



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018
1.00pm**

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The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 19 March 2018

Time: 1.00pm

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 given to Council in the Minutes Items for this Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Stretton', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Michael Stretton
General Manager

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Present: **Alderman** **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**
 R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)
 R L McKendrick
 R J Sands
 J G Cox
 D C Gibson
 J Finlay
 D W Alexander
 S R F Wood
 E K Williams
 K P Stojansek

In Attendance: **Mr M Stretton (General Manager)**
 Mr S G Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)
 Mrs L M Hurst (Director Development Services)
 Mr B MacIsaac (Director Facilities Management)
 Mr R Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)
 Mrs L Foster (Director Corporate Services)
 Mr D E Sinfield (Director Major Projects)
 Mr J A Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)
 Ms T Grayson (Administration Officer)

Apologies: **Alderman** **D H McKenzie**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm and noted an apology from Alderman D H McKenzie

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

No Declarations of Interest were identified as part of these Minutes

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 35(1)(b)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 5 March 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 19 March 2018

MOTION

Moved Alderman D W Alexander, seconded Alderman J Finlay.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

4 DEPUTATIONS

No Deputations were identified as part of these Minutes

5 PETITIONS

Local Government Act 1993 - Sections 57 and 58

No Petitions were identified as part of these Minutes

6 COMMUNITY REPORTS

(Community Reports allow an opportunity for Community Groups to provide Council with a three minute verbal presentation detailing activities of the group. This report is not intended to be used as the time to speak on Minutes Items; that opportunity exists when that Minutes Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Aldermen.)

No Community Reports were registered with Council as part of these Minutes

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

7.1 Public Questions on Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(1)

(Questions on Notice must be in writing and should be received by the General Manager at least seven days before the relevant Council Meeting. Questions on Notice will be researched by Council Officers and both the Question on Notice (as received) and the response will be provided at the Council Meeting and a reply in writing will also be provided.)

7.1.1 Public Question on Notice - Mr Basil Fitch - Council Committees - 5 March 2018**FILE NO:** SF6381**AUTHOR:** Tanya Grayson (Administration Officer)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Michael Stretton (General Manager)

QUESTION and RESPONSE:

The following question was asked by Mr Basil Fitch at the Council Meeting on 5 March 2018 and has been answered by Michael Stretton (General Manager).

Question:

1. Who do the Committees report to?

Response:

Each of the Special Committees of Council, and other Committees convened under relevant sections of the *Local Government Act (1993)* (the Act) are conducted in the manner approved by Council. Most of these Committees are convened under section 24 of the Act and there are no prescribed reporting processes.

Since the beginning of 2017, the following Committees have submitted reports to Council under Agenda Item 12 for public review and comment:

- Pedestrian and Bike Committee
- Sister City Committee
- Launceston Access Advisory Committee
- Tender Review Committee
- Northern Youth Coordinating Committee
- Audit Panel Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Heritage Forest Advisory Committee
- Municipal Emergency Management Committee
- Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee
- Launceston Road Safety Consultative Committee
- Museum Governance Advisory Board

There are a number of other Committees external to Council where Aldermen are nominated members. These committees follow their own reporting processes.

7.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Mrs Ruth Haw - Inner City Living - 19 March 2018**FILE NO:** SF6381**AUTHOR:** Tanya Grayson (Administration Officer)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Michael Stretton (General Manager)

QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following questions were submitted to Council on 8 March by Ms Ruth Haw and have been answered by Ms L Hurst (Director Development Services).

Questions (typed as received):

1. *Does LCC still have an active policy of encouraging individuals/families/retirees to consider becoming inner city residents as it did some 10/12yrs ago in order to increase the density of permanent owner occupancy bringing in more families and their investment into their micro communities both physical and monetary?*

Response:

The encouragement of inner city living is identified in the Greater Launceston Plan as an important strategy for the sustainable growth of the Launceston municipal area. The Council is pursuing this vision through implementation of the City Heart project, and specific commitments within the Launceston City Deal aimed at encouraging infill development and central Launceston residential projects. There has been a marked increase in development approvals and proposed residential developments in the central Launceston area over the past two years.

2. *If so does LCC continue to support rate payers who either already have made this living transition into newly expanded residential locations or those long established in city homes that blend together in smaller micro communities that establish the physical and all important connections that equate to ones sense of community?*

Response:

An important component of the City Heart project is the activation of central Launceston to provide the amenity and vibrancy that not only attracts more residents, but also retains and supports them to benefit from the unique lifestyle that Launceston offers. Activation incorporates support for events, improved streetscapes and opportunities for passive recreation, shade and sheltered areas, places to sit, etc. Provision has been made in the draft 2018/19 budget for additional city activation resources to complement the capital expenditure on improvements to the city's major public realm spaces.

7.1.2 Public Questions On Notice - Mrs Ruth Haw - Inner City Living - 19 March 2018 ...(Cont'd)

3. *With the need to identify new land for inner city living developments now and into the future have LCC identified established car yards; inner city and closely aligned suburbs as potential land sites tied up that could over a period of time be freed up for more fitting use in todays context and the coming years for residential sites ?*

Response:

The City Development Department is currently undertaking a number of strategic land use planning projects to inform the transition of the Launceston Planning Scheme to the new state-wide planning provisions, but also to inform decision-making around the long-term sustainable population and economic growth of the city. This includes opportunities both for expanded urban residential growth, transition of remnant light industrial zones to more appropriate uses, and opportunities for infill development.

4. *If there is an initiative currently to identify such locations and does it include car yard sites ie Jacksons on highway, Invermay Rd or Margaret St locations no longer suitably situated as Launceston has grown since their establishment ; and develop a long term strategy to compliment the need for greater city residential development by encouraging these business to the outer suburbs freeing up land better purposed to support - I quote Brian Whiteman , " inner city residential development should occur to offer diversity to the market "- Property Council of Tasmania head Examiner 6/3/2018?*

Response:

See above response.

5. *If not why not? If yes why are the community more broadly not aware?*

Response:

Consultation is undertaken as each project progresses to an appropriate point to enable informed engagement by stakeholders and the wider community. For example, extensive consultation has been undertaken over the past year to develop a strategic land use development plan for the St Leonards area, and we are currently in the process of reporting back to the community with the findings from that consultation. Similarly there was extensive community consultation undertaken as part of the development of the Greater Launceston Plan and the City Heart Masterplan Stage One. The City of Launceston makes extensive use of print and social media and its online engagement platform - *Your Voice Your Launceston* - to inform the community of engagement opportunities, alongside more traditional approaches such as the 'planning in the pub' sessions undertaken for the St Leonards Village Plan.

7.1.2 Public Questions On Notice - Mrs Ruth Haw - Inner City Living - 19 March 2018 ...(Cont'd)

6. If yes to question 3b what is the time frame encompassed (10-20 yrs) in the future vision around repurposing the land use to residential & what does LCC's encouragement to business look like?

Response:

Strategic Land Use Planning is an ongoing process that is multi-layered. Additionally, there is inevitably always a need to balance long-term planning with responsiveness to the development market and trends in the economy. The key strategic documents that inform long-term land use planning in Launceston include the Greater Launceston Plan (GLP), the Regional Land Use Strategy, the Launceston Economic Development Strategy, and the Regional Economic Development Plan. Additionally, there are related commitments in the Launceston City Deal. Each of these documents is linked though they have different timeframes in terms of when they were developed, their review and implementation. They can be viewed via the City of Launceston website.

7. *Is LCC sincere in its expression to bring about Urban Renewal with a continued drive to develop with a commitment to residential needs not abort to options where developers seek to construct in a manner that overrides the desperately identified need for more dwellings in the immediate where possible & moving into the forward years of our cities renewal ?*

Response:

Yes.

8. *Launceston is well known for its lowrise city profile I even note Wikipedia makes particular mention of this and how LCC is defensively protective of this to maintain this essential feel to our city however I seek clarification as to whether this is the case still and where do the current Aldermanic representatives individually sit regards height?*

Response:

The City of Launceston is undertaking an analysis of building height and mass with a view to developing specific policies around this important element of the City's development controls.

**7.1.2 Public Questions On Notice - Mrs Ruth Haw - Inner City Living - 19 March 2018
...(Cont'd)**

9. *If yes why does not the LCC move to remove the recurrent issue with development lodgements seeking planning approval for builds way in excess of our established heights which means every time such a DA comes to council for deliberation the community have to intervene with height objections which is costly for parties on both sides and to date inevitably the heights are brought into line with community expectation? A definitive position on heights by council would negate a constant rub with community and save developers a great deal of time and money also.*

Response:

The Tasmanian Planning framework and legislation makes provision for both permitted pathway and discretionary development applications. The municipal Planning Schemes provide for consideration of those applications at the local level and the City of Launceston is supportive of that approach, which allows for both professional and community scrutiny of significant proposals prior to determination.

7.2 Public Questions without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(2)(b)

(Members of the public who ask Questions without Notice at a meeting will have both the question and any answer provided recorded in the Minutes. Council Officers will endeavour to answer the question asked at the meeting, however, that is not always possible and more research may be required. If an answer cannot be provided at the Meeting, the question will be treated as a Question on Notice. A response will be provided at the next Council Meeting.)

7.2.1 Mr Basil Fitch - Show Society

- 1. Will the Council take the Show Society matter further, as outlined in 5 March 2018 Minutes?**

The Mayor, A M van Zetten responded that Council will continue to have discussions with the Show Society.

7.2.2 Mr Basil Fitch - 2 Invermay Road - Transfer of Land to University of Tasmania

1. What is happening to the small parcel of land? Has it been sold or leased and what is its valuation?

Mr Michael Stretton (General Manager) responded that the valuations were considered by the Council as a Closed Agenda Item and that's pursuant to the *Local Government Act*. The land is transferred by the decision of Council.

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council acts as a Planning Authority in regard to items included in Minutes Item 8 - Planning Authority.

8 PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Development Applications were identified as part of these Minutes

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**9.1 Mayor's Announcements****FILE NO:** SF2375

Monday 5 March 2018

- Hosted a meet and greet function for the new University of Tasmania's ViceChancellor Professor Rufus Black in the Mayoral suite
- Attended dinner with the Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black at Geronimo Aperitivo Bar and Restaurant

Tuesday 6 March 2018

- Officiated at the 2018 F1 in Schools National Final at the Launceston Convention Centre

Wednesday 7 March 2018

- Attend the 20 Years of Service Celebration for Service Tasmania at Henty House

Thursday 8 March 2018

- Attended the Norwood Combined Probus Club Annual General Meeting at the Masonic Hall
- Officiated at the 10 Year Anniversary of Marillac House at Marillac House
- Officiated at the 2018 F1 in Schools National Final Presentation Dinner at the Launceston Convention Centre

Saturday 10 March 2018

- Attended the Hawthorn versus Carlton Tasmanian launch at UTAS Stadium

Wednesday 14 March 2018

- Attend the Leaders Edge Lunch at the Grand Chancellor

Thursday 15 March 2018

- Officiated at the launch of Harmony Week at the City Baptist Church on Frederick Street

Friday 16 March 2018

- Officiated at the performance of Les Miserables at the Princess Theatre
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9.1 Mayor's Announcements ...(Cont'd)

Saturday 17 March 2018

- Officiated at Harmony Day Celebrations at the Inveresk Precinct
Attended the St Giles 80th Year Artwork Exhibition "Mystery Walls" at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery at Inveresk
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10 ALDERMEN'S REPORTS

(This item provides an opportunity for Aldermen to briefly report on the activities that have been undertaken in their capacity as a representative of the Council. It is not necessary to list social functions that have been attended.)

10.1 Alderman S R F Wood

- **Commended the Franklin House Committee volunteers for their work on the annual Franklin House fair.**
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11 QUESTIONS BY ALDERMEN**11.1 Questions on Notice**

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 30

(A councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the General Manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be in writing.)

No Aldermen's Questions on Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

11.2 Questions without Notice

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 29

(Questions without Notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting.)

No Aldermen's Questions without Notice were identified as part of these Minutes

12 COMMITTEE REPORTS**12.1 Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee Meeting - 22 February 2018****FILE NO:** SF0839**AUTHOR:** Tricia De Leon-Hillier (Parks Lease Management Officer)**DIRECTOR:** Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2018.

Mr S Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 19 March 2018**MOTION**

Moved Alderman J Finlay, seconded Alderman E K Williams.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

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12.2 Tender Review Committee Meetings - 26 February and 5 March 2018

FILE NO: SF0100

AUTHOR: Tanya Grayson (Administration Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER: Michael Stretton (General Manager)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Tender Review Committee (a delegated authority Committee).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the report from the Tender Review Committee Meetings held on 26 February and 5 March 2018.

Mr M Stretton (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 19 March 2018

MOTION

Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded Alderman J G Cox.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

13 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

No Council Workshops were conducted since the last Council Meeting.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 16(5)

No Notices of Motion were identified as part of these Minutes

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15 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

15.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 22 February 2018

FILE NO: SF2965

AUTHOR: Fiona Ranson (Heritage Planner)

DIRECTOR: Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 February 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 22 February 2018.
 2. adopts the following recommendations from the meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on 22 February 2018:
 - (a) That officers prepare a report for Council to consider the development of a Duck Reach Power Station Precinct Plan.
 - (b) That Council approve expenditure from the Heritage Advisory Committee budget of up to \$2,000 to assist the Launceston Historical Society with the installation of a Government House interpretation plaque in City Park.
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Mrs L Hurst (Director Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 19 March 2018

MOTION

Moved Alderman J Finlay, seconded Alderman K P Stojansek.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

16 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

17 QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

18 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS**18.1 Tree Management Policy****FILE NO:** SF2538**AUTHOR:** Dannielle Denning (Parks Planner)**DIRECTOR:** Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider and approve the Tree Management Policy (26-Plx-005).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 26 February 2018 - Tree Management Policy Presentation

Council - 4 December 2006 - Agenda Item 11.6 - Tree Management Policy (26-PI-005)

Council - 27 January 2004 - Agenda Item 12.1 - Council Tree Management Policy (26-PI-005)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the Tree Management Policy (26-Plx-005) as follows:

PURPOSE:

The City of Launceston (CoL) is focussed on achieving the community's long-term vision of creating a diverse, vibrant and liveable urban environment that is an attractive and safe place to live, work and play. Large trees and well-tended green spaces play an important role in defining the image and culture of the city, enhancing aesthetic appeal of our streets and facilities, increasing property values and contributing to the viability of business by creating an urban environment people want to spend more time in. Trees are an important community asset that cool buildings and pavements, improve the lifespan of asphalt, reduce stormwater flows and improve water and air quality.

It is estimated that 30,000 trees are currently managed by the City of Launceston in road reserves, civic spaces, facilities and parks. This excludes the extensive areas of native vegetation in bushland and riparian areas across the municipality. With over 400 species recorded and trees varying in size, shape, condition, age, significance and value, managing trees is a complex task. Development pressures, conflict with other infrastructure, changing climatic conditions, individual or groups of trees approaching end of useful life expectancy and community safety are important considerations in maintaining trees.

18.1 Tree Management Policy ...(Cont'd)

This document aims to provide a clear and consistent management approach to ensure that the City of Launceston's trees are:

- recognised as valuable community assets;
- adequately protected from works and development;
- maintained in a healthy condition to increase useful life expectancy; and
- removed only under defined conditions.

SCOPE:

This policy provides a strategic direction for tree management to guide Alderman, employees, residents, planners, developers, contractors and tree workers. It applies to all trees that are owned and/or managed by City of Launceston regardless of land management responsibilities.

POLICY:

As with all City of Launceston assets, trees require monitoring, maintenance and removal/renewal plans. Trees also like infrastructure require protection from damage associated with works and development.

Protection from Works and Development

Developers and residents are not authorised to damage or remove the City of Launceston's trees. The Council will utilise relevant provisions within the *Local Government Act 1993* to protect the value of the trees that have been damaged or removed without appropriate consent.

Potential impact on the City of Launceston's trees will be considered during the design and planning phase of infrastructure and development works.

All practical measures are to be undertaken to protect tree roots, trunk and branches from physical damage during works and development in accordance with AS4970-2009: Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Monitoring

A formal risk based inspection regime for all trees located in high risk/public use areas (ie. streets, paths, playgrounds, gathering spaces, car parks) will be undertaken by a qualified arborist annually. Annual visual inspections will be undertaken for pipes identified on the root cutting maintenance schedule.

The regime will include risk based processes for assessing areas immediately before signature or major events and following storm, wind, flood and fire events.

Reactive inspections driven by customer requests will be prioritised based on risk level and comply with the Customer Service Charter.

GIS and asset management data will be updated accordingly.

18.1 Tree Management Policy ...(Cont'd)

Maintenance

Maintenance works will be identified through the inspection regime and undertaken to improve the tree's health and vitality and minimise risk of hazard development, branch failure, disease and premature death in accordance with AS 4373-2007: Australian Standard for Pruning of Amenity Trees.

Root trimming will be undertaken for pipes identified on the root cutting maintenance schedule as determined through the annual inspection regime.

Powerline clearance maintenance for trees growing in easements is undertaken by TasNetworks' accredited vegetation contractors. The City of Launceston will continue to work with the contractors to ensure trees retain their health and vitality and are not disfigured unnecessarily.

When considering thinning or pruning (including roots) of a City of Launceston tree, the following principles will apply:

- the tree's health, growth habit, structure, stability and growing conditions;
- the potential risk of personal injury and significant damage to buildings, structures, infrastructure or utility services;
- requirements under section 39 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* for safe pedestrian and vehicle access;
- the level of impact upon adjoining residents' living environment;
- the impact on the landscape or streetscape and the amenity value of the tree to the local area;
- whether the tree is a native species providing biodiversity value;
- the suitability of the species to its location; and
- whether the tree has cultural/heritage significance or is subject to planning considerations based zoning or overlays.

Generally, the City of Launceston will not consider leaf, fruit, flowers, bark stripping, sap or wildlife as valid reasons for pruning trees. Pruning for view or solar access will be assessed on a case by case basis. Pruning will not be undertaken where it will disfigure the tree, impact on the health and vitality of the tree or impact on native wildlife habitat (foraging and/or nesting).

Developers or residents requesting pruning of a healthy and structurally sound tree to facilitate development or works, view or solar access may be required to pay for the cost of pruning.

Removal and Replacement

Provided there is an agreed replacement planting, the City of Launceston will consider the removal of individual or groups of trees in the following circumstances:

- There is an unacceptable risk identified through a Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) undertaken by a qualified arborist that cannot be mitigated through pruning;
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18.1 Tree Management Policy ...(Cont'd)

- The tree is dead, dying and/or diseased and does not provide habitat for native wildlife;
- The tree is causing damage to utilities or public infrastructure and there is no other practical option to resolve the issue to maintain the supply of essential services;
- The tree is causing significant damage to private property which has been confirmed by a suitably qualified structural engineer and there is no reasonable alternative to resolve the issue (ie. the cost of repairs outweighs the amenity benefits provided by the tree);
- To facilitate development or works where there is no reasonable alternative to retain the tree and a landscape plan showing suitable replacement trees is approved; or
- To facilitate renewal of the streetscape or revegetation with native species following weed removal.

Trees that are healthy and structurally sound will not be removed for the following reasons:

- The tree obscures or potentially obscures views excluding mandatory vehicle sight lines;
- The tree species is disliked;
- The tree species causes nuisance by way of leaf, flower, fruit, bark shedding or the like;
- The tree provides habitat for wildlife that causes nuisance; or
- The tree shades private gardens, solar installations and the like.

Developers or residents requesting the removal of a healthy and structurally sound tree to facilitate development or works will be required to pay for the cost of removal and replacement plantings.

PRINCIPLES:

To ensure that all trees that are owned and/or managed by the City of Launceston regardless of land management responsibilities, are recognised as valuable community assets, monitored and maintained appropriately, removed only at the end of safe useful life expectancy and renewed.

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

Greater Launceston Plan May 2014

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

RELATED LEGISLATION:

Electricity Wayleaves and Easements Act 2000

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Fire Services Act 1995

Forest Practices Act 1985

Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

18.1 Tree Management Policy ...(Cont'd)

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Nature Conservation Act 2002

Threatened Species Protection Act 1995

Water Management Act 1999

Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008

Weed Management Act 1999

Urban Drainage Act 2015

REFERENCES:

Australian Standard 4373-2007: Australian Standard for Pruning of Amenity Trees.

Australian Standard 4970-2009: Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

DEFINITIONS:

Tree: Long lived woody perennial plant generally with one or relatively few main stems or trunks.

REVIEW:

This policy will be reviewed no more than five years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with the Council's approval.

Mr S Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 19 March 2018**MOTION**

Moved Alderman J Finlay, seconded Alderman E K Williams.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

18.2 Lease - Trevallyn Park**FILE NO:** SF0875**AUTHOR:** Barry Pickett (Natural Environment Manager)**DIRECTOR:** Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

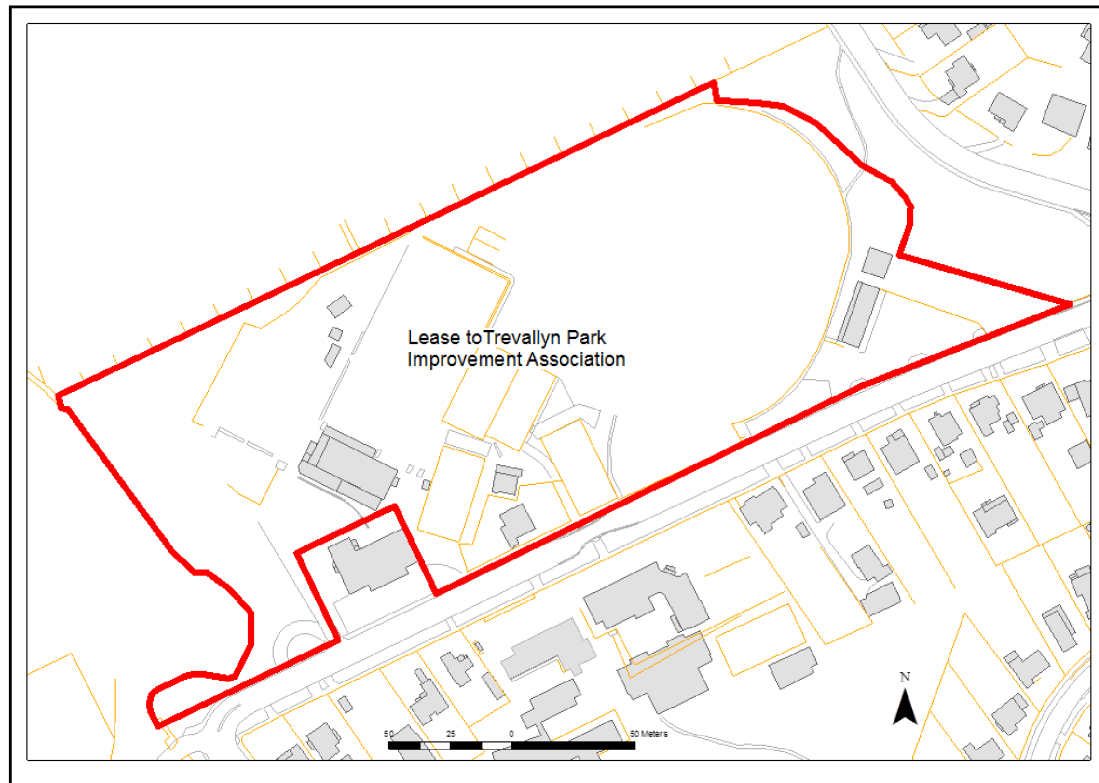
To consider leasing an area of land situated at 62 Gorge Road, Trevallyn known as Trevallyn Park to the Trevallyn Park Improvement Association Incorporated as marked on the attached plan.

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council, by absolute majority, authorises the General Manager to commence the proceedings required under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to lease part of 62 Gorge Road, Trevallyn (CT210401/1 CT247283/38 CT235274/1 CT62614/2) as indicated by the red outline on the plan below, for the purposes of a community recreational area.
 2. Subject to there being no objection, the General Manager is authorised to enter into a formal lease under the following terms:
 - the term shall be 15 years commencing on 1 July 2018
 - the lease amount shall be \$1pa if demanded
 - tenant to be responsible for:
 - Government taxes
 - energy costs
 - volumetric and connection charges for water
 - sewerage charges
 - building and contents insurance
 - and service charges if any
 - tenant shall continuously maintain:
 - building in good and reasonable order
 - public liability insurance of at least \$10 million
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18.2 Lease - Trevallyn Park ...(Cont'd)



Ms S Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 19 March 2018

MOTION

Moved Alderman R I Soward, seconded Alderman R L McKendrick.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday 19 March 2018

18.3 Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee - Appointment of Community Representatives

FILE NO: SF0839

AUTHOR: Tricia De Leon-Hillier (Parks Lease Management Officer)

DIRECTOR: Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To appoint two community representatives to the Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoints Ms Samantha Denmead and Ms Anna Coxen as community representative members of the Cataract Gorge Advisory Committee for the period between 7 August 2017 and 7 August 2019, to coincide with the term expiry of the third community member, Mr Don Defenderfer.

Mr S Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

DECISION: 19 March 2018

MOTION

Moved Alderman J Finlay, seconded Alderman E K Williams.

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

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Alderman A M van Zetten, Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman R L McKendrick, Alderman R J Sands, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson, Alderman J Finlay, Alderman D W Alexander, Alderman S R F Wood, Alderman E K Williams and Alderman K P Stojansek

19 MAJOR PROJECTS DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

20 CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

21 GENERAL MANAGER'S DIRECTORATE ITEMS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes

22 URGENT BUSINESS

Regulation 8(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, states that a council, by absolute majority at an ordinary council meeting, may decide to deal with a matter that is not on the Minutes.

No Urgent Items were identified as part of these Minutes

23 CLOSED COUNCIL

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 15(2)

No Closed Items were identified as part of these Minutes

24 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 1.17pm
