



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL AGENDA

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023
1.00PM**

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

Date: 9 February 2023

Time: 1.00pm

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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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - AGENDA ITEM 8

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If attending the Council Meeting in person, you may ask up to three questions during Public Question Time. If accepted, your questions will be either answered at the Meeting, or Taken on Notice and answered at a later Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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- Each item on the Agenda includes a Recommendation prepared by a Council Officer.
- 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.
- Audio from our Council Meetings is streamed live via YouTube.

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. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

3. 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).

4. 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 25 January 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)

5.1. Council Workshop Report - 25 January and 2 February 2023

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, notes the Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

1. pre-Council Workshop conducted on 25 January 2023:

kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary Briefing - Workshop 2 of 3

Councillors were provided with information on matters related to the management of the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary.

2. notes attendance at the pre-Council Workshop conducted on 25 January 2023:

In Attendance: Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Deputy Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Dr G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahan, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton.

3. Workshop conducted on 2 February 2023:

Albert Hall Update

Councillors were provided with an update on the Albert Hall Project to date.

Councillor Professional Development - Councillor Notice of Motions, Questions With and Without Notice and Planning Authority

Councillors were provided with a presentation on the use of Notices of Motion and Questions With and Without Notice as ways to bring matters formally to the attention of Council as well as the performance of the Planning Authority role.

River Health Action Plan

Councillors were provided with a summary of the construction impacts of the combined drainage systems and some decision points associated with the River Health Action Plan.

Development Application Site Visit Discussion

Councillors discussed the Development Application Site Visit trial to date.

TasWater Update

Councillors were introduced to the TasWater Chief Executive Officer and received an update regarding relevant issues and developments.

Heritage List Review

Councillors received a presentation on the Heritage List Review process and discussed the upcoming requirements.

Local Government Review

Councillors received a presentation and discussed their views on the Local Government Review Stage 2 Options Paper.

Workplace Health and Safety Review - Elected Members

Councillors received a presentation and discussed their views on the Work Health and Safety Review - Elected Members.

Budget 2023/2024

Councillors received a briefing on preparation of the City of Launceston 2023/2024 budget.

4. notes attendance at the Workshop conducted on 25 January 2023:

In Attendance: Mayor Councillor D C Gibson, Deputy Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Dr G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton.

Apologies: Councillor L M McMahan

REPORT:

Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* says that the Agenda of an Ordinary Council Meeting is to include the date and purpose of any Council Workshops held since the last Meeting.

Attendance is recorded for noting and reporting in the Council's Annual Report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND 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.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

6. COUNCILLORS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS

No Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications have been identified as part of this Agenda.

7. 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 Agenda Items; that opportunity exists when that Agenda Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Councillors).

7.1. Community Report - Hayden Fox (Project Coordinator) - Healthy Tasmania Pty Ltd

Hayden will provide the Council with a summary of the *Active Launceston* community program along with local stories of interest.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31

8.1. Public Questions on Notice

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

8.1.1. Public Questions on Notice - Ray Norman - Constraints Upon Constituents - 30 January 2023

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Michael Stretton

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted in writing to the Council on 30 January 2023 by Ray Norman, have been answered by Duncan Campbell (Acting Manager Governance).

Questions:

I now ask if Council will now, and with urgency:

1. Put in place the necessary regulations and protocols that will enable Council, Councillors, and management to do in open council what they are collectively inclined to do, and apparently have already done in camera and closed council; and
2. In doing so, impose financial consequences upon constituents who persist in attempting to communicate inappropriately with Council or Council officers on any matter; and
3. Any financial imposition upon a sanctioned constituent being \$1,000 plus and determined at arms-length by a Magistrate; ...

Response:

With the exception of the Council's Customer Service Charter, the management of customer interactions is generally an operational matter, not a strategic matter for a Council decision.

The Council has established protocols with which to manage requests and enquiries made by members of the public. Those protocols accord with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas). The City of Launceston's Customer Service Charter and Unreasonable Customer and Complainant Conduct Policy include further information. Both of these documents are available on the City of Launceston's website.

The intent in applying these documents is to ensure that the resources and assets of the City of Launceston are appropriately managed. There is no intent to impose financial consequences on a constituent in the administration or exercise of these documents.

8.2. Public Questions Without Notice

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

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

9.1. Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Wednesday 25 January 2023

- Conducted City of Launceston Community Recognition Awards

Thursday 26 January 2023

- Conducted two Citizenship Ceremonies at the Tramsheds Function Centre

Saturday 28 January 2023

- Attended the 2023 Lunar New Year Celebration at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery

Wednesday 1 February 2023

- Participated in Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation Ltd Meeting

Thursday 2 February 2023

- Officiated at the Festivale Cocktail Party in City Park

Friday 3 February 2023

- Attended the Rainbow Healing Party at Sawtooth Gallery
- Attended the Launceston Greyhound Cup (represented by Councillor Dr George Razay)

Saturday 4 February 2023

- Acted as a judge and attended Festivale

Wednesday 8 February 2023

- Attended the Museum Governance Advisory Board Meeting
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10. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

10.1. Councillors' 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 Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be provided in writing).

10.1.1. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor T G Walker - Code of Conduct Special Committees and Building Better Regions Fund Grant - 25 January 2023

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Anthea Rooney (Council and Committees Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Michael Stretton

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, asked at the Council Meeting on 25 January 2023 by Councillor T G Walker, have been answered by Michael Stretton (Chief Executive Officer).

Questions:

1. If members of Special Committees (for example, a Community Representative or a Councillor) do not attend a certain number of Meetings, is that covered under the Code of Conduct for Special Committees and is there a way of addressing this?

Response:

The Codes of Conduct for Councillors and Members of Special Committees do not specify how non-attendance at Committee Meetings should be managed. This information is better placed in the Terms of Reference for each Committee where it can be noted under the Terms of Appointment. Currently, very few of the City of Launceston's Committee Terms of Reference note the number of meetings that can be missed by Committee members.

The Terms of Reference for each of the City of Launceston's Special Committees are being reviewed following the recent election. As part of this review, consideration can be given to non-attendance of members and can be included under the Terms of Appointment prior to presentation to Council for adoption.

2. Now that a final decision has been made by the Federal Government to cancel the Building Better Regions Fund grant, will the details of the Deed of Agreement with the proponent be made public?

Response:

Yes, it is intended that the details of the Building Better Regions Fund Grant will be publicly released as soon as reasonably possible.

10.2. Councillors' 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).

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

(This item provides an opportunity for Councillors 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).

12. COMMUNITY AND PLACE NETWORK

12.1. Appointment of Cultural Advisory Committee Members

FILE NO: SF7357

AUTHOR: Mengda Liu (Cultural Development Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Dan Ryan (Community and Place Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To appoint community representatives to the Cultural Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses Dr Abbey MacDonald and Amanda Shepherd as new appointments as community representative members of the Cultural Advisory Committee.

REPORT:

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse the appointments of community representatives to the Cultural Advisory Committee (the Committee).

On 26 November 2020, Council unanimously endorsed the adoption of the *City of Launceston's Cultural Strategy 2020 - 2030* (the Strategy). The Strategy indicates an intention to establish a Cultural Advisory Committee.

On 20 May 2021, Council unanimously endorsed the adoption of the Terms of Reference - Cultural Advisory Committee. The primary purpose of the Committee is to work in collaboration with the Council to provide Councillors and employees with strategic advice and feedback on cultural development within Launceston, as well as advice on the implementation of the Cultural Strategy. The Committee also assists in promoting awareness and understanding of arts and culture in the municipality.

The Committee membership includes two City of Launceston Councillors and up to eight skills-based members. Skills-based members are appointed by the City of Launceston with the initial term being up to two years. Skills-based representatives may re-apply and be considered for further terms.

Nominations for two vacant skills-based memberships were sought from community members through a publicly advertised expression of interest (EOI) process. Notices seeking EOI submissions were advertised in *The Examiner* on Wednesday, 21 December 2022, with written submissions closing on Wednesday, 18 January 2023. Seven EOIs were received which were considered by an Assessment Panel consisting of Dan Ryan (General Manager Community and Place Network), Michelle Ogulin (Acting Manager Liveable Communities), Shane Fitzgerald (General Manager Creative Arts and Cultural Services Network) and Marcus Grantham (Acting Team Leader Place Making).

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 1: We connect with our community and our region through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

10-Year Goal: To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Focus Areas:

3. To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities.

Strategic Priority 4: We value our City's unique identity by celebrating our special heritage and culture and building on our competitive advantages to be a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

10-Year Goal: To sustain and promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, learn and play.

Focus Areas:

1. To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

13. INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSETS NETWORK

13.1. Proposed Street Name - Saxum Road, Swan Bay

FILE NO: DA0723/2018/SF0621

AUTHOR: Jaclyn Galea (Infrastructure Development Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Shane Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider approval for a new street name Saxum Road for a new residential street resulting from a subdivision located at 170-1194 Windermere Road, Swan Bay (Dilston).

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982
Survey Co-ordination Act 1944

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of section 54 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* and section 20E of the *Survey Co-ordination Act 1944*, approves the name Saxum Road, Swan Bay which is located off Visum Chase, Swan Bay:



REPORT:

The proposed street name, Saxum Road, Swan Bay was chosen by the developer.

The justification provided for the proposed name is that Saxum is Latin for rock. The geography of the area is Jurassic Dolerite which becomes more dominant towards the ridgeline located on the site. Using a Latin name follows on from the developer's story when naming neighboring street, Solis which is Spanish for sun and Visum which is Latin for view.

There are no instances of the name Saxum being used in Tasmania for any streets or roads recorded in the State wide database administered by the State Government.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 7: We are a City planning for our future by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure is coordinated, progressive and sustainable.

10-Year Goal: To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

Focus Areas:

3. To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

13.2. Proposed New Street Name - Leena Rise, Dilston

FILE NO: SF0621

AUTHOR: Jaclyn Galea (Infrastructure Development Officer)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Shane Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider approval for a new street name Leena Rise, Dilston for a previously un-named residential street resulting from a subdivision located off Los Angeles Road, Dilston 28 years ago.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

Survey Co-ordination Act 1944

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of section 54 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* and section 20E of the *Survey Co-ordination Act 1944*, approves the name Leena Rise, Dilston for a small road stub located off Sherborne Drive, Dilston:



REPORT:

The justification provided for the proposed name is that at the turn of the last century, the settlement of Los Angelos was established on the fertile plains of the Tamar River by Anglo-Indian migrants who travelled to Tasmania seeking a better life. These migrants did find good fortune with Los Angelos being one of three main producers of apples in northern Tasmania.

The name Leena was chosen to pay tribute to the forgotten village of Los Angelos and its inhabitants. Leena is one of the many names of the Indian/Hindu Goddess Lakshmi, the goddess of fortune, good luck, riches and splendor.

There are no instances of the name Leena being used in Tasmania for any streets or roads recorded in the State-wide database administered by the State Government.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 7: We are a City planning for our future by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure is coordinated, progressive and sustainable.

10-Year Goal: To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

Focus Areas:

3. To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

13.3. Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report - October to December 2022

FILE NO: SF4493

AUTHOR: Debbie Pickett (Personal Assistant - Infrastructure and Assets)

GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Shane Eberhardt (Infrastructure and Assets Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report - October to December 2022.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, in accordance with Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020*, receives the Launceston Flood Authority Quarterly Report, October to December 2022 (ECM Document Set ID 5608669).

REPORT:

In accordance with the Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020*, the Authority must submit a quarterly report to the Council for the periods ending March, June, September and December.

The report for the period ending 31 December 2022 provides an overview of the Launceston Flood Authority's operational activities, financial position and key priorities for the next quarter (Attachment 1).

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND 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.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
3. To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Launceston Flood Authority - October to December 2022 Quarterly Report
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Quarterly Report - October to December 2022

In accordance with the Rule 26 of the *Launceston Flood Authority Rules, April 2020* the Authority must submit a quarterly report to Council for the periods ending March, June, September and December. This report is for the period ending December 2022.

Key priorities for the coming quarter

- Project Design and construction planning for the FY22/23 Capital Program
- Renewal and optimisation of the vegetation management contract
- Work with the SES to complete and adopt the Launceston Flood Evacuation Plan
- Finalisation of the Levee Protected Areas Specific Area Plan
- Implement learnings from the October 2022 flood event.

Operational and Compliance Activities

- Significant flooding occurred during October 2022 with major flooding observed in the North Esk and moderate flooding in the lower South Esk. The flood protection system was activated, including the majority of floodgates and penstocks, as well as the high volume pumps. Council staff worked 24 hours for several days to ensure that the City was prepared and protected from the flooding. There were no major issues with the flood protection system. Minor improvements were noted and are currently being implemented.
- All required monitoring, inspection and testing regimes progressed as planned.
- Invermay Levee Reinstatement - Consultants selected for the reinstatement design and technical design review. Availability of contractors to be determined for 2023 construction.
- Railway Floodgate Upgrades (East Launceston Levee) - Concrete components currently being manufactured with expected completion in early 2023. Collaboration with TasRail is continuing to ensure both gates and slab tracks can be installed efficiently; minimising risk of flooding while under construction.
- Mowbray Levee MP1 - Consultant and contractor advice sought for the renewal of MP1 and the squashed stormwater main. A void created by the damaged main has created a 'sinkhole' on the levee crest on the dry side of the penstock. The works to complete the penstock renewal and the renewal of the stormwater main scheduled for early 2023.

Financial Position as at 31 December 2022

- Grant income is \$22,000 better than budget.
- Labour is \$13,000 better than budget mainly from labour allocated to projects.
- Materials and services expenditure is \$51,000 better than budget.
- Overall, there is a favourable variance of \$86,000 for the six months to 31 December 2022.
- During the remainder of the financial year it's expected that levee management projects will remain on or below budget, whereas, sediment management is estimated to be in the order of \$250,000 underspent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Preece", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Greg Preece, Chair
Launceston Flood Authority

14. ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK

**14.1. Deed of Declaration - Building Protrusions From 73-75 St John Street,
Launceston Over Criterion Place, Launceston**

FILE NO: SF1664

AUTHOR: Robert Bujnowski (Properties and Legal Officer)

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: Nathan Williams (Organisational Services Network)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider declaring, by deed pursuant to Section 75CA of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884* (Tas), that those parts of the building located at 73-75 St John Street, Launceston which extend above the local highway known as Criterion Place, Launceston may remain so long as the building remains.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884 (Tas)
Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. decides, pursuant to Section 75CA of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884* (Tas), that those parts of the building located at 73-75 St John Street, Launceston (the building) which extend over the title boundary of an adjacent local highway known as Criterion Place, Launceston (the protrusions) may remain so long as the building remains.
 2. requests the Chief Executive Officer to do all things and exercise all functions and/or powers necessary to execute a deed declaring that the protrusions may remain so long as the building remains.
 3. makes Recommendations 1. and 2. conditional upon the owner of 73-75 St John Street, Launceston paying any costs associated with the registration of such a deed in the Registry of Deeds or the office of the Recorder of Titles.
 4. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by the Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).
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REPORT:

Introduction

The owner of 73-75 St John Street, Launceston (the Applicant) has identified that parts of the building located at 73-75 St John Street, Launceston extend over the title boundary and hang over the adjacent local highway known as Criterion Place, Launceston (the Highway).

The protrusions exist at least 2.4m above the highway's surface and extend over Criterion Place, Launceston by 16cm. To the applicant's knowledge, the protrusions have been in place since the building's existence which is over 50 years ago.

The Applicant has approached the Council seeking permission for the protrusions to remain above the highway so long as the building remains.

The applicant requires formal permission from the Council acting as the relevant highway authority so that the applicant may finalise the registration of strata plans relating to the building.

Background

In 2020, the applicant obtained the necessary permits pursuant to DA0703/2020 to build 11 apartments and construct alterations and additions to the building. A recent photograph of the building's frontage onto St John Street, Launceston is shown below which shows the newly constructed apartments located at the top of the building.



Figure 1. Photograph of 73-75 St John Street, Launceston frontage

Protrusions

Historical photographs showing the protrusions from the rear of the building above Criterion Place, Launceston are shown below in Figures 2 and 3:



Figure 2. Historical photograph (indicating the protrusions in red)



Figure 3. Historical photograph with close-up view

A recent photograph of the rear of the building showing the protrusions as well as the newly constructed apartments is shown below in Figure 4:



Figure 4. Recent photograph of rear of building (from Criterion Place)

Survey Plan

A survey plan from registered surveyors Woolcott Surveys shows a plan of the protrusions below in Figure 5:

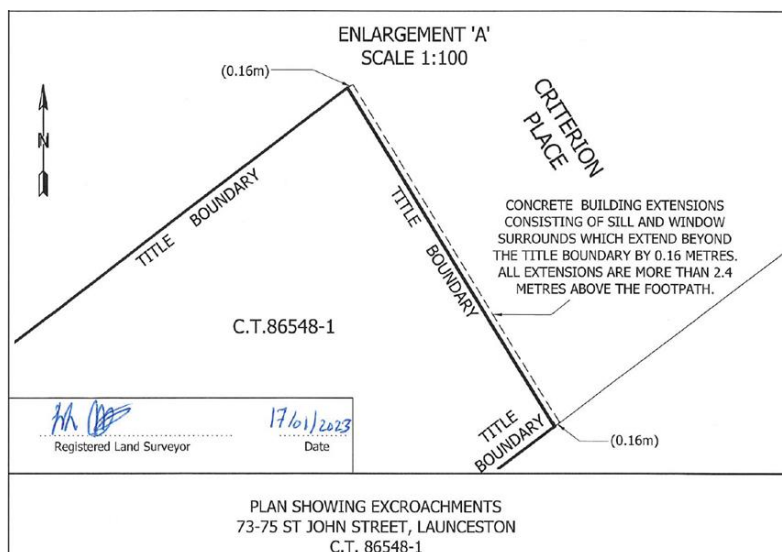


Figure 5. Survey Plan

Applicable Legislation

The legislation that enables the Council to make such a declaration is discussed below:

1. *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884*

Section 75CA of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884* enables the Council to declare by deed that the protrusions may remain above a highway. A copy of the relevant section is pasted below:

*CONVEYANCING AND LAW OF PROPERTY ACT 1884 - SECTION 75CA
Irregular boundary with highway*

- (1) Where a building is built on land a boundary of which is a boundary of an adjoining highway and the building extends –
 - (a) under that highway without causing any nuisance thereto; or*
 - (b) over –
 - (i) a footpath of that highway and at least 2·4 metres above it; or*
 - (ii) the carriage-way of that highway and at least 4·25 metres above it - the authority having the care and management of that highway may declare by deed that the extensions or any of them (in all cases specifying them) may remain so long as the building remains.***
- (2) On the registration of such a deed in the Registry of Deeds or the office of the Recorder of Titles, in whichever the title to the land is registered, the extensions therein specified shall be deemed to have been granted by whoever was capable of granting them to the owner of the land in fee simple so long as the building remains.*
- (3) This section applies similarly to land subject on the relevant boundary to part of the highway, in respect of extensions beyond that boundary.*

The protrusions are at least 2.4m above the surface of Criterion Place, Launceston. Therefore, it is open to Council, to declare by deed, that the protrusions may remain pursuant to section 75CA (1)(b)(i) of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884*.

2. *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*

The Council does not own the underlying title to Criterion Place, Launceston. The ownership of that road lot is a general law remnant which is still in the name of the original grantee from 1850s. Despite the ownership of the underlying title, Criterion Place, Launceston vests in the Council by virtue of section 21 (3) of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* which says that the local highways in a municipality that are maintainable by the Council vest in the Council.

Criterion Place, Launceston is listed on the Council's Section 208 *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* map as a local highway maintainable by the Council, an extract of which is shown in Figure 6 below:



Figure 6. Extract from Council's Section 208 Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) map

Therefore, the Council has the necessary authority for the purposes of declaring such a deed in relation to Criterion Place, Launceston.

Deed

The proposed Deed would include a copy of the survey plan shown in Figure 5 above and would also include wording to the effect of the following:

The extensions:

- (i) are sill and window surrounds that extend beyond the title boundary by 0.16m as shown on the enclosed plan herein; and*
- (ii) are more than 2.40m above the footpath.*

The extensions over the highway may remain so long as the building remains.

Conclusion

The granting of permission for the protrusions to remain as proposed in this report will not impact any users of Criterion Place, Launceston and would not unreasonably impact any future re-development of the local highway should the Council determine to do so.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council agrees to the request and declare that the protrusions may remain pursuant to section 75CA of the *Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884*, with all costs, including those costs associated with the deed's registration, to be borne by the applicant.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 2: We facilitate prosperity by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

10-Year Goal: To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

Focus Areas:

3. To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.

Strategic Priority 7: We are a City planning for our future by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure is coordinated, progressive and sustainable.

10-Year Goal: To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

Focus Areas:

2. To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Author and General Manager have no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

15.1. Submission - Local Government Election Feedback

FILE NO: SF7456

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVAL: Michael Stretton

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the content of City of Launceston's submission providing feedback on the 2022 Local Government elections.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the following as the City of Launceston's submission providing feedback in respect of the 2022 Local Government elections.

What do you think worked well with the recent local government elections?

- From the City of Launceston's perspective the administration of the General Manager's roll worked really well and the expectations and timeframes around the closing of the roll were well communicated by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission (TEC).
- Advertising and communications around the election were successful.
- The TEC website seemed to work well, however, the process was simply too slow (*refer next answer*).
- The level of engagement from the voting public was good.
- The service level provided by the City of Launceston to support the TEC was exceptional, however, the Council's role was far more significant than it needed to be.
- The role that the media played in assisting with encouraging voter participation worked well.
- The two education campaigns by Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) worked well, encouraging participation as a candidate (seat at the table) and as a community member.

Based on your experiences, what could be improved in future local government elections?

- More needs to be done to boost the standing of candidates in the community as there is still very limited recognition of the role of Local Government and that of the candidates. Voters simply do not know who the candidates are and therefore, the name recognition of the higher profile candidates presents an unfair advantage, exacerbated by the compulsory voting with potentially more people voting solely on name recognition.

- The result of the election takes too long to achieve.
- The postal voting process presented significant resourcing challenges for the City of Launceston particularly towards the latter days of the polling period. For instance, the City of Launceston committed a number of employees to administering what was effectively a polling booth, with lines of people stretching out the door for much of the last couple of days in particular.
- The postal system needs review. Local Government elections should be a mix of *on the day* and postal voting as per State Government elections.
- The role that the Council plays in supporting the TEC needs addressing. Far too many people were reliant on visiting to Town Hall without adequate support from TEC. The Council is essentially paying for the TEC to administer an election, however, for the most part the Council was administering it.
- The need for better pre-thought around *Absent Voters* - no one knew what to do for those who were overseas or interstate and many reports were received that no one ever returned contact when voters tried to contact TEC.
- Better support needs to be provided for those with barriers or disabilities.
- There needs to be an enhanced system for nominations as an elected member. It is suggested to remove the two-steps and without a photograph or biography - your nomination is not accepted.
- Link the need for pre-nomination course or training to the nomination platform - ie. a nomination is not proceeded without having done the first two courses.
- Education about the role of Councillor - linked with the courses that need to be completed before the application is accepted.
- There is a need for a Working With Vulnerable People card clearance before a nomination is accepted.
- The two criteria for not being able to stand are self-regulated - under Mental Health Order or bankrupt. They either need to be cross-referenced and checked or not included.
- More education around compulsory voting needs to be provided to the community.
- Enhancement of needing to vote for Mayor, Deputy and as a Councillor, too.
- It would seem more logical that voters be asked to vote at least to the number of candidates required for each individual council - not for five when 12 are required.
- Overhaul of TEC's communication to their website and App (not active for over two years) during the count and more regular updates to the public.
- The offer of having a *helper* to assist those who need a hand, should perhaps be more widely advertised ahead so many can take advantage.
- The volume of voters that attended Town Hall, especially in the last week before polling closed, impacted the City of Launceston's regular stream of customers wishing to visit the Council's building at the Customer Service Counter - based on the unhappy feedback provided by some members of the public coming into pay for things such as parking fines, rates dog registrations and general enquiries.
- Additional clear, concise signage from the Electoral Commission would have been a bonus for directing the public to the correct counter and or the purpose of crowd/queue.

- Onsite staffing assistance from the TEC in the final days of polling to assist with voter questions and issues which delayed the Council's officers in assisting people requiring supplementary ballot papers, eg:
 - *I am enrolled in another municipality but TEC advised me to go to my nearest Council office; and*
 - *I don't know where I am enrolled but it is compulsory to vote and I don't want to get a fine.*
- More advertising about compulsory voting before the ballot packs were sent out - based on the feedback provided to Council's staff there was a lot of confusion, particularly with elderly, about the envelope with the caricature on it - many thought it was junk mail and discarded it.
- More advertising reminding people to update their electoral details in the months leading up to an election.
- Need to consider attendance or at seniors' facilities (eg. nursing homes, retirement villages) as the elderly seemed to need more assistance regarding the process of voting.

What method would you prefer to see used for voting in future local government elections - postal vote, ballot box, or ability to do either? Why?

- Local Government elections should be a mix of *on the day* and postal as per State Government elections.
- Postal voting offered as a supporting function for people unable to physically attend to vote, eg. voters travelling interstate/overseas, the elderly, etc.

Is there anything else you would like to say about the recent local government elections?

- By restricting candidates to nominate for either the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, any unsuccessful Mayoral candidate is excluded from consideration as Deputy Mayor and it is quite possible that the next best candidate is that person (or one of if more than one).
- Maximum tenure of two terms for Mayor - if a Mayor knows they only have two terms there is a better chance of developing a succession plan - this rarely happens in the current scenario, where the incumbent often does not make up their mind to stand for re-election until close to the end of the current term of Council.
- More user friendly signage and directions on how to vote - onsite and included in the ballot packs. A large percentage of calls to our Customer Service Centre were general enquiries from people living interstate that did not understand the process with having a property in Tasmania.

REPORT:

The Tasmanian Government introduced compulsory voting at Local Government elections in 2022 to increase voter participation and strengthen connections between communities and their local Councils. They are now seeking feedback on the elections and have sought feedback from Councils, elected members and the Council's officers (Attachment 1).

Submissions to the Department of Premier and Cabinet were due by 30 January 2023. The City of Launceston was granted an extension until 13 February 2023 to allow the Council's collated feedback to be considered and approved at a Council Meeting prior to its submission.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND 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.

10-Year Goal: To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Areas:

2. To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.
4. To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Chief Executive Officer has no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minister for Local Government request for feedback - Local Government Elections [15.1.1 - 2 pages]

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Minister for Hospitality and Events
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Sport and Recreation
Leader of the House**



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Dear Mr Stretton

As you are aware, earlier in 2022 the Tasmanian Government introduced compulsory voting at local government elections for the very first time with the passage of the *Local Government Amendment (Elections) Act 2022*.

A key objective of this important reform was to increase voter participation and strengthen connections between communities and their local council.

I was pleased to note that the recent local government elections saw a statewide turnout of 84.79%. These results represent an impressive increase in voter participation, demonstrating Tasmania's democratic processes are alive and well.

We now have a unique opportunity to look for ways to improve election processes going forward.

As Minister for Local Government, I know that the recent elections highlighted some issues that require addressing in order to improve election processes, for example ensuring appropriate support for absentee voting and those voters who require assistance to cast a secret ballot. Views have also been expressed regarding the choice between a postal ballot approach versus the establishment of a single polling day.

The Office of Local Government has established an online feedback platform on its public website to enable community members, sectoral and interested stakeholders to provide feedback on their perspectives and experiences from the elections process. This feedback opportunity is available by visiting <https://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/lg-elections> and will be available until the end of January.

I invite your council to provide direct feedback on the recent elections. In addition to any other observations you may have, I acknowledge that this year saw a large proportion of councils voluntarily adopting a caretaker policy and I am keen to hear about your experiences with implementing that policy.

The purpose of the consultation is not to revisit whether compulsory voting should be used for council elections – the importance of that change was acknowledged and unanimously supported by members in both Houses, and its success demonstrated by the impressively high rate of voter turnout at these elections. It is to understand how these sorts of changes have impacted on councils and the community, and how issues can be appropriately addressed in future.

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The feedback will be important for considering any short-term changes that need to be made to the management elections in Local Government. The information we gather from this process will also pave the way for a more formal review of the legislative framework for local government elections, which I'm pleased to confirm we will commence in 2023.

In addition to the feedback process being undertaken by the Office of Local Government, the independent Tasmanian Electoral Commission is also expected to deliver a report on the local government elections in 2023. The commentary and information gathered through the Office of Local Government feedback process may also assist in informing its review where appropriate.

If your council makes a submission, you are encouraged to send correspondence by email to: localgovernment@dpac.tas.gov.au by 30 January 2023.

If you have queries or wish to discuss this issue further, please contact the Office of Local Government, at localgovernment@dpac.tas.gov.au or on (03) 6232 7022.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Street', written in a cursive style.

Nic Street MP
Minister for Local Government

15.2. Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Quarterly Report - October to December 2022

FILE NO: SF2367/SF3532

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVAL: Michael Stretton

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation quarterly report from October to December 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation quarterly report from October to December 2022.

REPORT:

The Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) was formed officially in February 2017 and is funded by seven of the eight Northern Councils including the City of Launceston, Northern Midlands, Meander Valley, Flinders, Break O'Day, George Town and West Tamar Councils. NTDC's primary functions are to:

- (a) provide pro-active, engaged and strategic regional economic leadership;
- (b) consolidate an agreed vision for the development, sustainability and prosperity of the geographic region that the Company's Members encompass;
- (c) implement a strategic economic action plan based on the Northern Regional Futures Plan framework or similar; and
- (d) to provide effective representation and advocacy to State and Federal Government and other stakeholders.

Members have identified the following purposes for NTDC into the future:

- Internally:
 - be financially sustainable
 - NTDC seen to be delivering value, recognised by the members
- Externally:
 - Northern Tasmania is the place where people, idea, business and industry thrive.

Consistent with its member reporting requirements, a report has been received for quarter two, October to December 2022 to be tabled for discussion and noting by the Council.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2014 - 2024

Strategic Priority 2: We facilitate prosperity by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

10-Year Goal: To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

Focus Areas:

1. To actively market the City and region and pursue investment.
3. To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.
5. To understand and support the establishment and growth of new and creative industries and businesses in Launceston.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Chief Executive Officer has no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. NTDC Quarterly Report - October to December 2022 [**15.2.1** - 12 pages]

Northern Tasmania Development Corporation LTD

Quarterly Report

QUARTER TWO | OCT - DEC 2022





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

NTDC acknowledges the palawa community of Northern lutriwita/Tasmania, the custodians of our country. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

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Spring on the Deloraine River Bank, Meander Valley Council
kooparoono niara/Great Western Tiers

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FINDING TRUE NORTH

Navigating a sustainable future in Northern Tasmania

OUR VISION

Northern Tasmania is where people, ideas, business and industry thrive

OUR PURPOSE

We grow Northern Tasmania by:

- Working together to implement REDS
- Championing regional leadership and local governance
- Leading regional collaboration
- Achieving regional outcomes and strategies
- Understanding that our community benefits from sustainable economic development

OUR VALUES



Collaborative



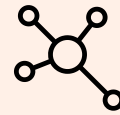
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**Connected to
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OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

Economic Development

Guide regional economic development in Northern Tasmania by implementing and actioning REDS.

Regional Collaboration

Work together to agree on and achieve regional outcomes and advance regional priorities, strategies and policies.

Organisational Strength

Develop a robust organisation that achieves a sustainable financial position, values and develops our team, and creates value for members, industry and community.

METRICS TBC



Introduction

Welcome to our new look Quarterly Report and welcome to our Member Councillors elected during this quarter.

We aim to act on Members' feedback and provide more communication on the work planned, what has been delivered, any challenges and opportunities that occur along the way, and how we are using our resources to help Northern Tasmania thrive. In presenting clear and engaging reports, we are also true to our values: collaborative, clear, creative, curious and connected to Country.

Although our Strategic Plan is still to be finalised with the proposed Committee of Members' Representatives, since the strategy workshop in July 2022, NTDC has used the revised draft to guide our work. Therefore, we have included it in this report.

Quarter Two saw a large amount of internal work for NTDC, focusing on:

- Governance,
- Recruitment and HR, and
- The systems and reporting we need to build organisational strength.

This work will set our organisation up for the first half of 2023 as we:

- Adopt a new constitution,
- Renew our membership agreements, and
- Continue to advocate for strategic projects and policies that benefit Northern Tasmanians.

During this time, we have continued to deliver regional projects. We will finalise these in the second half of the financial year while using our increased resourcing to renew our focus on implementing the Regional Economic Development Strategy.

As we commence another busy year in 2023, we must remind ourselves of our vision for the region: to make Northern Tasmania where people, ideas, businesses and industries thrive.

Excitingly, we already see tangible outcomes from regional collaboration in Northern Tasmania. For example, the October census release shows that we met two of the ten-year targets for NTDC in 2016.



Dr Allison Anderson
Chair



Karina Dambergs
CEO



Northern Tasmania Benefiting from Regional Approach



NTDC ACHIEVES TWO OF THREE OF OUR KEY TARGETS

Two of the three economic growth targets the Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation set have been met just halfway into the 10-year plan.

The census data released in October 2022 confirmed that the region had already surpassed the target set in 2016 to create **8,000** jobs and increase average weekly wages by more than **\$100** a week by 2026.

This is excellent news and strongly reinforces the benefits of collaboration between the member municipalities to improve prosperity in Northern Tasmania.

In 2023, a key focus for NTDC is to lift exports from the region and encourage the use of local products (instead of imports) to help achieve the regional growth target.

Read more at: <https://bit.ly/ntdctargets2022>



Annual Workplan Update

	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	REGIONAL COLLABORATION	ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTH
Tasks Completed OCT - DEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch GLP Community Survey Basslink Regulatory Review Media release on Project Marinus announcement id Informed Decisions workshops Tracking and media release on NTDC's Key Targets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Future of Local Government Review Meeting with Senator Polley Attended LGAT Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise Audit & Financials Hold AGM Letter of Expectations Constitutional review Draft Membership Agreement Board Recruitment Appoint Regional Economic Development Manager Appoint Admin & Comms Officer 2023 Board Calendar 2023 Business Calendar Workplan for Policy Updates
Tasks Planned JAN - MAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REDS Implementation Review Population Program Circular Economy Mapping Complete GLP Community Survey Economic development online training workshop Follow up on Regional Planning coordinator recruitment Updated timelines for projects (see Project Updates) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Collaboration Forum Advocacy with Tasmanian and Federal Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold SGM Establish Quarterly Reporting Draft Budget Draft Annual Plan Present to all Members Launch new website Implement CRM Review and upgrade cybersecurity measures Board Strategic Planning Workshop Appoint new Board Director Policy Updates
Tasks Missed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Planning Coordinator Recruitment 		

Notes

NTDC is committed to providing succinct and transparent updates on the work we plan to do and what has been delivered. A three-year strategic plan, annual work plan and proposed budget will be presented to members for comment by 31 March.

Through this work, in July 2023, we will update our quarterly reports to reflect the work, milestones, and targets agreed to through these documents. Until this point, NTDC will discuss the quarterly work plan with members and provide updates through the Quarterly Reports, the GMs Meetings, and other channels as appropriate.

For feedback on this planning and reporting, please get in touch with CEO Karina Dambergs at karina@ntdc.org.au or 0417660452.



Project Updates

NTDCs current project work includes:

- REDS Implementation
- Regional Priority Projects (RPP)
- Residential Demand and Supply Study (RDSS)
- Sports Facility Plan
- Greater Launceston Plan Review

From October to December 2022, much of the project work was delayed due to the Local Government Elections.

REDS Implementation

In November, NTDC welcomed Craig Perkins to the team in the newly created Regional Economic Development Manager role. Craig's extensive regional development experience and networks have enabled NTDC to renew the focus on implementing and actioning REDS. In Quarter Three, NTDC will meet with key stakeholders, including members and hold another Regional Collaboration Forum to progress this work.

Regional Priority Projects

This work is on budget and on time (2020 - 2026) timeline.

In Quarter Three, NTDC will review and update this work as part of the Regional Collaboration Forum.

Residential Demand and Supply Study

The project is on budget but at risk of pushing into a new financial year. To address this risk, a new timeline has been developed to split the project into three clear milestones: Demand Study, Supply Study and the GMEF.

In Quarter Three, the draft Demand Study will be reviewed and finalised, and a draft Supply Study will be received.

Sports Facility Plan

On budget, and the timeline has been amended.

The project control group has received the draft report. In Quarter Three, this will go through further consultation to be finalised.

Greater Launceston Plan Review

The GLP is on budget, and the Project Control Group has agreed to a new timeline. In December, the Community Survey was launched, and will be open until Monday, 20 February 2023.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Guide regional economic development in Northern Tasmania by implements and actioning REDS.

Economy ID Update

In December, the NTDC Team met with Glenn Capuano from the id Informed Decisions Team for an update on the regional data following the October census release and for training on using the Northern Tasmania id toolkit. NTDC also arranged updates to interested member councils.

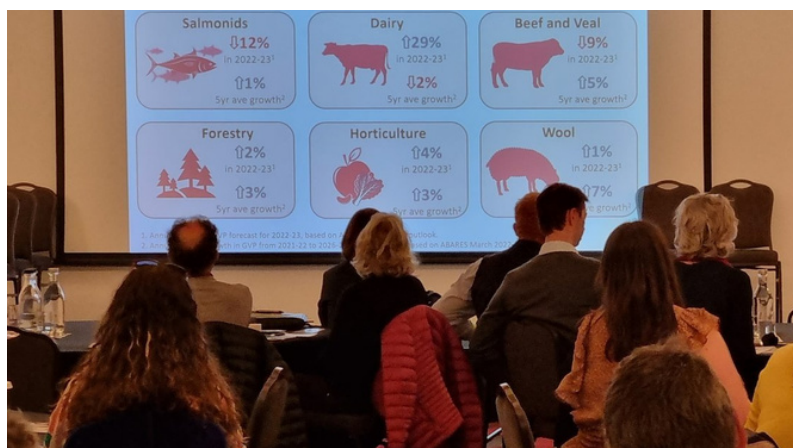
An online event will be organised for 16 February 2023 to share this knowledge with local government and economic developers in the region.

Register for the event at: <https://events.humanitix.com/northern-tasmanian-census-update>

Basslink Regulatory Reference Group

NTDC is participating in the Basslink Regulatory Reference Group as the new owner APA transitions Basslink from a merchant to a regulatory model. This involvement is an opportunity for NTDC to advocate for energy supply and costs for Northern Tasmania while connecting us to discussions and stakeholders in the energy and renewables sectors, which are crucial for achieving the regions aspirational GRP targets.

ABARES Hobart Regional Outlook



In November, NTDC attended the ABARES Hobart Regional Outlook Conference for an update on the economic role of agribusiness in Tasmania, critical data and trends in the sector, and an update on emerging opportunities. Food & Agribusiness is one of the six Northern Tasmanian specialisations identified in the REDS. Northern Tasmania continues to be a crucial region for Tasmania to achieve its aspirational agriculture targets.

Read more at: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7011873853131960320>



GREATER LAUNCESTON PLAN SURVEY

NTDC has continued to work on the Greater Launceston Plan Review with the project team from the City of Launceston and consultants from the University of Newcastle. In December, a community survey was launched for this work. The survey is open to people over 18 who live or work in George Town, Launceston, Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar. The survey closes on 20 February 2023.

Complete the survey at:

<https://uninewcastle.questionpro.com.au/GLPcommunitysurvey>

MEETINGS WITH FEDERAL POLITICIANS



NTDC met with **Senator Helen Polley** as part of our ongoing advocacy for members and regional issues. We discussed the feedback from the Launceston Jobs & Skills Summit NTDC co-hosted on 30 August 2022, as well as key regional issues and the work of NTDC.

NTDC also met with **Prime Minister Anthony Albanese** and the **Meander Valley Council** when he visited Tasmania to discuss the flooding that occurred in October 2022.

NTDC will continue to advocate on behalf of Northern Tasmanians in 2023, so please update us regularly on your position and regional priorities.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

The NTDC Team began planning for a second Regional Collaboration Forum event to be held in March 2023 (date to be confirmed). This event will be an opportunity to celebrate the results from the Regional Priority Projects advocacy, discuss the opportunities for building on this work, and align it to the key regional themes and priorities.

This event will form the start of a work plan for the REDS implementation to be agreed to with members as part of the 2023/4 Annual Work Plan.

Please subscribe to the NTDC news and updates to receive updates on this and other events.

Subscribe at: <https://bit.ly/NTDCupdates>

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

*Work together to
achieve regional
outcomes and advance
regional priorities,
strategies and policies.*



ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTH

Develop a robust organisation that achieves a sustainable financial position, values and develops our team, and creates value for our members, industry and community.

GOVERNANCE

NTDC held an online AGM and presented our 2021/2 audited financials on 29 November 2022. During Quarter Two, extensive work was completed reviewing and updating our Constitution and Members Agreement, especially by Company Secretary Dwayne Baraka.

Our scheduled Members Meeting was delayed until 1 February and will be held in a conjunction with a Special General Meeting to discuss the proposed Constitution and draft Members Agreement.

In December, NTDC advertised for an additional Board Director, as recommended in the 2022 Board Review. The Selection Committee aims to appoint a suitable candidate by March 2023.

During this work, NTDC reviewed the Board Skills Matrix, identified professional development for the Board, and developed a Compliance Checklist and 2023 Board Calendar.

TEAM

In November, NTDC welcomed Craig Perkins to the team, as mentioned above in the project updates. Craig brings extensive experience and networks. Currently, he is enthusiastically implementing our REDS.

In December, NTDC farewelled our Admin and Comms Officer, Clerita Mendonca, who returned to Melbourne. Although she was only with us for a short time, we appreciate all the work she completed in her six months in Launceston.

We were thrilled to welcome Kamal Pokhrel to this role with time to complete a handover with Clerita. Kamal has recently completed a Masters of IT at UTAS and is already helping us improve our systems and communications tools.

Meet the team at: northerntasmania.org.au





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16. MEETING CLOSURE

17. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE

**The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on
23 February 2023 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street,
Launceston.**