



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 17 JULY 2017**

**10.00am**

**COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON**

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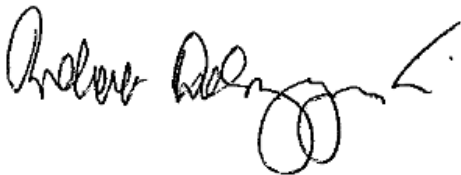
## Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

### Background

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

### Declaration

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



**Robert Dobrzynski**  
**General Manager**

The reports in these Minutes are provided to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee in order to explain the intent of the process/proposal proposed. Whilst the reports are in Council Meeting format, no decision is being sought.

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

**Time:** 10.00am

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

**Apologies:** Alderman J G Cox  
D C Gibson  
K P Stojansek

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 10.00am and noted apologies from Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson and Alderman K P Stojansek.

## 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made 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 3 July 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

### DECISION: 17 July 2017

### MOTION

Moved Alderman D H McKenzie, seconded Alderman J Finlay.

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

**CARRIED**

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## 4 MINUTES ITEMS

### 4.1 Deputation: Metal Minds Robotics Inc

**FILE NO:** SF0097

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

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

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive a deputation at 10.00am from Mr Jonathan Heathcote (Lead Mentor), Mr Simon Wiggins (Mentor) and Mr Andrew Adams (Mentor - Metal Mind Robotics) initiated by the Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Metal Minds Robotics providing information on the organisation.

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**Mr John Heathcote and Miss Erin Guest (Metal Minds Robotics) presented to the Committee on Metal Minds Robotics and the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Competition. The youth robotics organisation is open to children aged between 10 to 18 years of age catering to youth in the Launceston and surrounding areas. The organisation has no direct affiliation to any particular school or organisation and is funded through donations and volunteers. Mr Heathcote noted that currently the organisation operates out of the AMC but it would be preferable to locate a permanent space. The FIRST Regional Championship will be conducted at the AMC on 18 November 2017 and will host between 7 to 10 teams. Each year a new challenge is released in August and as well as building robots for specific tasks, includes development of core values such as teamwork and cooperation. Mr Heathcote suggested the Council may be able to assist with promotion and advertising in order to increase participation. Currently the organisation caters to different age groups though more specific group participation - FIRST Lego League, FIRST Tech Challenge and FIRST Robotics Challenge.**

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## 4.2 Local Government Association of Tasmania: Motions for the General Meeting and AGM on 26 July 2017

**FILE NO:** SF2217

**AUTHOR:** John Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To provide voting direction to the Council delegate on the items listed for decision, noting and discussion at the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting and Annual General Meeting scheduled for 26 July 2017.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council provides voting direction to the Council delegate on the items listed for decision, noting and discussion at the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting and Annual General Meeting scheduled for 26 July 2017.

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**Aldermen discussed the Local Government Association of Tasmania motions for the General Meeting and the AGM. It was suggested that Council prepare a statement(s) for the delegate to present to the appropriate Meeting(s). Aldermen also discussed attendance at the AGM and highlighted the importance of a presence at the Meeting.**

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## 4.3 Review of Code of Conduct Provisions - *Local Government Act 1993*

**FILE NO:** SF2213

**AUTHOR:** John Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Tidey (Director Corporate Services)

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider providing comment and feedback to the review of the Code of Conduct provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993* being undertaken by the Local Government Association of Tasmania

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee considers providing comment and feedback to the review of the Code of Conduct provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993* being undertaken by the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

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**Aldermen were presented with and discussed a summary document of concerns regarding the Code of Conduct provisions. Comments will be forwarded to LGAT for action.**

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**5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6 CLOSED ITEMS**

**No Closed Items have been identified for this Minutes**

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING**

**The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 11.03am.**

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