

LIVING AS A SENIOR

in Launceston

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Mayor's Message



This year promises to be an exciting one for Launceston.

There are a number of job creating projects underway around Launceston, including the \$20m JAC Group redevelopment of Penny Royal which is nearing completion, the \$20m CBD Woolworths, and Errol Stewart's \$17m silos hotel development.

Likewise we have the prospect of the UTAS Northern expansion project, which would secure the future of UTAS in Northern Tasmania and involve more than \$220m of capital investment in Launceston, an enormous shot in the arm for local construction companies, businesses and service providers.

We also have the \$36m Launceston City Heart Project, which has begun with a \$1.9m redevelopment works in the Quadrant Mall.

Construction on this project began in the last week of February and is estimated to be completed in August, weather permitting.

The redevelopment will involve the laying of more than 12,100 pavers, the installation of more than 600 metres of pipes and conduits, 12 new tree planters, eight bike racks, three new stage areas and much more.

The aim of the Launceston City Heart Project is to make central Launceston the premiere business, retail and lifestyle hub of Northern Tasmania, and to cement the city's reputation as the most liveable regional centre in Australia.

Albert van Zetten
Mayor

Celebrating Seniors Morning Tea and Information Session

The City of Launceston will host the first
2016 Celebrating Seniors Morning Tea and Information Session on:

Thursday 7 April, 10am to 11.30am, Town Hall Reception Room

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and find out about what services and facilities Council offers people living as a senior in Launceston.

To register your attendance, phone our Community, Tourism and Events department on 6323 3381 or email sarah.mccormack@launceston.tas.gov.au by Thursday 31 March 2016.

Places are limited.

Launceston City Heart Project Update



The first construction - an upgrade of Quadrant Mall - begins late February 2016. A contractor, Baker Civil Contracting, will be doing the work which includes upgrading the underground infrastructure which runs down the centre of the Quadrant, laying new pavers, installing new lighting, planters, trees, street furniture. The work will be carried out both day time and night time. The night work is in an effort to minimise disruption for the traders although we will respect the residents living in the Quadrant Mall and regularly keep in touch with them. This link <http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/lcc/?c=329> will take you direct to the Council's works in progress website page which will be kept updated on the progress of construction, and if you require any other information, please contact lisa.brady@launceston.tas.gov.au.

The Launceston City Heart Project Masterplan Stage 1 - Public Realm (Major Public Spaces) was adopted by Council in December 2015 and represents Northern Tasmanians' vision for the future of Launceston's central business district. The project will redefine central Launceston as a modern regional retail, cultural and business hub and seeks to make Launceston a more vibrant and energetic place, where people of all ages can socialise, shop, work and play. You can view this document and find out much more information about the LCHP at www.launceston.tas.gov.au.

Hawks

On the back of three premiership wins our Tassie Hawks will again play four games at their second home, Aurora Stadium, including a replay of the 2013 Grand Final against Fremantle in Round 8, Saturday 14 May at 2.10pm. Tasmanian members and fans will be treated to another clash against Gold Coast Suns at Aurora Stadium in Round 14 Sunday 26 June at 3.20pm and a further two games Round 4 Saturday 16 April at 2.10pm v St Kilda and Round 19 Saturday 30 July v Carlton. Head down to Aurora Stadium to show your support and get up close and personal with the Hawks as they work their way towards four in a row!

For more information on what is happening in and around Launceston visit www.destinationlaunceston.com.au or pop in and say hi to your friendly City of Launceston Visitor Centre team next to the Australia Post Office in Cameron Street Launceston.

Waste

Recycling tip

Household batteries found in common items like hearing aids and smoke alarms including AAs, AAAs and button batteries cannot be recycled in your household bin. If you would like to recycle these batteries please bring them to either the Customer Service Centre (Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston) or to the Launceston Recycling Centre (Cavalry Road, Mowbray).

Driver collect service

The City of Launceston provides a waste collection service for eligible people with disabilities or injuries. If your residence is 20 metres or less from the road and you don't have someone living with you who is capable of putting your wheelie bin out, you may be eligible for this service

Phone Customer Service on 03 6323 3000 to find out more.

Flooding in Launceston

How to be prepared and safe in floods

- Have an emergency kit prepared and ready, including a battery operated radio, torch and spare batteries.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers handy.
- Never drive in flood waters. The majority of flood-related deaths in Australia are as a result of people entering floodwaters in vehicles or on foot.
- Never swim or wade in flood waters - you don't know what's under the surface! Additionally floodwaters are often contaminated with sewage and other hazardous substances.
- Keep children and vulnerable people away from floodwater even if it's shallow. You don't know what's under the surface and this could be open drains. There have been instances of children being sucked into open drains after entering floodwater.
- If you come into contact with floodwaters ensure you, and your family members wash your hands thoroughly. Flood water is hazardous and can cause serious illness.
- Have a supply of strong plastic bags or pillow cases filled with earth or sand. These can be placed in toilet bowls to prevent sewage entering your property.
- Put plugs in sinks and baths and weigh them down with the bags filled with earth.
- Place furniture on beds and personal items on the furniture. Electrical equipment should be placed on top.
- Secure items that may become hazardous and cause damage if moved by flood water e.g - refrigerators and other large household items.
- Tie and anchor outdoor garbage, wheelie and recycling bins to minimise the spread of disease
- The gaps around windows and door frames can be sealed with duct tape and plastic available from most hardware stores. Duct tape and plastic well applied on a dry surface is far more effective than sandbagging.
- Similarly air bricks can be sealed, duct tape placed over, or a sheet of plastic and duct taped. Do not permanently seal your air bricks.
- Well in advance of any flood it's recommended that you seal gaps between door frames and brick work or the structure, with silicone or approved water resilient filler.
- Keep on hand stocks of plastic, duct tape, bags filled with sand or dirt and silicone sealant. This will assist with protecting your home in the event of any flooding taking place.
- Move any outside belongings to high locations including car oils, pesticides and chemicals which can be very hazardous to the environment when mixed with floodwaters.
- Listen to **ABC Radio 91.7FM** to keep up to date with current situations.
- Be prepared to evacuate if Emergency Services require you to do so. Police and SES personnel will be in the area to assist you.
- Contact the **State Emergency Service (SES) phone 132 500** if you are concerned about flooding in your area.

For additional information visit: <http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/lcc/?c=298&langID=1> or contact Customer Service Centre and request a Flooding in Launceston brochure.

Volunteer Recognition Awards

The City of Launceston Volunteer Recognition Award nominations now open

Do you know someone who has contributed to our community through volunteering? Now is the time to nominate them for an award in the following categories: The Hours of Service Award for Individuals, Organisations and Groups and the Outstanding Achievement Award for five individual categories.

You can nominate online at www.launceston.tas.gov.au or visit our Customer Service Centre in the Town Hall to find out how to nominate for the 2016 Volunteer Recognition Awards. Nominations close on Friday 1 April 2016.

Your Museum and Art Gallery

Why not visit Australia's largest regional museum?

The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery has two sites: the Museum at 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk and Art Gallery at 2 Wellington Street, Launceston.

ON SHOW at the Museum

The Great War 1914-18: Sacrifice and Shadows

until August 2017

Includes a Memorial Wall and immersive soundscape.

Tasmanian Connections - Ongoing

Discover the Museum's extensive dinosaur collection, see objects from Australia's oldest merchant shipwreck and learn about the remarkable and misunderstood Tasmanian Tiger.

ON SHOW at the Art Gallery

On Albatross Island until 3 April

Presented by Bett Gallery

ArtRage 2015 Collection until 24 April

Celebrating 21 years of this dynamic student exhibition

Markets

Harvest Launceston (Saturday mornings)

Cimitiere Street Car Park, Launceston

www.harvestmarket.org.au

Launceston Esk Market (Sundays)

Inveresk Round House Pavilion, Launceston

www.launcestonshowground.com.au/eskmarket/launceston-eskmarket

Boardmills Market (Saturdays)

Avalon Arts & Function Centre, Launceston

www.boardmillsmarket.com.au

Evandale Market (Sundays)

Falls Park, Logan Road, Evandale

www.evandaletasmania.com/evandale-sunday-markets.html

Lilydale Village Market (2nd Sunday of the month)

Lilydale Memorial Hall, Lilydale

<http://lilydalevillagemarkettas.blogspot.com.au>

How to contact us

Location: Customer Service Centre
Town Hall
18-28 St John Street
Launceston

Opening hours: Monday to Friday
8.30am to 5.00pm

Postal address: City of Launceston
PO Box 396
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Phone: 03 6323 3000

Email:
contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au

After hours and emergencies:
Emergency (24 hours): 03 6323 3333

National Relay Service

The City of Launceston is National Relay Service (NRS) friendly.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can call us through the NRS and ask to be connected to 03 6323 3000. Internet relay users can visit www.relayservice.com.au

Council Meeting Dates

From 1.00pm at the Town Hall,
St John Street.

Tuesday 15 March 2016

Wednesday 30 March 2016

Monday 11 April 2016

Tuesday 26 April 2016

Monday 9 May 2016

Monday 23 May 2016

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Monday 27 June 2016

What's On In Launceston: March - May 2016

Some of the events listed are ticketed events or require an entry fee.
Please visit the event websites for ticket prices, entry fees and further information.
Destination Launceston website is also very helpful for information
www.destinationlaunceston.com.au

March 2016		
Ulysses Club Inc. AGM Monday 29 February - Sunday 6 March Inveresk, Launceston www.agm2016.ulyssesclub.org	RAW-Young Talent on Stage Saturday 5 March Earl Arts Centre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Harcourts Women's 5K Walk Run Sunday 6 March Race starts and finishes at Launceston's City Park
Netball Championships Monday 7 - Sunday 13 March Silverdome, Launceston	One Day Redux: Australian Moments Thursday 10 - Saturday 12 March Earl Arts Centre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	A Festival Called Panama Friday 11 - Sunday 13 March 570 Lone Star Rd, Golconda www.panamafestival.com.au
My Closet Market Saturday 12 March St.Ailbes Hall, Launceston	RSPCA Roar for Paws Saturday 12 March www.rspcatas.org.au	Tassie Trail Fest Saturday 12 - Monday 14 March Derby www.tassietrailfest.com.au
Tamar Valley Writers Festival Friday 18 - Sunday 20 March Beaconsfield www.tamarvalleywritersfestival.com.au	Northern Tasmania Tattoo Expo Friday 18 - Sunday 20 March Albert Hall, Launceston	Taste of Trevallyn School Fair Friday 18 March Trevallyn Primary School Gorge Rd, Trevallyn
Harmony Day Friday 18 March Princes Square, Launceston www.harmony.gov.au	The Glover Concert Friday 18 March Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale www.theatrenorth.com.au	Launceston & Henly Regatta Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 March Royal Park, Launceston
A Woman on the Edge Saturday 19 March Earl Arts Centre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Missy Higgins & The T.S.O Saturday 19 March Skyfields - West Kentish www.theatrenorth.com.au	Colour Me Active Fun Run and Walk Saturday 19 March Inveresk UTAS Campus www.colourmeactive.com
Care for Africa Saturday 19 March The Tailrace, Launceston www.careforafrica.org.au	Tas Wake Summer Series Saturday 19 March Trevallyn Ski Club	Launceston Cataract Challenge Sunday 20 March Launceston Cataract Gorge www.launcestoncataractchallenge.com.au
Black Dog Ride Sunday 20 March www.blackdogride.com.au	Cityprom Yorktown Square Night Market Thursday 24 March Yorktown Square, Launceston www.cityprom.com.au	Camp Quality Easter Saturday 26 March Royal Park, Launceston

April 2016

The Beauty of Brahams Friday 1 April Princess Theatre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Relay for Life Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 April St.Leonards, Launceston www.cancertas.org.au	Crazy Day Saturday 2 April Launceston CBD www.cityprom.com.au
Western Tiers Cycle Challenge Sunday 3 April Harley Parade, Launceston www.tascyclechallenge.org.au	They Saw A Thylacine Monday 4 April Princess Theatre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Panorama Friday 8 - Sunday 10 April Spring Bay Mill, Triabunna www.stompin.net
John Williamson In Concert Friday 8 April Princess Theatre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Australian Mountain Bike Championships Saturday 9 April Derby	Niche Market Bazaar Saturday 9 April Albert Hall, Launceston www.stgiles.org.au
Legana Community Day Saturday 9 April Next to the Legana Tavern	Targa Tasmania Monday 11 - Saturday 16 April Silverdome, Launceston & Statewide locations www.targa.com.au	New Writing For Tasmanian Theatre Thursday 14 April Earl Arts Centre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au
A Chorus Line Friday 15 - Friday 22 April Princess Theatre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Brixhibition Exhibition Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 April Albert Hall, Launceston www.brixhibition.com	AFL - Hawthorn vs St Kilda Saturday 16 April Aurora Stadium, Launceston www.ticketmaster.com.au
Easter School Holiday Carnival Wednesday 20 - Sunday 24 April Inveresk, Launceston	Launceston Horticultural Society Autumn Show Saturday 23 April	Anzac Day Dawn Service Monday 25 April Launceston's Cenotaph, Royal Park www.launceston.tas.gov.au
Dad's Army Friday 29 April - Saturday 7 May Earl Arts Centre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Cityprom Yorktown Square Night Market Friday 29 April Yorktown Square, Launceston www.cityprom.com.au	Bohemian Rhapsody Saturday 30 April Albert Hall, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au

May 2016

Balfour Burn Sunday 1 May Balfour St, Launceston www.stgiles.org.au	Agfest Thursday 5 - Saturday 7 May Oaks Rd, Carrick www.agfest.com.au	Roy Orbison & The Everly Brothers Saturday 7 May Princess Theatre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au
Wuthering Heights Tuesday 10 May Princess Theatre www.theatrenorth.com.au	Celtic Thunder Wednesday 11 May Princess Theatre www.theatrenorth.com.au	Launceston Competitions From Friday 13 May Princess Theatre www.theatrenorth.com.au
AFL - Hawthorn vs Fremantle Saturday 14 May Aurora Stadium, Launceston www.ticketmaster.com.au	RSPCA Million Paws Sunday 15 May Inveresk, Launceston www.millionpawswalk.com.au	The Icebreaker Sunday 22 May Gorge Trails and Trevallyn Dam
Nikolai Demidenko In Recital Tuesday 24 May Princess Theatre, Launceston www.theatrenorth.com.au	Tasdance Evolve: Revolve Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 May Earl Arts Centre www.theatrenorth.com.au	Weddings At The Albert Sunday 29 May Albert Hall, Launceston www.alberthalllaunceston.com.au