



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **HOMELESSNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 18 February 2025**

**12:00 PM  
MACQUARIE HOUSE**

Notice is hereby given that the Meeting of the Homelessness Advisory Committee will be held in Macquarie House, Civic Square:

Date: 18 February 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

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### **Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice**

#### **Background**

Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the General Manager to certify that any advice, information or recommendation given to Council is provided by a person with appropriate qualifications or experience.

#### **Declaration**

I certify that persons with appropriate qualifications and experience have provided the advice, information and recommendations given to the Committee in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.

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### **Purpose - Homelessness Advisory Committee**

Homelessness is a complex issue and there are many factors that contribute to a person's homelessness. Many of these factors lie outside the remit of local government, however through an educated, collaborative and needs focused approach, the City of Launceston is committed to working with community to play a constructive role in the provision of strategies and actions to support the homeless community.

*The primary purpose of the Homelessness Advisory Committee is to:*

- *Enable a collaborative approach between key sector service providers, community members and relevant levels of government in addressing the short, medium and long- term needs of Launceston's homeless community.*
  - *Identify, support and coordinate achievable actions which will assist in addressing the evolving needs of Launceston's homeless community.*
  - *Develop a greater and shared understanding of the roles, responsibilities and priorities within the community in responding to homelessness.*
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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

### ATTENDEES

#### Committee:

Oliver Macdonald	Community Member Representative
Kate Ross	Community member
Sam Grace	St Vincent de Paul Society
Nic Green	Catholic Care Tasmania
CR Lambert	Northern Midlands Council

#### City of Launceston:

Councillor Tim Walker	City of Launceston
Councillor George Razay	City of Launceston
Wytarna McDonald	Community Development Officer - Inclusion
Michelle Ogulin	General Manager Community & Place

### APOLOGIES

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT

As a committee we agree to engage in a way that is aligned to the following guiding principles:

- We value collaboration and we strive for positive outcomes that are aligned to realistic and achievable goals.
- We encourage the practice of self-care and commit to maintaining confidentiality.
- We recognise that we are all equals and are respectful and accepting of each other's realities.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

*If a Committee member has an actual or perceived interest in a matter to be considered by the Committee, they must declare that interest prior to any discussion of the matter. Interests will be managed in a way that respects the Committee member and the operation of the Committee. In some circumstances, this will mean that a Committee member with a declared interest will be required to withdraw from the Meeting during the discussions of the matter. The declaration of interest will be noted in the report outlining the Committee's Recommendation to Council. Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48*

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES - 19 November 2024

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

The minutes of the Homelessness Advisory Committee held **19 November 2024** were confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

### 6. PRESENTATION

No presentations

### 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

#### **Stephen Hill**

Over allocation currently, Brad responding to calls around the community. Orana House at 90% constantly. Stay in contact with Housing Connect, needing pathways for larger families with multiple children is becoming a challenge. Emergency relief still ongoing. Oz Harvest is a local partner

#### **Nic Green**

Catholic Care having larger families accessing support for housing also - Unable to find these families emergency accommodation when needed. Currently have x2 underage kids that need to be housed but together struggles with this at the moment. CR Walker asked Nic if CC have a budget allocated case to case which can be dependent on situation.

#### **Dareen McGhee**

Housing Connect worker, spoke about his previous work for Queensland and Logan Zero a project on homelessness across several states in Australia. Worked closely with services and outreach groups that were setup specifically for homelessness and then fed back into their local action group. Darren showed the committee members the online dashboard for Logan Zero and how it works and what stats can be shown ect.

*Nic asked if we have a membership for Alliance to end homelessness. Apparently, some members do yes.*

### CR Lambert NMC

Token system developing for showers for homelessness. Would be in conjunction with helping hands and Council Officers, location at Memorial Hall at Longford and adjoining Communities happy to be apart. Discussion around mobile and travelling around. NHH property purchase, currently lobbying in regard to price ect.

CR Walker

What happened to Affordable Housing motion? LP to follow up NOM from 2024

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### 8. CITY OF LAUNCESTON REPORT

CSR numbers - 47 Sleeping rough requests since November 26, 2024 Trends seem to happen in November and March	Membership update, currently a halt on new members. Committee need to look at current members and update where necessary
Trespass orders served: Queen Street City Park rotunda	Moreton Bay now have \$800 spot fines for homelessness on their streets.
Will forward on Logan Zero dashboard to Committee members <a href="#">Logan Zero homelessness data - track our progress</a>	

**9. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTION ITEMS**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
CoL to make sure that there is a direct link to the Housing Connect website from the CoL website.	This was completed at the end of 2024 and can be removed as an action item
The committee would like to see that CoL offer an evacuation centre for those sleeping rough (tents etc.) when there is an extreme weather. Preference is also that it is a central location.	Social recovery officer Dearne Morrison attended. Explanation about how evacuation centres are set up, which is not under council direction. Emergency management advisor on leave, will organize to invite to future meeting in 2025 to further discuss.

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Community Christmas lunch being held at door of hope again this year - Services supporting together such as Salvation Army, St Vincent De Paul's and Catholic Care.

**11. MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
April 15	12.00	Macquarie House
June 17	12.00	Macquarie House
August 19	12.00	Macquarie House
October 21	12.00	Macquarie House
December 9	12.00	Macquarie House

**12. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed at 1.48pm