



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **STRATEGIC PLANNING & POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017**

**10.00am**

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

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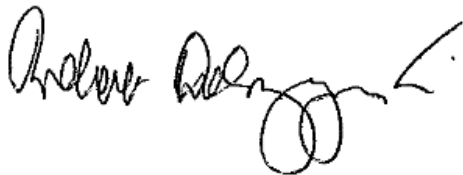
## Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

### 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 Agenda Items for this Meeting.



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

The reports in this Agenda 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

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

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**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 29 May 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

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## 4 AGENDA ITEMS

### 4.1 Deputation - Healthy Tasmania 2025 Plan

**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 Mrs Belinda Fettke (Health Advocate and Co-founder) and Ms Diane Webb (Credentialled Diabetes Educator) (Nutrition for Life) initiated by Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mrs Belinda Fettke (Health Advocate and Co-founder) and Ms Diane Webb (Credentialled Diabetes Educator) (Nutrition for Life) regarding the Healthy Tasmania 2025 Plan and how it may be achievable.

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#### **REPORT:**

Belinda Fettke (Health Advocate and Co-founder) and Ms Diane Webb (Credentialled Diabetes Educator) (Nutrition for Life) will present their deputation at 10.00am. The presentation to the Committee will discuss how the Healthy Tasmania 2025 Plan may be achievable by considering related health recommendations and management of type 2 diabetes.

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

#### **SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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## 4.1 Deputation - Healthy Tasmania 2025 Plan ...(Cont'd)

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### STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024  
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation  
Ten-year goals - To communicate and engage consistently and effectively with our community and stakeholders  
Key Direction -  
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information

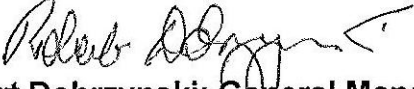
### BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

  
Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

## 4.2 Deputation - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania

**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 10.30am from Mrs Mel Reid (Launceston spokesperson - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania), Mr Lyndon Walsh (Launceston Area Centre Owner) and Ms Trudi Quinn (Launceston Centre Manager) initiated by Alderman J Finlay.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee receives a deputation from Mrs Mel Reid (Launceston spokesperson - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania), Mr Lyndon Walsh (Launceston Area Centre Owner) and Ms Trudi Quinn (Launceston Centre Manager) regarding the economic effects of the lowering the school age.

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### **REPORT:**

Mrs Mel Reid (Launceston spokesperson - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania), Mrs Lyndon Walsh (Launceston Area Centre Owner) and Ms Trudi Quinn (Launceston Centre Manager) will present their deputation at 10.30am. The presentation regarding the economic effects on the Launceston Municipality as a result of the lowering of the school age will be provided along with a summary of services and effects.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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## 4.2 Deputation - Australian Childcare Alliance Tasmania ...(Cont'd)

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### STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024  
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation  
Ten-year goals - To communicate and engage consistently and effectively with our community and stakeholders  
Key Direction -  
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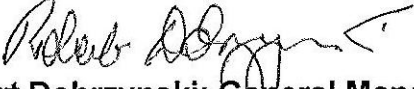
### BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

  
**Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager**



## 4.3 Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response

**FILE NO:** SF6540

**AUTHOR:** Eve Gibbons (Flood Response Project Officer)

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a progress report on the City of Launceston Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

SPPC - 21 November 2016 - Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee notes the progress made in relation to the following actions in the City of Launceston Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response:

- City of Launceston Response Management
  - CCTV Installation
  - Flood Levee Gate Improvements
  - Levee Protection for Hart Street
  - North and South Esk Rivers Hydrological Study
  - Flood Intelligence System
  - Mobile Pumps and Generator Sets
  - TasWater
  - Bureau of Meteorology Monitoring System
  - West Tamar Highway flood mitigation
  - North Esk Flood Response Triggers
  - Response plan for assessment of businesses
  - Launceston Flood Authority
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### **REPORT:**

The consequence of the report to the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee from the General Manager following the floods in June 2016 was the formation of a working group facilitated by the Directors of Facilities Management and Infrastructure Services which has been working on the actions identified in this report.

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## 4.3 Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response ...(Cont'd)

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The Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) for flood response identified actions resulting from debriefs following the northern Tasmanian flood event in June 2016. The CIP was developed following extensive stakeholder consultation with the City of Launceston (CoL) General Manager and Directors, response agencies (Police and State Emergency Service) and Cardno, the consultants engaged to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the Infrastructure Directorate flood response.

Significant progress has been made, with many action items completed, and many others well underway. Actions continue to be prioritised, with reporting on each action monitored on a regular basis by an internal officer committee to ensure that the various stakeholders remain engaged and meet the allocated completion dates.

To date the following actions have been completed:

### *City of Launceston Response Management*

CoL has adopted the Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) structure for managing a flood incident. 14 CoL staff have undertaken the Level Two Incident Controller course, and another 14 have undertaken training in AIIMS Specific Roles. Further Incident Controller training is planned for the 2017/2018 financial year.

### *CCTV installation*

CoL was successful in an application for funding under the Federal Government Disaster Resilience Funding Program to support the installation of CCTV to monitor flood waters at strategic sites in real time. Agreement has been reached with Tasmania Police on site locations, which will allow for the installation planning process to commence.

### *Flood Levee Gate Improvements*

The Launceston Flood Authority (LFA) has completed the installation of a new gate at the East Launceston Levee (Glebe) and two further gates are due for upgrade at the East Launceston levee. The LFA is currently working with stakeholders to access the land and will explore legislative powers for access to conduct works if it becomes necessary to do so.

### *Levee Protection for Hart Street*

The LFA has been successful in receiving Commonwealth funding support for the construction of a Hart Street levee to protect residents in lower areas of Hart Street/Hobblers Bridge area. Tenders for the project will be advertised in the near future.

### *North and South Esk Rivers Hydrological Study*

A hydrological study has been commissioned to review the hydrology of the North and South Esk River catchments. The work has commenced and will provide Council the latest modelling information.

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## 4.3 Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response ...(Cont'd)

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### *Flood Intelligence System*

Investigation and assessment was undertaken, and the process has commenced to acquire a Flood Intelligence System. The system is designed to present key flood inputs and outputs effectively, to better inform and plan response activity.

### *Mobile Pumps and Generator Sets*

Investigation was undertaken, and the procurement process completed for the purchase of three mobile pumps. Pumps have arrived and Council staff have been provided inductions on their use.

### *TasWater*

Investigation was undertaken with TasWater to understand the consequences and risk of power failure to the management of sewage and stormwater for riverine or flash flooding events. The CoL has received a report on a solution for this issue.

### *Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Monitoring System*

Council Officers have met with the Tasmania Police Northern Commander, Brett Smith and provided feedback on the June 2016 flood event relating to the BoM monitoring system. The BoM is currently preparing a comprehensive report on actions leading up to, during and after the weather event. CoL will receive this report once completed. The BoM has also stated that installation of further radar/s will not be considered for Tasmania.

### *West Tamar Highway flood mitigation*

The General Manager has approached the Minister for Infrastructure to express concerns regarding the impact a large flood event has on residents when sections of the highway are inundated, as experienced during the 2016 June event. A request was made to the Minister to investigate options available, either through the raising of the highway, temporary levee installation and/or permanent levee installation.

The Minister has confirmed that no major works will be undertaken in the future to elevate the impacts on the highway. Tasmania Police will provide traffic management to this area until unsafe to do so. However, the Minister has confirmed that any major works into the future will take into account major flooding in design and also with transport planning for the greater Launceston area which is to commence into the near future.

### *North Esk Flood Response Triggers*

Flood response triggers have been updated in the Flood Warning Plan based on rainfall, rather than river levels to allow for an earlier response.

### *Response plan for assessment of businesses*

The Environmental Services Emergency Response Plan has been prepared and approved by the Municipal Emergency Management Committee.

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## 4.3 Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response ...(Cont'd)

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### *Launceston Flood Authority*

Council Officers continue to make positive progress with the LFA regarding a number of issues identified in the Continuous Improvement Plan, including:

- Formal clarification and documentation of roles and responsibilities for levee integrity, maintenance and operations.
- Investigating mitigation solutions for the Seaport levee system, working towards positive solutions and remediation works.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 2 - A city where people choose to live

Ten-year goal - To promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, study and play

Key Direction -

3. To contribute to enhanced public health and amenity to promote a safe and secure environment

Priority Area 5 - A city that values its environment

Ten-year goal - To reduce the impacts on our natural environment and to build resilience to the changing intensity of natural hazards

Key Directions -

1. To contribute to air and river quality in Launceston by liaising with the community, business and other stakeholders
  2. To manage the risks of climate-related events, particularly in the area of stormwater management
  3. To enhance community awareness and resilience to uncertain weather patterns
  4. To implement floodplain management plans in the Invermay area
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## 4.3 Continuous Improvement Plan for Flood Response ...(Cont'd)

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### **BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

  
**Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager**

## 4.4 Lord Mayor Correspondence Seeking Support for Australia Day Date Change

**FILE NO:** SF0341

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

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

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### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Alderman Sue Hickey, Lord Mayor of Hobart's motion to seek support for a change of the date for Australia day, to be presented to the July Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee discuss the motion which will be presented to the 26 June 2017 Council Meeting.

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### **REPORT:**

A report will be prepared for Council on 26 June 2017 relating to the attached request (Attachment 1) from the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey, for the following Motion to be presented to the LGAT General Meeting:

*That LGAT be requested to lobby Tasmania's 29 councils to consider efforts they could take to lobby the federal government to change the date of recognition of Australia Day.*

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

### **SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

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## 4.4 Lord Mayor Correspondence Seeking Support for Australia Day Date Change ...(Cont'd)

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### STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024  
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive Organisation


### BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.

  
Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey.
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*Attachment 1 - Lord Mayor Correspondence Seeking Australia Day Date Change*



LORD MAYOR'S OFFICE  
TOWN HALL  
MACQUARIE STREET  
HOBART  
TASMANIA

His Worship the Mayor of Launceston  
Alderman Albert van Zetten  
Launceston City Council  
PO Box 396  
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Dear Mayor van Zetten

I write to seek your support on a motion the City of Hobart is intending to submit to the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) General Meeting on 26 July 2017.

The motion is as follows:

**Motion**

*That LGAT be requested to lobby Tasmania's 29 councils to consider efforts they could take to lobby the federal government to change the date of recognition of Australian Day.*

Every year there are ever increasing public rallies by both indigenous and non-indigenous people protesting against the current legislated date for Australia Day because Aboriginal people view it as Invasion Day; rallies held this year in capital cities drew tens of thousands of supporters. There is a growing acknowledgement that 26 January is not a day of celebration for all Australians. The current date has only been in practice since 1994 and before that time it was celebrated on a long weekend in January.

If consideration is given to changing the date that we recognise as Australia Day it provides an opportunity to find a more inclusive date for all Australians to celebrate.

The Council will also be submitting a motion on this topic to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA).

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and would be happy to discuss it with you if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Alderman Sue Hickey  
**LORD MAYOR**

Friday 12 May 2017

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**5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**6 CLOSED ITEMS**

**No Closed Items have been identified as part of this Agenda**

**7 CLOSE OF MEETING**