



City of
LAUNCESTON

STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 10 APRIL 2017**

10.00am

COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON

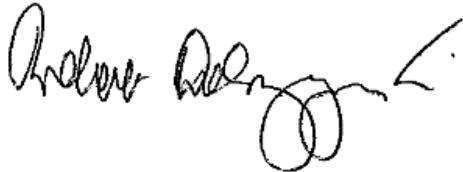
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

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

Declaration

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



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

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

Time: 10.00am

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

Apologies: Alderman A M van Zetten (Mayor) (arrived at 11.27am)
J G Cox

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Deputy Mayor, Alderman R I Soward, opened the Meeting at 10.00am and noted apologies from the Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten and Alderman J G Cox.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest for this Meeting.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

DECISION STATEMENT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee Meeting held on 27 March 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 10 April 2017

MOTION

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman S R F Wood.

That the Motion, as per the recommendation, be adopted.

CARRIED

4 MINUTES ITEMS

4.1 Deputation - Headstone Project

FILE NO: SF0097

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

GENERAL MANAGER: Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a deputation at 10.45am from Ms Andrea Gerrard (Chairperson) and Mr Harry Quick (Vice-Chairperson) (Headstone Project) initiated by Mr R Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Ms Andrea Gerrard and Mr Harry Quick (Headstone Project) regarding project aims, undertaking work at Carr Villa to ensure all World War I veterans have marked graves and requesting financial assistance from Council.

Ms Andrea Gerrard, Mr Harry Quick and Mr Ron Gerrard (Headstone Committee) introduced the project to Aldermen noting that it is a unique Australian project recognised at all levels. The project is to identify the grave sites of First World War soldiers lying in unmarked graves providing them with a simple headstone which acknowledges their service to this country. The project commenced in 2011 and unmarked graves are currently being identified in Tasmania - work has commenced at Cornelian Bay in Hobart. Ms Gerrard noted that some funding assistance has been obtained from a number of sources including southern Councils (Hobart, Glenorchy, Kingborough and Clarence), some limited State funding, the State RSL and a variety of service organisations. Funding assistance is now being sought from the City of Launceston to assist with grave identification at Carr Villa. Comment was made regarding the structural requirements with identifying some grave sites in monumental areas at Carr Villa and the increased costings of the requirements.

At the conclusion of the presentation Aldermen provided feedback to Ms Gerrard regarding possible alternate funding options and progress forward with the project.

4.1 Deputation - Headstone Project ...(Cont'd)

Mr Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager) asked if contact had been made with the Launceston RSL to promote the project and Mr Rod Sweetnam (Manager Facilities Management) indicated that an item would proceed to a future Council Meeting to determine a relevant policy decision and possible Council contribution towards the project - Workshop discussions would be conducted in the first instance.

Following agreement by Aldermen, the General Manager will approach the State Government to discuss the issue.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no General Business Items identified for these Minutes

6 CLOSED ITEMS

There were no Closed Items identified for these Minutes

7 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 11.28am.