage increase cap on component 1.1(a) of the general rate of 500% where that increase has occurred as a result of municipal revaluation undertaken in accordance with section 20 of the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.
- 1.5 That pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council declares by absolute majority, that the maximum percentage cap referred to in 1.4 above is varied to 20% for all land which is used or predominantly used for residential purposes.

## 2. Service Charges - Waste Management Service:

Pursuant to section 94, of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council makes the following service charges on all rateable land within the municipal area of Launceston (including land which is otherwise exempt from rates pursuant to section 87 but excluding land owned by the Crown to which the Council does not supply any of the following services) for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025, namely:

- 2.1 Service charges for waste management in respect of all land to which the Council supplies different waste management services comprising:
  - (i) the supply of mobile garbage bins;
  - (ii) the supply of a recycling service;

as follows:

- (a) (i) **\$170.00** for an existing 85 litre mobile garbage bin and one recycle bin;
  - (ii) **\$215.00** for a 140 litre mobile garbage bin and one recycle bin;
  - (iii) **\$368.00** for a 240 litre mobile garbage bin and one recycle bin; and
- 2.2 In respect of the service charges for waste management:
    - (a) if any land to which the waste management service is supplied is the subject of separate rights of occupation which are separately valued by the Valuer-General pursuant to section 11(3)(c) of the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*, then the charge applies to each such separate occupation;
    - (b) pursuant to section 94(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council by absolute majority, declares that the service charge varies within different parts of the municipal area by reference to the use or predominant use of land as follows:
      - (i) for all land used for residential purposes where there is more than one separate right of occupation which is separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*, and where the rate payer has elected by notice in writing

delivered to the Chief Executive Officer on or before the 1 July 2024, not to have a waste management service, then the service charge is varied to **Nil**;

- (ii) for all land which is used or predominantly used for commercial or industrial purposes, public purposes, primary production, sporting or recreation facilities, quarrying and mining purposes and where the rate payer in respect of that land elects by notice in writing delivered to the Chief Executive Officer on or before the 1st day of July 2024 not to have a waste management service, then the service charge is varied to **Nil**.

- 2.3 A service charge for waste management services to offset a levy payable by the Council to the State Government under the *Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022* (a Waste Management Levy Offset Service Charge) as follows:

\$22.05 in respect of all land to which the service charge for waste management applies pursuant to 2.1 and 2.3(a).

### 3. Service Rates - Fire Service:

- 3.1 Pursuant to section 93A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council makes the following service rates in respect of the fire service contributions it must collect under the *Fire Service Act 1979* for the rateable parcels of land within the municipal area of Launceston (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 87 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas)) for the period commencing 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025, as follows:

District	Cents in the dollar of Assessed Annual Value
Launceston Permanent Brigade Rating District	<b>0.95479</b>
Lilydale Volunteer Brigade Rating District	<b>0.24805</b>
General Land	<b>0.22786</b>

- 3.2 Pursuant to section 93(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council sets a minimum amount payable in respect of this service rate of **\$49.00** for each rateable parcel of land within the municipal area of Launceston (excluding land which is exempt pursuant to the provisions of section 87 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas)).

### 4. Separate Land:

- 4.1 Except where it is expressly provided to the contrary, for the purposes of these resolutions the rates and charges shall apply to each parcel of land which is shown as being separately valued in the valuation list prepared under the *Valuation of Land Act 2001*.

### 5. Adjusted Values:

- 5.1 For the purposes of each of these resolutions any reference to assessed annual value includes a reference to that value as adjusted pursuant to sections 89 and 89A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

## 6. Instalment Payment:

- 6.1 Pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), Council:
- (a) decides that all rates are payable by all rate payers by four instalments which must be of approximately equal amounts.
  - (b) determines that the dates by which instalments are to be paid shall be as follows:
    - (i) the first instalment on or before 31 August, 2024;
    - (ii) the second instalment on or before 30 November, 2024;
    - (iii) the third instalment on or before 31 January, 2025; and
    - (iv) the fourth instalment on or before 30 April, 2025 .
  - (c) if a ratepayer fails to pay any instalment within 21 days from the date on which it is due, the ratepayer must pay the full amount owing.

## 7. Penalty and Interest:

- 7.1 Pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), if any rate or instalment is not paid on or before the date it falls due then:
- (a) there is payable a penalty of **3.0%** of the unpaid rate or instalment; and
  - (b) there is payable a daily interest charge of **0.02054795%** (**7.5%** per annum) in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment for the period during which it is unpaid.

## 8. Words and Expressions:

Words and expressions used both in these resolutions and in the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) or the *Fire Service Act 1979*, have in these resolutions the same respective meanings as they have in those Acts.

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## REPORT:

This resolution serves the purpose of translating budgeted rates revenue for 2024/2025 into rates and charges.

In 2024/2025, the Council proposes to increase rates revenue by 4.50% which is in line with Council's adopted Long Term Financial Plan.

The Council is facing rising costs of materials and other expenses, which have exceeded the proposed 4.50% rate increase for 2024/2025, however, the Council has decided not to transfer the full burden of these cost increases to the ratepayers during this period. Instead, the Council plans to address the issue of rising costs and maintaining financial sustainability by implementing more gradual rate increases and conducting level of service reviews, in line with the adopted Long Term Financial Plan.

By opting for more gradual rate increases, the Council aims to alleviate the immediate financial impact on ratepayers while still ensuring the delivery of quality services. This approach is evidence of the fact that the Council recognises the need to balance the financial sustainability of the organisation with the affordability for the community.

The Council's decision indicates a commitment to long term financial sustainability and a consideration for the well-being of ratepayers. By implementing gradual rate increases

and conducting service reviews, the Council aims to strike a balance between providing quality services and managing the financial challenges posed by increasing costs.

The State Government Valuer-General conducted a full municipal revaluation during 2023/2024 in line with the statutory valuation program, with an effective date for rates of 1 July 2024. All properties within the municipality will receive an updated Annual Assessed Value (AAV) for their property. The rate in the dollar figures have been calculated to reflect increasing AAVs for many properties, so that the increase in rates payable is not linear with the increase to AAV.

The Valuer-General reviews rental data every two years to determine whether property values have increased. If they note an increase in rental income (AAV) they determine adjustments that Council is mandated to apply to property values.

The Waste Management Charge continues to recover the cost of providing the service of collection, disposal and processing of landfill, recycling and FOGO (Food Organics and Garden Organics) within the municipality and at the Launceston Waste Centre.

While disposal and collection cost are increasing, these have been offset by a decrease in recycling processing costs. The Waste Management Charges will remain the same as in 2023/2024 at;

- 85 litre bin \$170.00
- 140 litre bin \$215.00
- 240 litre bin \$368.00

The Fire Service Rate Charge and the Waste Management Levy Offset are levies imposed by the State Government and are charged by Council on a cost recovery basis.

Residential Independent Living Units within retirement villages which are owned by a charitable organisation and operated exclusively for charitable purposes will have the Fire Rate charged on their property reinstated for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Under the State Government *Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022* (Tas) a levy of \$44.88 per tonne (includes annual indexation) must be collected by Council for any waste disposed to Council operated landfill facilities. The average tonnage of waste disposed of per property that receives the kerbside waste service is 0.49 tonne per annum and as a result the Council needs to recover \$22.05 per property to offset this levy, an increase of \$11.55 from the prior year. The increase is due to the levy, as determined by the State Government, increasing from \$21.36 to \$44.88 per tonne.

This levy will be shown on rates notices as a separate line as the 'State Government Waste Levy (Offset)' at an amount of \$22.05 per property that receives a kerbside waste service in 2024/2025.

In June 2021, Council resolved to redistribute the Central Business District Levy over a period of four years. The second year of this transition is 2024/2025, with \$154,000 of additional revenue raised across the other rating categories, effectively an additional 0.28% of an increase.

This Agenda Item has been reviewed by an independent legal practitioner to ensure it complies with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), the *Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022* (Tas) and the *Fire Service Act 1979* (Tas).

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

The Rating Framework sets out the rates and charges for the 2024/2025 financial year and thus allows for the Council to raise the required revenues to fund its capital and operation programs. Failure to adhere to this would mean the Council does not deliver the level service expected by the community.

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:**

The Council has a significant economic impact in the region through its revenue raising and spending. The budget contains specific projects and ongoing programs to improve environmental outcomes. The budget contains specific projects and ongoing programs to improve social outcomes. The structure distributes the rates accordingly to property values.

**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.
5. To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The rate resolution provides the legal authority to levy the rates as detailed in the Council's Statutory Estimates.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

#### 15.4. 2024/2025 Statutory Estimates (Budget)

**FILE NO:** SF7153

**AUTHOR:** Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer)

**APPROVER:** Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the adoption of the Council's Statutory Estimates for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

*This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.*

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

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

Workshop – 26 October 2023 – Long Term Financial Plan  
Workshop – 7 December 2023 – Budget 2024/2025 Update  
Workshop - 29 February 2024 – 2024/2025 Annual Plan and Budget Update  
Council – 4 April 2024 – Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Plan and Statutory Estimates  
Workshop - 23 May 2024 - Rates Modelling 2024/2025  
Workshop – 6 June 2024 – Rates Modelling 2024/2025  
Council – 13 June 2024 – Public Consultation Feedback – 2024/2025 Budget and Annual Plan

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, by absolute majority:

1. pursuant to section 82(20) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), adopts:
  - (a) Estimated Revenue (including Capital Grants) \$144.4m
  - (b) Estimated Expenditure
    - Operating \$147.5m
    - Capital \$26.9m
  - (c) Estimated Borrowings
    - Loans - LGLP \$0.0m
  - (d) Estimated Capital Works
    - Council Funded \$24.4m
    - Externally Funded \$2.6m



2. pursuant to section 82(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), adopts the Proposed Statutory Estimates for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 as detailed in Attachment 1 (Doc Set ID 5082260).

	<b>2024 (\$m)</b>	<b>2023 (\$m)</b>
Revenue	144.4	133.0
Revenue (excluding Capital Funds)	141.9	131.6
Expenditure	147.5	135.4
Expenditure (excluding non-cash costs)	120.4	107.5
Capital Funds (Council and External funded)	26.9	20.6
Council Funded Capital Works	24.4	19.2
External Funded Capital Works	2.6	1.4
Loan Borrowings (LGLP)	0.0	6.0
Loan Repayments (LGLP)	6.0	20.0

3. pursuant to section 82(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), adopts the Proposed Capital Projects and Major Operational Projects for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 as detailed in Attachment 2 (Doc Set ID 5077378) and Attachment 3 (Doc Set ID 507377) respectively.

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**Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer) and Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance) were in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**Councillor S Cai withdrew from the Meeting at 3:30 pm  
Councillor S Cai re-attended the Meeting at 3:37 pm**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor T G Walker.**

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

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton  
AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**15.5. City of Launceston Annual Plan 2024/2025**

**FILE NO:** SF6938

**AUTHOR:** Emily Lewis (Business Improvement Officer)

**APPROVER:** Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider adoption of the City of Launceston Annual Plan 2024/2025.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Workshop – 23 May 2024 – Annual Plan and Budget 2024/2025 - Public Consultation Feedback

Council – 4 April 2024 - Agenda Item 15.4 - Proposed 2024/2025 Annual Plan and Statutory Estimates

Workshop – 29 February 2024 - Draft Budget and Annual Plan 2024/25

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, adopts the City of Launceston Annual Plan 2024/2025 (ECM Doc Set ID 5080735); and
  2. notes that, pursuant to section 71(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, a copy of the City of Launceston Annual Plan 2024/2025 adopted at Recommendation 1 will be made available for public inspection and provided to the Director of Local Government and the Director of Public Health.
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**Emily Lewis (Corporate Performance and Planning Officer) was in attendance to answer questions in respect to this item.**

**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor Prof G Razay.**

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

**CARRIED 12:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**15.6. Section 75CA Agreement for Protrusions over a Footpath at 17 Paterson Street, Launceston**

**FILE NO:** SF1848

**AUTHOR:** Michelle Grey (Properties and Legal Officer)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a request from the owner of 17 Paterson Street, Launceston that Council make a declaration to allow for a protrusion from the building façade (awning) to remain over the adjacent footpath so long as the building remains.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884*  
*Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*  
*Local Government Act 1993*

**PEVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Workshop – 20 June 2024

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. decides, pursuant to section 75CA of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884*, that the protrusion currently extending from the building façade at 17 Paterson Street, Launceston, located more than 2.4m above the footpath (the protrusion), as identified at Attachment 1 (Doc Set ID 5084705) and Attachment 2 (Doc Set ID 5084716), may remain so long as the building remains.
  2. requests the Chief Executive Officer to do all things and exercise all functions and/or powers necessary to execute and affix Council's seal to a Deed declaring that the protrusion may remain so long as the building remains.
  4. makes Recommendations 1 and 2 conditional upon the owner of 17 Paterson Street, Launceston paying any costs associated with preparing the relevant Deed and registering it with the Recorder of Titles.
  5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).
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**DECISION: 27 June 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A G Harris.**

**That the motion, as per the recommendation to Council, be adopted**

**During debate, questions regarding alternative options to address this matter were raised and Acting Chief Executive Officer, Shane Eberhardt withdrew the item for further advice to be obtained.**

**No vote was taken as the item was withdrawn.**

**16. LATE ITEMS**

**17. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, closed the Meeting at 4.23pm.

**18. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 11 July 2024 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.