

Living as a Senior

in Launceston

Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

Welcome to the next edition of Council's Living as a Senior in Launceston Newsletter. There has been a lot of wonderful activity for older residents in Launceston over the past months. A highlight was the first Walk Against Elder Abuse in Launceston on International World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, 15 June. This is a universal day to promote respect and dignity for older people. The City of Launceston supported COTA Tasmania with organising the street march followed by speeches on the Town Hall steps then a morning tea in the Town Hall Reception Room. Over 50 people attended the inaugural Launceston street march which will continue to grow each year.



Seniors Week 2018 is just around the corner and Council is presenting two events this year. The overarching theme of COTA Tasmania's Seniors Week this year is Food Glorious Food. The popular Celebrating Seniors Morning Tea and Information Session will be held in a marquee in the beautiful refurbished Civic Square. The second event will take place in Lilydale at the Lilydale District School with primary school students and the Lilydale CWA. It is wonderful that we are working in the community of Lilydale which is an important part of the Launceston municipality.

The city is undergoing several transformational projects. The major redevelopment of one of Launceston's most historic buildings is underway, with construction started at Macquarie House. I hope you have enjoyed visiting the Civic Square since the unveiling at the Night Market. We have had very positive feedback about the space and the market was a big success, attracting hundreds of people. The Brisbane Street Mall redevelopment is progressing well and the Council thanks you for your patience while this construction takes place. The new pedestrian and cycling bridge linking the Seaport to Riverbend Park is also now open for public use.

Your contribution to the Launceston community is extremely valued and I wish you all an enjoyable beginning to the spring season.

Albert van Zetten
Mayor

Seniors Week 2018

15 - 21 October

Food Glorious Food



COTA Tasmania is celebrating food in Seniors Week by encouraging people to get out and about and enjoy socialising and sharing great food with friends. Have a picnic, a morning tea, a long table, book a restaurant or just share a coffee and cake and partake in all those wonderful food offerings Tasmania is famous for.

The City of Launceston will host two Seniors Week events this year, one in Launceston and one in Lilydale. Join students from Lilydale District School and older people at the Speed Chats Morning Tea in Seniors Week. This is an opportunity to chat to others about what is important about living, working or going to school in Lilydale and be treated to a morning tea hosted by Lilydale District School and the Lilydale CWA. Speed Chats Morning Tea is on Wednesday 17 October, 10.30am at Lilydale District School Performing Arts Centre, 1947 Main Road, Lilydale.

The second event is the popular Celebrating Seniors Morning Tea and Information Session. Enjoy a cuppa and hear about what Council offers seniors living in Launceston. Bring your favourite recipe to share at the event on Thursday 18 October, 10am, Civic Square, 18 - 28 St John Street, Launceston.

RSVPs essential for both events by 10 October. Ph. 6323 3381 or email community.development@launceston.tas.gov.au

To see the full Seniors Week 2018 events program visit www.cotatas.org.au.

Night Market

Launceston Night Market activates Civic Square



Civic Square came alive with the Launceston Night Market as the first event to activate the newly refurbished space on Saturday 14 July. The Market coincided with the final Hawthorn game in Launceston for the year and, offered patrons a food and wine experience with performances by local choirs and a community sing-a-long.

Civic Square will become the new home for this local event, with further Launceston Night Markets scheduled from 5pm to 9pm on:

Friday 5 October 2018, Friday 2 November 2018, Friday 7 December 2018, Friday 15 February 2019 and Friday 15 March 2019.

For further information visit www.facebook.com/launcestonnightmarket

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Major Projects Around the City

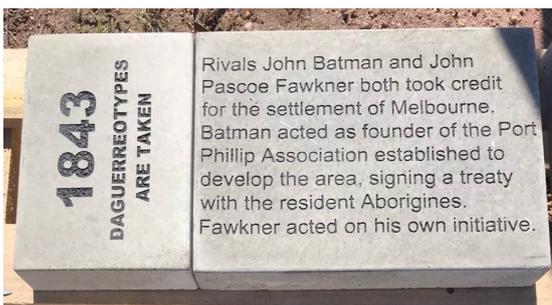
Brisbane Street Mall

The Brisbane Street Mall redevelopment works are well underway which are expected to be completed by the end of September. Crews have worked many nights to remove the old shelter, complete underground pipework and electrical works with the paving crews starting around 4.00am each day. Businesses are open as usual throughout the works.



Civic Square

The Civic Square is now open. Dotted throughout the Civic Square from Charles Street to St John Street are 40 paver inlays. These inlays are short stories on the history of Launceston.



Seaport Pedestrian Bridge

The new pedestrian and cycling bridge linking the Seaport to Riverbend Park is now open for public use. A local group, BridgePro Engineering was the main contractor, along with Haywards Steel who manufactured the bridge. It's a great walk with a dedicated pedestrian link all the way from Cataract Gorge, through Kings Park and Royal Park, to the Seaport and across the bridge to Riverbend Park.

Macquarie House

The four-level sandstone brick building will be restored and refurbished, taking it back to its original open floor configuration.

Originally built in 1829-30, Macquarie House will be transformed into an innovation, entrepreneurship and technology hub.

The construction of a new extension at the rear of the building will allow the installation of amenities, service ducts, a stairway and lift access.



Cataract Gorge playspace

Works have begun to upgrade the playspace at the Cataract Gorge's First Basin.

The proposed upgrade will see the existing play area directly in front of the cafe and public amenities transformed into a vibrant new nature-based play zone featuring disabled access, a children's amphitheatre, a water play zone, native plantings, boulders, tree trunks, a sand pit, an accessible swing set, a tunnel slide, a giant mouse-wheel treadmill and an extended forecourt outside the amenities building.

Importantly, the new play area will be built to the same level as the existing public amenities, meaning access to the site will be easier for parents, grandparents and people with disabilities.

Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery

ON SHOW at the Museum

2 Invermay Road, Invermay

Spiders until 28 October

Minds Do Matter

6 October - 5 November

ON SHOW at the Art Gallery

2 Wellington Street, Launceston

Material Memories until 3 February 2019

Landmarks until 7 October

Robyn McKinnon: Disappearing into Being
until 11 November

Lace Guild

22 September–28 October

Ph. 6323 3777

www.qvmag.tas.gov.au

Driver Collect Service

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 Customer Service to find out if you're eligible Ph. 6323 3000 or call into the Town Hall.

Once you know you are eligible for the service, complete an application form to register for the service from Customer Service and the form can be found online at www.launceston.tas.gov.au.



Contact Us

Customer Service

Town Hall
18 - 28 St John Street
Launceston

Ph. 6323 3000
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Opening hours

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 5pm
Emergency (24 hours):
Ph. 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 phone 6323 3000. Internet relay users can visit www.relayservice.com.au.