



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019  
5.30pm**

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the City of Launceston Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 5 December 2019

Time: 5.30pm

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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 given to Council in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.



**Michael Stretton**  
General Manager

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

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48*

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

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 6 December 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**4.1 Public Questions on Notice**

*Questions on Notice were invited from the public from Saturday, 9 November 2019 and closed at 12.00pm on Monday, 25 November 2019.*

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## 5 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### 5.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019

**FILE NO:** SF6381

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

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Michael Stretton (General Manager)

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#### **QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted in writing, on 25 November 2019 by Mr L J Morrell, have been answered by those indicated in the Agenda Item.

#### **Questions:**

1(a). Please list all ratepaying properties occupied by University of Tasmania.

*Refer to Question 1.*

2(a). Please provide a plan of areas of Inveresk that are leased by Royal National Agricultural and Pastoral

*Refer to Question 2.*

1. Please advise the list of all properties that are occupied by University of Tasmania and identify which of these properties pay rates?

#### **Response:**

*Paul Gimpl (Chief Financial Officer)*

*Properties occupied by the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and charged the Fire Service Levy, are:*

- *1 Old Bike Track Lane, Invermay*
  - *6 Barnards Way, Invermay*
  - *75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
  - *Maritime College, 100 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
  - *17 Plumer Street, Mowbray*
  - *2 Invermay Road, Invermay*
  - *Bank ATM, 75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
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**5.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019 ...(Cont'd)**

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*Properties occupied by UTAS or their tenant and charged rates (including the Fire Service Levy):*

- *Child Care Centre, 75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
- *Hair Salon, 75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
- *Travel Agency, 75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
- *Bank Branch, 75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*
- *Bookshop, 75 Newnham Drive, Newnham*

*Section 87(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) exempts land owned and occupied exclusively by the Commonwealth from paying rates. UTAS is a Commonwealth entity so only pays rates on properties they own but are occupied exclusively by a tenant.*

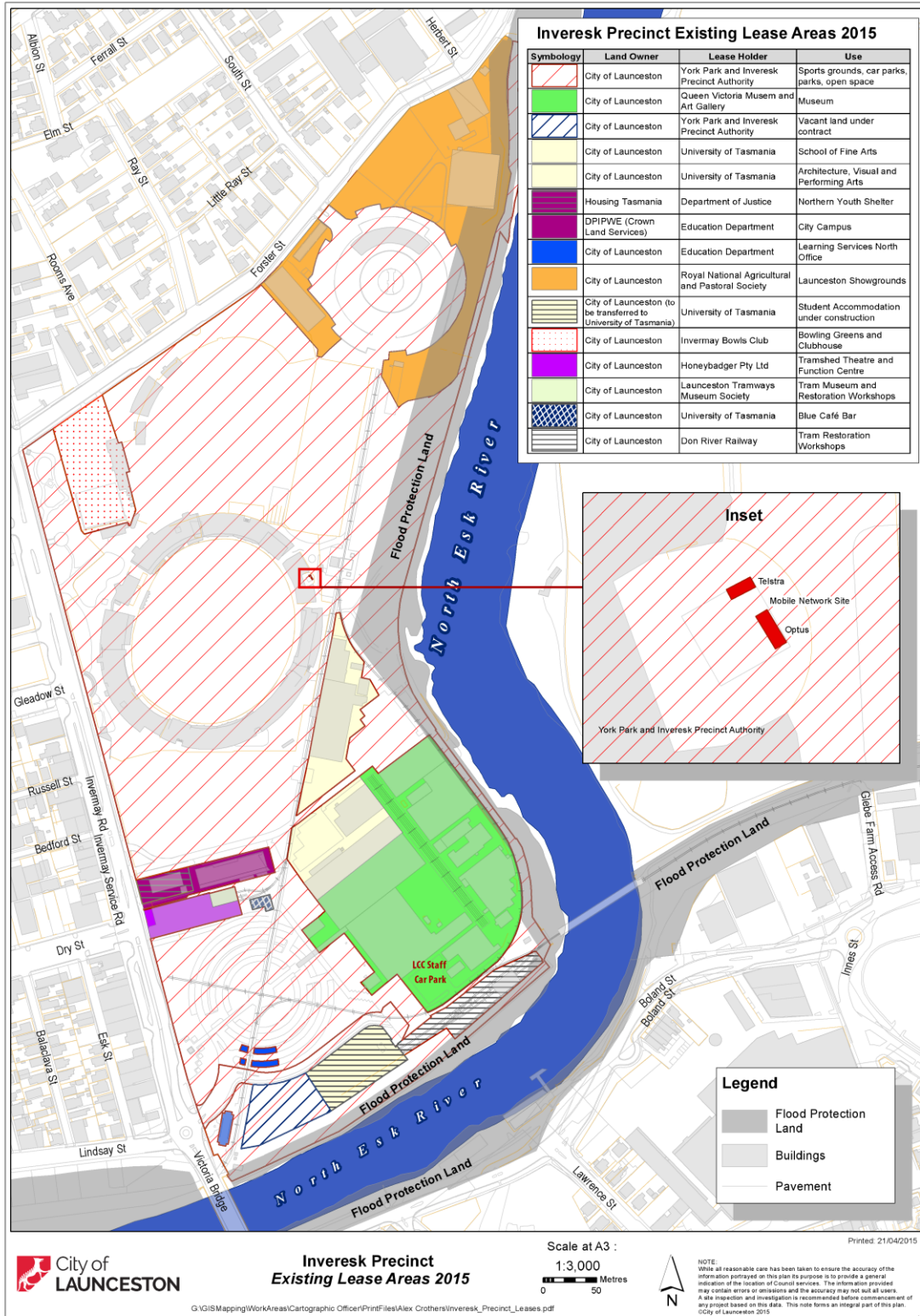
2. Please provide a plan of land leased by Royal National Agricultural and Pastoral Society of Tasmania Limited at Inveresk?

**Response:**

*Robert Groenewegen (Manager UTAS Stadium and Inveresk)*

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3. Please provide a plan of land leased by Don River Railway (Van Dieman Light Railway Society) at Inveresk?

**Response:**

*Robert Groenewegen (Manager UTAS Stadium and Inveresk)*

*As above - Inveresk Precinct Existing Lease Areas 2015 map.*

4. Please provide an explanation why the Title for property in Lindsay Street Launceston occupied by the National Automobile of Tasmania has not been registered in the name of the City Of Launceston Council as intended?

**Response:**

*Michael Stretton (General Manager)*

*It is still the intention for the title of the Lindsay Street site on which the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania is located to be registered in the Council's name. The title transfer will occur as part of the broader land swap between the University of Tasmania and the Council. As this is a complex transfer which must address a multitude of issues the process it is yet to be finalised. It is expected that the transfer will occur in early 2020.*

5. Please confirm if the City Of Launceston Council is in negotiations with other parties regarding the ownership and future development of the Paterson St Central Carpark and also the formal Birchalls shop in Brisbane Street Mall by City of Launceston Council, and when all details of such negotiations will be made public?

**Response:**

*Michael Stretton (General Manager)*

*The Council is not in a position to comment on this matter.*

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## 5.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019 ...(Cont'd)

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6. What is the current cost to City of Launceston Council of the development of the area known as Riverbend Park at Lindsay St Launceston, and how much more is to be spent on the completion and further development of this park area?

**Response:**

*Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)*

*The budget for works at Riverbend Park is \$8,439,176. The cost to the Council as of 31 October is \$2,476,248 after deducting State and Federal grant funding.*

*Given the lateness of the submission of this question against the Agenda close date, there is insufficient time to determine remaining costs to Council. The major work still to be completed is the grassed area on the eastern side of the site, which will be completed by end of December 2019.*

7. What is the cost to City of Launceston Ratepayers for undertaking the clearing of silt from the Tamar and Esk Estuaries?

**Response:**

*Shane Eberhardt (Director Infrastructure Services)*

*The Launceston Flood Authority (LFA) undertakes the sediment management within kanamaluka/Tamar River. In 2018/2019 LFA operations expenses were funded from State Government contributions of \$523,727 and \$693,294 from the City of Launceston. The LFA spent \$228,390 in 2018/2019 on sediment management.*

8. What funds are owed to City of Launceston Council by University of Tasmania (please provide a detailed breakdown)?

**Response:**

*Paul Gimpl (Chief Financial Officer)*

*No charges owing by the University of Tasmania to the City of Launceston are overdue for payment as at 27 November 2019.*

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## 5.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019 ...(Cont'd)

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9. What is the cost of the recent administrative changes, to staffing arrangements and the workforce of City Of Launceston Council.

**Response:**

*Michael Stretton (General Manager)*

*Once implemented, the Organisational Alignment Project (OAP) will deliver a more streamlined, efficient workforce, with a stronger focus on improved service delivery and value for ratepayers.*

*Initially, there will be a higher cost directly attributable to the restructure by way of redundancies (\$1.3million), however, this cost is expected to be balanced out by an underspend in labour costs in the 2019/2020 financial year.*

*Ongoing employee costs will increase by approximately \$900K due to an increase in FTEs in key areas, but the trade-off will be an improvement in services to the community.*

*One of the key components of the OAP is a transition of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG) and the University of Tasmania Stadium to more contemporary and appropriate governance models.*

*With this reform, the OAP will deliver recurrent savings of between \$2.4 - \$5.2million a year to the Council (including the additional employee costs).*

*The City of Launceston will still be a lean organisation in terms of staffing costs. Under the new structure, the Council's employee costs will account for 37.7per cent of total operational expenditure which compares favourably with other Councils. For instance, the Hobart City Council's employee costs are 42 per cent of operational expenditure, while other similar Tasmanian councils are around 39 per cent.*

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### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019 (*questions included in Attachment 2*)
  2. Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019
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*Attachment 1 - Public Questions on Notice - Mr L J Morrell - 25 November 2019*

City of Launceston Council  
Town Hall  
St John Street  
LAUNCESTON 7250

Attention : General Manager

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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***Attachment 2 - Public Questions on Notice - Mr Lionel Morrell - 25 November 2019***

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Town Hall  
St John Street  
Launceston

Attention : General Manager

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8. What funds are owed to City of Launceston Council by University of Tasmania (please provide a detailed breakdown)?
9. What is the cost of the recent administrative changes, to staffing arrangements and the workforce of City Of Launceston Council.

Yours faithfully  
L.J.Morrrell  
President  
on behalf of Tasmanian Ratepayers Association Inc.  
P.O. Box 1035  
Launceston 7250

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## 4.2 Public Questions Without Notice

## 5 NOTICES OF MOTION

*Notices of Motion were invited from the public from Saturday, 9 November 2018 and closed at 12.00pm on Monday, 25 November 2018.*

**No Notices of Motion have been identified as part of this Agenda**

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## 6 ANNUAL REPORTS

### 6.1 City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2019

**FILE NO:** SF0098

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Michael Stretton (General Manager)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To adopt the City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City of Launceston Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 be adopted, together with the Annual Reports for the following City of Launceston entities and Authorities:

1. Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery; and
  2. Launceston Flood Authority.
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#### **REPORT:**

The City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019 have been publically provided by their inclusion on the City of Launceston's website - [www.launceston.tas.gov.au](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au).

The Annual Reports provide an overview of the City of Launceston's operational and financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2019.

No submissions have been received in regard to the City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019.

#### **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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## 6.1 City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2019

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### **STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:**

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Strategic Priority 3: We are a progressive leader that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

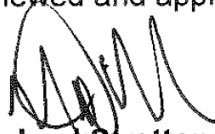
### **BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:**

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.



**Michael Stretton: General Manager**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2019 (*City of Launceston's website - [www.launceston.tas.gov.au](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au)*)
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**7 CLOSE OF MEETING**