

# Living as a Senior

## in Launceston

### Newsletter

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### Mayor's Message

I would like to update you all on some exciting things happening in our great city.

We have now completed the signing of the Launceston City Deal which marks the dawn of a transformational era in Launceston. The Launceston City Deal is only the second such deal in Australia; a strategic partnership between local, state and federal governments. The Launceston City Deal should maintain key components such as the Tamar River, Northern Suburbs, the UTAS move to Inveresk and the City Heart Project and comprises a range of commitments under six key domains:

- Governance, city planning and regulation
- Infrastructure and investment
- Jobs and skills
- Innovation and digital opportunities
- Liveability and sustainability, and;
- Housing

Its goal is that by 2022, Launceston will be one of Australia's most liveable and

innovative regional cities with growing incomes and falling levels of disadvantage.

Footy is finally here and we were pumped for Launceston's first AFL match of the season on Saturday 29 April at University of Tasmania Stadium when Hawthorn took on St Kilda with an exciting season to follow. Come out and show your support for AFL in Launceston. You can get your tickets now via Ticketmaster online or by phoning 136 100.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all our senior citizens for their contribution to our city, not only during this year but in previous years. Your commitment to Launceston has helped make our city what it is today – a place for all to enjoy the natural and built beauty with a way of life that is at once relaxing and invigorating.

Thank you again for your dedication in ensuring Launceston is a city that will continue to grow and be embraced by future generations.

Albert van Zetten  
Mayor

## Recycling

Can soft plastics be recycled?

Soft plastics can't be recycled in your kerbside bin. When we refer to soft plastic we mean items such as plastic shopping bags, cling wrap, plastic bread bags, chip packets, bubble wrap, cereal bags, plastic foil food bags and zip-lock bags.

In the kerbside bin you can only put hard plastic which can't be scrunched. This includes plastic bottles, plastic jars and containers. Soft foam meat trays and polystyrene can also not be recycled in your kerbside bin.

Often there is a triangle with a number stamped or printed onto plastic products which is the Plastics Identification Code (PIC). It tells you the type of plastic used to make a product. The triangle looks a bit like a recycling symbol so it's easy to think that anything with a PIC can be recycled.

So what can be done with soft plastics?

Many supermarkets have collection bins for plastic bags. Some charity shops also appreciate a donation of plastic bags to use when distributing goods or when selling items in their stores.

Many Transfer Stations now accept soft plastic (check with the local council to find out). The Launceston Waste Centre accepts soft plastic and polystyrene.

Waste silage wrap plastic can be safely disposed at the Sheffield Waste Transfer Station. Silage wrap can also be collected directly from farms in Tasmania. Just contact Envorinex at George Town.

Rethink Waste  
[www.rethinkwaste.com.au](http://www.rethinkwaste.com.au)

## Changes to Waste Centre Free Entry

For several years, the City of Launceston has provided residents with two free entry tickets to the Launceston Waste Centre, with specified entry dates in March and October. However, high demand for the service and resultant long waiting times necessitated a review.

The tickets are mailed to residents with the kerbside calendar each year and new tickets will be issued in June and July for the 2017-18 financial year. Residents who still have the March 5 2017 ticket will be able to use it at any time until June 30.

People who wish to use their March 5 2017 tickets will need to have the ticket validated by visiting the recycling centre at the Launceston Waste Centre before the weighbridge.

Launceston Waste Centre & Transfer Station / Cavalry Road, Mowbray  
Monday - Sunday: 8am - 4.45pm

## Kerbside Collection Disability and Injury Support

The City of Launceston provides a waste collection service for eligible people with disabilities or injuries.

If your residence is 20 metres or less from the road and you don't have someone living with you who is capable of putting your wheelie bin out, you may be eligible for this service.

Please contact the City of Launceston to find out if you're eligible.



# Volunteers Wanted

## Cataract Gorge Reserve

**Are you looking for a volunteering role that allows you to work in the beautiful Cataract Gorge Reserve?**

**Do you love meeting people from all over the globe?**

**Are you passionate about sharing your local knowledge with tourists?**

**Do you have a passion for animals, birds, plants, history, geography, hydrology, and the ecology of Tasmania?**

**Are you approachable and reliable and have a minimum of five hours free a month, fortnight or week?**

This volunteer group has been running successfully for eight years and operates from the newly refurbished cottage at the West Launceston side of Cataract Gorge. We offer local tourism walks, historic displays and an ever changing gallery.

We are currently looking for volunteers who are able to cover weekend shifts, happy to work alongside an experienced volunteer and able to join our group to help with opening the Basin Cottage daily (7 days a week) plus helping out at monthly events. We work on a roster system that allows for flexibility according to the time you wish to commit.

For more information please email [Basin.Cottage@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:Basin.Cottage@launceston.tas.gov.au) or phone the Basin Cottage on 6333 0715 (10am - 2pm).



## Your Museum and Art Gallery

Visit Australia's largest regional museum.  
QVMAG has two sites:  
Museum at 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk and  
Art Gallery at 2 Wellington Street,  
Launceston.

### **ON SHOW at the Museum:**

Arts Tasmania's Roving Curator Program:  
10 Objects 10 Stories  
Until 23 July 2017

The Great War 1914-18: Sacrifice and  
Shadows  
Until August 2018

### **ON SHOW at the Art Gallery:**

Frederick Strange: Survey Show  
17 June until 5 November 2017

ArtStart: No place like home  
23 June until 12 November 2017

First Tasmanians: Our Story  
From 8 July - new permanent gallery

Lauren Black: Memento Mori  
Until 13 August 2017

Launceston Art Society: The Journey  
Until 28 August 2017



## Celebrating Seniors Morning Tea and Information Session

Come along, enjoy a cuppa and hear  
about what Council offers seniors living  
in Launceston.

Thursday July 6  
10am - 11.30am  
Town Hall Reception Room  
City of Launceston  
18 - 28 St John Street Launceston

RSVP by June 29, phone 6323 3381  
[sarah.mccormack@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:sarah.mccormack@launceston.tas.gov.au)

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## Contact Us

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### Opening hours

Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 5pm  
Emergency (24 hours):  
03 6323 3333

### National Relay Service

The City of Launceston is  
National Relay Service (NRS)  
friendly. If you have a hearing or  
speech impairment, call us  
through the NRS and ask to be  
connected to 03 6323 3000.