

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020  
5.30pm**

# City of Launceston

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Thursday 3 December 2020

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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: 3 December 2020

Time: 5.30pm

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## Certificate of Qualified Advice

### Background

To comply with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas):

1. A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless -
  - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing -
    - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
    - (ii) the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
  - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

### Certification

I certify that:

- (i) the advice of a qualified person has been sought where required;
- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- (iii) a copy of the advice, or a written transcript or summary of advice provided orally, is included with the agenda item.



**Michael Stretton**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## AUDIO of COUNCIL MEETINGS

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[www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Council/Meetings/Listen](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Council/Meetings/Listen) .

## PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To help keep you safe you must register your attendance at the Annual General Meeting in advance by telephoning 6323 3145 and leaving a message, or emailing us at [invitation@launceston.tas.gov.au](mailto:invitation@launceston.tas.gov.au) by 3.00pm on the day of the Annual General Meeting. A Council Officer will contact you to confirm the details of your attendance.

At the Annual General Meeting, please take care to follow signage and the directions of Council Officers to ensure that physical distancing and other COVID-19 safe behaviour is observed. An attendance register will be available for signature at the Meeting.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - AGENDA ITEM 4

Questions received in writing by noon on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 have been treated as Questions Taken on Notice and responses appear in this Agenda.

If attending the Annual General Meeting in person, you may ask questions during Public Question Time. If accepted, your questions will be either answered at the Meeting, or Taken on Notice and answered in the 28 January 2021 Council Agenda.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

When you register to attend the Annual General Meeting, you will be asked if you wish to comment on an item in the Agenda. Prior to debate on that Agenda Item, you will be invited by the Chair to move to the public microphone at the doors to the Council Chambers and state your name and address.

Please note the following important information:

- You may speak for up to two minutes, either for or against the Recommendation.
- You may not ask questions or enter into debate with Councillors or Council Officers.
- Your statement is not to be defamatory, inappropriate or abusive, or be intended to embarrass any person, including Councillors or Council Officers.
- The Chair may direct you to stop speaking if you do not follow these rules, or if your statement repeats points that have already been made.

Your respectful contribution is welcome and appreciated.

## LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

At the City of Launceston, the positions of General Manager Community and Place, General Manager Organisational Services, General Manager Infrastructure and Assets and General Manager Creative Arts and Cultural Services do not assume the functions and powers of the term *general manager* in a legislative sense: any legislative functions and powers to be delegated to these roles will be made by Council or the Chief Executive Officer. At the City of Launceston, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*. For the avoidance of doubt, *Chief Executive Officer* means *General Manager* for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

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

**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.)*

**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 5 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

**4.1 Public Questions on Notice**

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

*Questions on Notice were invited from the public from Saturday, 14 November 2020 and closed at 12 noon on Wednesday, 25 November 2020.*

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**4.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith****FILE NO:** SF6381/SF0098**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Office)**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted in writing, on 26 November 2020 by Mr Robin Smith, have been answered by those listed in the Agenda Item.

**Questions:**

1. Council received a petition signed by 70-80% of the traders in the Brisbane St. Mall requesting council make modifications to the hexagon seating structure which is a driver of so much anti-social behaviour in the area.

While the petition was rejected by council on technical grounds, how can we illustrate to council the problems this structure continues to bring please?

**Response:**

*(Mrs Leanne Purchase - Manager Governance)*

*An informal petition was handed to the Mayor at the Council Meeting on 18 April 2019. Pursuant to section 58 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas), the petition was not tabled at a Council Meeting and was instead distributed to Councillors and the Council's Officers with relevant responsibility.*

*On 18 April 2019, the following response was provided to a question Taken on Notice at the Council Meeting on 4 April 2019, regarding anti-social behaviour in the Brisbane Street Mall:*

*The design of the Brisbane Street Mall has been informed by, and has adopted, the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). In particular, the space provides for excellent passive surveillance opportunities by ensuring good visual access throughout the Mall area, along with the incorporation of high quality CCTV coverage to provide both an active deterrent to anti-social behaviour and crime and support for Tasmania Police (TasPolice) investigation and enforcement activities if required.*

*On this basis, we do not believe that the physical environment of the Brisbane Street Mall is the major contributing factor to any anti-social behaviour being observed in this location...*

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## 4.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith ...(Cont'd)

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*The Council's position at this time is unchanged, however, the Council's Officers would be very pleased to meet with any traders who wish to engage further in respect of this matter.*

2. Secondly, in relation to the 9 separate bronze thylacine sculptures in the Mall, how can identical sculptures in the Civic Square be mounted on a raised structure/setting, yet seemingly not in the Brisbane St. Mall?

**Response:**

*(Mr Shane Eberhardt - General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)*

*The thylacine sculptures in the Brisbane Street Mall were designed as an interactive feature as a key element of the design for that space as part of the City Heart Project. Although the previously existing thylacine sculptures in Civic Square were retained during the upgrade of that space as part of the City Heart Project, they were never intended to be interactive.*

*Also, in relation to the thylacine sculptures in the Brisbane Street Mall, a safety audit and risk assessment is being undertaken by an external assessor prior the end of 2020. The report generated by this assessment will provide recommendations to reduce the risks associated with the size and placement of the statues. The consideration of the precise risk mitigation measures to be undertaken is to occur in early 2021.*

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## ATTACHMENTS:

1. Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith
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*Attachment 1 - Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith*

Robin Smith  
Coffee Republic  
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LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Launceston City Council  
Town Hall  
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Written Question on Notice - Brisbane St. Mall - Council Annual General Meeting**

Council received a petition signed by 70-80% of the traders in the Brisbane St. Mall requesting council make modifications to the hexagon seating structure which is a driver of so much anti-social behaviour in the area.

While the petition was rejected by council on technical grounds, how can we illustrate to council the problems this structure continues to bring please?

Secondly, in relation to the 9 separate bronze thylacine sculptures in the Mall, how can identical sculptures in the Civic Square be mounted on a raised structure/setting, yet seemingly not in the Brisbane St. Mall?

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Robin Smith

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## 4.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Ian Routley

**FILE NO:** SF6381/SF0098

**AUTHOR:** Paul Gimpl (Chief Financial Officer)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

### QUESTIONS and RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted in writing, on 23 November 2020 by Mr Ian Routley, have been answered by Mr Paul Gimpl (Chief Financial Officer).

#### Questions:

1. Would you please advise income and expenditure for both the Aquatic Centre and York Park/University facilities including the separation of employee costs?

#### Response:

*Please note that the Council does not incur any costs relating to University of Tasmania facilities.*

	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
	<b>Actuals \$</b>	<b>Actuals \$</b>	<b>Actuals \$</b>
<b>Launceston Aquatic Centre</b>			
Fees	(3,121,626)	(4,069,752)	(3,748,556)
Revenue Other	(73,432)	(180,410)	(187,384)
Labour	3,018,043	3,091,191	2,914,529
Material and Services	1,824,361	1,863,539	1,706,013
Asset Disposal Loss	42,762	0	2,528
Remissions and Abatements	10,044	0	0
Depreciation	893,910	869,416	808,046
Competitive Neutrality	92,135	89,887	88,125
Full Cost Attribution	75,991	74,137	72,683
<b>Comprehensive</b>			
<b>(Surplus)/Deficit</b>	<b>2,762,189</b>	<b>1,738,008</b>	<b>1,655,983</b>

#### Notes:

2019/2020 Fee Revenue - COVID reduced revenue due to closure

2019/2020 Other Revenue - COVID reduced revenue due to closure

## 4.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Ian Routley ...(Cont'd)

	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
<b><i>Inveresk Precinct</i></b>	<b>Actuals \$</b>	<b>Actuals \$</b>	<b>Actuals \$</b>
<i>Fees</i>	(1,030,342)	(1,681,710)	(1,810,812)
<i>Revenue Other</i>	(717,593)	(783,584)	(769,731)
<i>Labour</i>	858,351	856,039	914,591
<i>Material and Services</i>	3,014,284	3,518,943	3,521,837
<i>Bad Debts</i>	6,983	6,100	8,508
<i>Asset Disposal Loss</i>	80,860	4,669	413,312
<i>Remissions and Abatements</i>	33,009	0	0
<i>Depreciation</i>	1,340,331	1,024,730	1,085,391
<i>Competitive Neutrality</i>	111,838	109,110	106,971
<i>Full Cost Attribution</i>	(15,250)	(14,877)	(14,587)
<b><i>Comprehensive (Surplus)/Deficit</i></b>	<b>3,682,471</b>	<b>3,039,419</b>	<b>3,455,480</b>

*Notes:*

*2019/2020 Fees Revenue - COVID reduced revenue due to closure/no events*

*2019/2020 Revenue Other - COVID reduced sponsorship and LED advertising signs rental as a result of no events being staged at the venue.*

2. What is the expected dividend for 2020/2021 relating to the Launceston Airport in view of the impact from the COVID-19 virus?

**Response:**

*Expected dividends for 2020/2021 are:*

*Launceston Airport expected dividend: budgeted for \$0*

3. Is Council's Asset Management of our roads expenditure within the long term projection over the past five years or has there been under expenditure?

**Response:**

*Expenditure is in line with the long term projection and the Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan. The Council funded expenditure on roads has averaged \$6.67m per annum over the last five years which is above the Roads to Recovery benchmark minimum spend threshold of \$6.51m per annum. Road grant funding averaged a further \$3.6m per annum over the last five years. The two elements of funding, combined, comes to an average expenditure of \$10.27m per annum on roads over the past five years.*

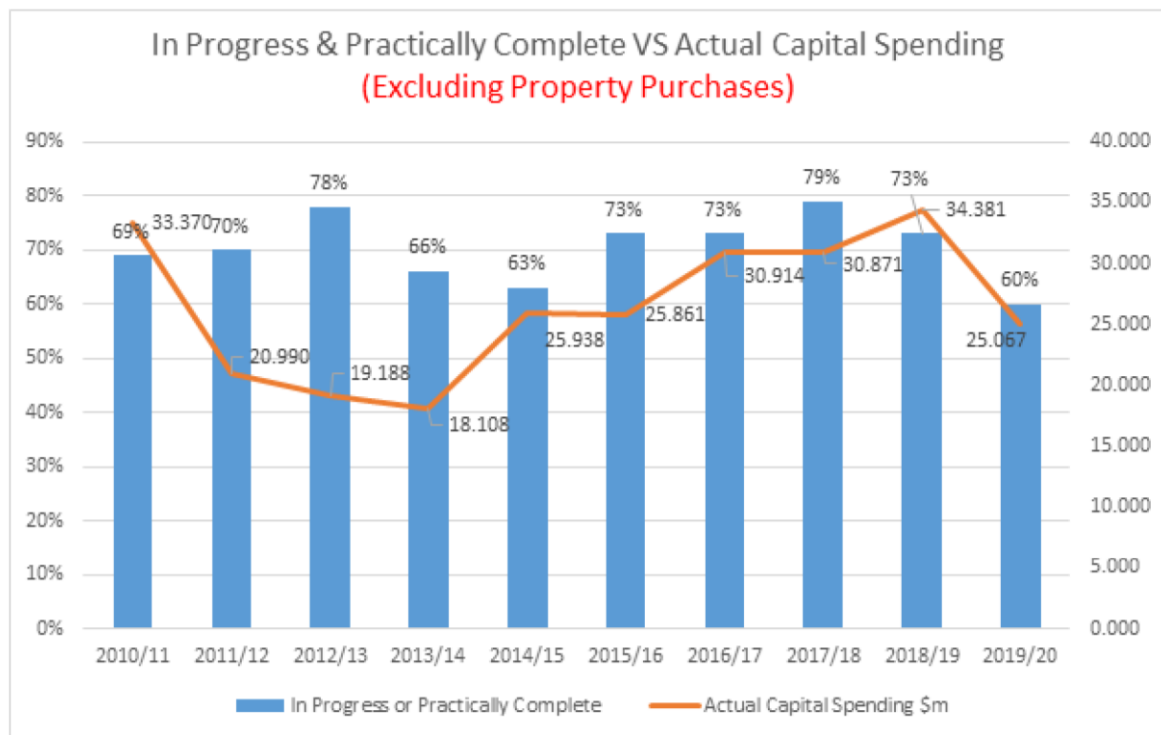
4.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Ian Routley ... (Cont'd)

4. What was the dollar total of over budget estimates for capital projects above \$50,000 - thus Council not being able to carry out other projects that were supposedly funded?

How many projects had overruns of 5% or greater and at what cost?

**Response:**

*To best illustrate the Council's capital projects performance, the following table provides an overview of capital works either completed or in progress, together with the amount of capital spending over the past 10 financial years.*



*In 2019/2020 the Council delivered capital expenditure of \$25m in completing and/or progressing 130 capital projects. This represented 60% of the projects included in the annual program, with a further 13% of projects at the preliminary design stage. Of these projects, all were managed within the Council's approved budget with the exception of the Riverbend Park and the UTAS Stadium re-surfacing development projects. 27% of projects were either not commenced or cancelled due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic impacting the last quarter of the financial year.*

*Accordingly, only 1.5% of capital projects were over budget in 2019/2020.*

## 4.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Ian Routley ...(Cont'd)

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*The two projects which were over budget were the subject of a budget amendment which was approved at the Council Meeting on 9 July 2020, and therefore, did not impact the Council's ability to fund the approved capital works program.*

*The over-spend on the Riverbend Park project was \$1.9m and for the UTAS Stadium re-surfacing project it was \$834,000.*

5. In respect to rates per capita and recognising that the city's population only grew over the past 5 years by about 1,000, does Council compare this figure with other regional comparable cities in Australia?

**Response:**

*The Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) benchmarks rates per capita figures across Tasmanian City Councils. Despite the City of Launceston bearing significantly more regional facility costs than other Tasmanian councils, the City of Launceston compares favourably on this measure.*

*These are the 2018/2019 comparatives shown in the Council's LTFP:*

	<b><u>Rates/Capita</u></b>
	<b><u>2018/2019</u></b>
<b><u>Council</u></b>	<b><u>Actuals</u></b>
City of Launceston	1,007
City of Hobart	1,579
City of Devonport	1,101
City of Burnie	1,177
<u>City of Clarence</u>	<u>882</u>
Average of the above five councils	1,138

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## 4.1.2 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Ian Routley ...(Cont'd)

6. It is noted that the Operating Deficit for the Museum had increased by some 17% excluding collection contributions.

**Response:**

<b>Creative Arts and Culture (Museum)</b>	<b>2019/2020 Actuals \$</b>	<b>2018/2019 Actuals \$</b>	<b>2017/2018 Actuals \$</b>
Fees	(442,777)	(558,255)	(375,917)
Operations Grants	(2,556,684)	(1,478,913)	(1,445,600)
Interest Revenue	(33,348)	(48,781)	(46,286)
Revenue Other	(319,933)	(106,920)	(175,270)
Bequest Revenue	(134,292)	(157,135)	(126,273)
Labour	3,874,391	4,011,881	3,719,182
Material and Services	3,415,117	1,748,711	1,882,005
Asset Disposal Loss	437,789	24,942	29,498
Remissions and Abatements	1,227	0	0
Depreciation	976,840	956,815	732,637
Competitive Neutrality	42,218	41,188	40,380
Full Cost Attribution	323,812	315,915	309,720
<b>Operating Deficit</b>	<b>5,584,361</b>	<b>4,749,448</b>	<b>4,544,076</b>
Capital Grants Revenue	(3,249,105)	(194,000)	(13,846)
<b>Comprehensive (Surplus)/Deficit</b>	<b>2,335,256</b>	<b>4,555,448</b>	<b>4,530,229</b>

**Notes:**

2019/2020 Fee Revenue - COVID-19 reduced revenue due to closure

2019/2020 Operations Grant Revenue - included \$1m relating to the Digital Cultural Experience as part of the Greater Launceston Transformational Project funded by the Commonwealth Government.

2019/2020 Other Revenue - included insurance claim proceeds of \$100,000 and for the first time includes the value of volunteer work of \$91,000 as required by a new accounting standard.

2019/2020 Materials and Services- includes \$1.25m relating to expenses to deliver the Digital Cultural Experience as per the grant deed as well as \$70,000 for expenditure on the Cultural Strategy, the offsetting cost of volunteer work of \$91,000, and legal advice.

2019/2020 Asset Disposal Loss related to display case and circulation pump write offs as well as a reduction in value of a thylacine buggy rug all totalling \$437,789.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Motion - Mr Ian Routley

***Attachment 1 - Annual Report Questions*****Annual Report 2019/20**

To further understand the Annual Report and I do recognise that the Audited Financial Accounts are drawn up in a prescribed format however I pose some interim questions prior to the Annual Meeting as there needs to be further transparency

Would you please advise Income & Expenditure for both the Aquatic Centre and York Park/University facilities including the separation of employee costs?

What is the expected dividend for 2020/21 relating to the Launceston Airport in view of the impact from the Covid-19 virus?

Is Council's Asset Management of our roads expenditure within the long term projection over the past five years or has there been under expenditure?

What was the dollar total of over budget estimates for capital projects above \$50,000 – thus Council not being able to carry out other projects that were supposedly funded?

How many projects had overruns of 5% or greater and at what cost?

In respect to rates per capita and recognising that the city's population only grew over the past 5 years by about 1,000, does Council compare this figure with other regional comparable cities in Australia?

It is noted that the Operating Deficit for the Museum had increased by some 17% excluding collection contributions.

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**4.2 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.)*

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**5 NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

**5.1 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Bicycles and Signage**

**FILE NO:** SF0098

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith, regarding Brisbane Street Mall bicycles and signage.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council declare the Brisbane Street Mall (from St John to Charles Streets) an area that cyclists should dismount (at all times) from their bicycles and install signage displaying the same.

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**REPORT:**

A Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith regarding Brisbane Street Mall bicycles and signage was received at the Council on 25 November 2020.

The request (Attachment 1) asked that:

*That Council declare the Brisbane St. Mall (from St John to Charles Street) an area that cyclist should dismount (at all times) from their bicycles and install signage displaying the same.*

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

*(Mr Shane Eberhardt - General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)*

*Council, at its Meeting held on 10 December 2012, agreed to the existing restriction on cycling in Brisbane Street Mall which currently operates from 9.00am - 5.00pm. This restriction allows for responsible use of the Mall at quieter times when most of the shops are closed. It also provides a useful east/west link through the CBD avoiding the busier traffic routes.*

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**5.1 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Bicycles and Signage ...(Cont'd)**

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**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 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 - Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Bicycles and Signage
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*Attachment 1 - Brisbane Street Mall Bicycles and Signage*

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**Motion - Council Annual General Meeting**

I would like to bring the following motion to the next council AGM please:

'That Council declare the Brisbane St. Mall (from St John to Charles St) an area that cyclist should dismount (at all times) from their bicycles and install signage displaying the same.'

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Robin Smith

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**5.2 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Installation of Road Signage****FILE NO:** SF0098**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith, regarding the installation of road signage.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council installs chevron signs on the roundabout on the corner of Brisbane Street and Elphin Road (south of City Park).

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**REPORT:**

A Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith regarding the installation of road signage was received at the Council on 25 November 2020.

The request (Attachment 1) asked that:

*That Council installs chevron signs on the roundabout on the corner of Brisbane St. and Elphin Road (South of the City Park).*

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

*(Mr Shane Eberhardt - General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)*

*The roundabout at the intersection of Elphin Road, High, Brisbane and Lawrence Streets was introduced in 2007 to manage the complex interaction of traffic at this location. Chevron signs at roundabouts are recommended in the Australian Standard but can be omitted where delineation and lighting adequately highlights the presence of the roundabout and the deviation that is needed to negotiate it. There have been nine crashes at this intersection in the last five years, none of which resulted in injury and given the volume of traffic using the intersection and the complexities of the movements involved, is a good record. Chevron signs could be added at this location, but it appears that they would not add significantly to safety and may even detract from the appearance of the roundabout. An assessment will be made based on these criteria.*

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**5.2 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Installation of Road Signage ...(Cont'd)**

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**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 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 - Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Installation of Road Signage
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***Attachment 1 - Installation of Road Signage***

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Town Hall  
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Motion - Council Annual General Meeting**

I would like to bring the following motion to the 2020 council AGM please:

'That council install chevron signs on the roundabout on the corner of Brisbane St. and Elphin Road (South of the City Park).'

I am confident council would be aware of the evidence of the need for such signage and benefits therein.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Robin Smith

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**5.3 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Public Seating****FILE NO:** SF0098**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith, regarding Brisbane Street Mall public seating.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council substantially modifies the CityHeart built multi-tiered hexagon public seating structure at the West end of the Brisbane St Mall with the aim being to design-out-crime and anti-social behaviour.

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**REPORT:**

A Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith regarding Brisbane Street Mall public seating was received at the Council on 25 November 2020.

The request (Attachment 1) asked that:

*That Council substantially modify the CityHeart built multi-tiered hexagon public seating structure at the West end of the Brisbane St Mall with the aim being to design-out-crime and anti-social behaviour.*

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst - General Manager Community and Place Network)*

*There is no intent to redesign any significant elements of this space in the near future with the next stage of the City Heart Project now being the highest priority. It is noted that there are varying opinions as to whether the provision of seating, staging and other furniture elements are needed or whether they are operating successfully. However, the Brisbane Street Mall redevelopment was completed following extensive consultation regarding the design, including with traders in the Brisbane Street Mall. Although every endeavour was made to address the majority of the desired design and delivery outcomes, it is acknowledged that not everyone shared the same views at the time.*

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**5.3 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Public Seating  
...(Cont'd)**

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**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 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 - Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Public Seating
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*Attachment 1 - Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Brisbane Street Mall Public Seating*

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Motion - Council Annual General Meeting**

I would like to bring the following motion(s) to the next council AGM please:

That Council substantially modify the CityHeart built multi-tiered hexagon public seating structure at the West end of the Brisbane St Mall with the aim being to design-out-crime and anti-social behaviour.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Robin Smith

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**5.4 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - CBD Parking Issues****FILE NO:** SF6381/SF0098**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith, regarding CBD parking issues.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. provides more vehicle loading zones as defined in the Road Rules 2009, available on Sundays in the Launceston CBD.
  2. reviews the demand and opportunities of Sunday and public holiday on-street parking controls in the Launceston CBD.
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**REPORT:**

A Notice of Motion, submitted by Mr Robin Smith regarding CBD parking issues was received at the Council on 25 November 2020.

The request (Attachment 1) listed two questions for consideration:

1. *That Council provides more vehicle loading zones as defined in the Road Rules 2009, available on Sundays in the Launceston CBD.*
2. *That Council reviews the demand and opportunities of Sunday and public holiday on-street parking controls in the Launceston CBD.*

**OFFICER COMMENT:**

*(Mrs Leanne Hurst - General Manager Community and Place Network)*

*Loading zones and on-street parking controls will be considered as part of the Council's parking strategy that will be informed by the currently underway Transport Strategy and the design and implementation of the next stage of the City Heart Project, which will consider traffic flow and streetscape design. Community engagement will be undertaken as part of the delivery of those projects.*

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**5.4 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - CBD Parking Issues ...(Cont'd)**

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**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 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 - Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - CBD Parking Issues
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***Attachment 1 - Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith -CBD Parking Issues***

**From:** Robin Mark Smith  
**Sent:** Wed, 25 Nov 2020 10:35:04 +1100  
**To:** Contact Us  
**Subject:** Motion 2020 CoL AGM - Robin Smith  
**Attachments:** AGM Attachment 001.jpg, AGM Attachment 002.jpg, AGM Attachment 3.jpg

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**Motion - Council Annual General Meeting**

I would like to bring the following motion(s) to the next council AGM please:

2. That: #1, Council provide more 'Vehicle Loading Zones' as defined in the Road Rules 2009, available on Sundays in the Launceston CBD; and #2, Council review the demand and opportunities of Sunday and Public Holiday on-street parking controls in the Launceston CBD.

Please find attached 3 files containing details of previous considerations on relevant issues.

I would be available to speak to the motion at the AGM.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Robin Smith

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6.1.2      **Relevant background information provided by Robin Smith:**

The 2011 AGM contained the following motion:-

*That this Council convert several Controlled Vehicle Loading Zones to 15 minute Zones on Sundays in the CBD.*

*Relevant Background Information – From Mr. Smith*

*There has been an increase in Sunday trade which is complimented by free unlimited On Street Parking and almost no parking controls in other on-street areas. In keeping with the times, there is a growing availability of stock to be delivered on Sunday and other cities in the State now provide Loading Zones for business deliveries.*

*Following a successful motion arising at the 2010 AGM the following motion was carried "That this Council operates several Controlled Vehicle Loading Zones on Sundays in the CBD", however when the item was considered at a general council meeting Monday 31 January 2011 the motion was modified to read as follows: 'Item 5.2.2 - Seek advice from Cityprom and the Chamber of Commerce on the need of Sunday CBD loading zones, their number and location.'*

*Unfortunately neither Cityprom nor the Chamber of Commerce canvassed their respective members before advising council that it was not supported.*

It was recognised by Council that the majority of Council operated onstreet parking is free and unlimited in the CBD and in reality the majority of spaces are taken for the day by shop staff. The new zones have proved popular as they have a higher chance of becoming free for people needing short term parking on the street. The outcome of the motion was that a few loading zones were converted and have proved popular more with shopper as opposed to deliveries as was originally promulgated.

Therefore, it is requested that the trial be continued and expanded.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA      MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2013

opposed to deliveries as was originally promulgated.

The 2012 AGM included the following information in support-

It was recognised by Council that the majority of Council operated onstreet parking is free and unlimited in the CBD and in reality the majority of spaces are taken for the day by shop staff. The new zones have proved popular as they have a higher chance of becoming free for people needing short term parking on the street. The outcome of the motion was that a few loading zones were converted and have proved popular more with shopper as opposed to deliveries as was originally promulgated.

**Officer Comments**

Changes to parking conditions on Sundays in the CBD have occurred as a consequence of motions from the last two Launceston City Council Annual General Meetings. This has included the introduction of short parking/unloading spaces in the Avenue and Charles street. In the last twelve months records show Council has not received any similar requests from other business operators in the CBD. It is recommended if there are any changes proposed to parking conditions in the CBD on Sundays these should be referred to City Prom for response prior to any decision of Council.

**6 ANNUAL REPORTS****6.1 City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the Year Ended 30 June 2020****FILE NO:** SF0098**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Michael Stretton

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To adopt the City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City of Launceston Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 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 2020 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 2020.

No submissions have been received in regard to the City of Launceston's Annual Reports for the year ended 30 June 2020.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL 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 2020  
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**SOCIAL IMPACT:**

Not considered relevant to this report.

**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 - Chief Executive Officer

**7 MEETING CLOSURE**

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