

Living as a Senior

in Launceston

Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

2018 is shaping up to be a big year for Launceston, and the Council has a huge range of projects steaming ahead.

On Wednesday 7 February the City of Launceston welcomed the Queen's Baton Relay to our beautiful city. Twenty local baton-bearers carried the Queen's Baton through the streets of Launceston and finishing in Civic Square. Over its 288-day journey, the Baton will engage with all Commonwealth nations. It will spend 100 days in Australia before arriving on the Gold Coast for the 21st Commonwealth Games opening ceremony on 4 April, where the Prince of Wales will remove the Queen's message and read it aloud to declare the Games open.

As far as projects go, one of the most noticeable will be the major redevelopment of the Brisbane Street Mall, which the Council expects to begin by the second quarter of 2018 and to have finalised before Christmas 2018. We have the Civic Square redevelopment now in its second stage and due for completion before the middle of the year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all our senior citizens for their contribution to our city.

Albert van Zetten
Mayor

Volunteer Recognition

Do you know a volunteer who contributes to the Launceston community and deserves recognition for their hard work?

The City of Launceston 2018 Volunteer Recognition Awards are now open to nominate an individual for an award or an individual or organisation for a special certificate of recognition for hours of service in the 2017 calendar year.

National Volunteer Week is from 21-27 May 2018 and is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. The Awards will be presented by The Mayor at the Town Hall Reception Room in Launceston. For nomination forms please visit www.launceston.tas.gov.au/community or phone 6323 3381.

Nominations close 20 April.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Give a little. Change a lot.

21-27 May 2018

Launceston to March Against Elder Abuse

In 2018, for the first time, people of all ages will take to the streets of Launceston to express their concern about elder abuse.

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) each year, individuals and organisations around the globe take a stand against elder abuse. Since 2015, annual walks have been held in Hobart, but this year COTA and the City of Launceston are making sure people in Northern Tasmania can participate as well.

Elder abuse takes many forms. A trusted friend or family member may threaten, isolate, injure or sexually assault an older person, or take their money and possessions. Research suggests between 3,000 and 10,000 Tasmanians suffer elder abuse each year, and as the population ages, that number will increase.

WEAAD walks bring this largely hidden problem out of the shadows. They show older people they are not alone and challenge negative perceptions of ageing.

Launceston's march will start at City Park and finish at the Town Hall with speeches and refreshments. So keep 15 June free and encourage your colleagues, family and friends to make this the most multicultural and intergenerational Tasmanian WEAAD walk yet.

For more information and to register as a participant, email lynm@cotatas.org.au. If you or someone you know needs advice about elder abuse, call the Elder Abuse Helpline on 1800 441 169



Community Grants

Does your club or organisation have a great idea for a community project, but not the funding to get the project off the ground? The City of Launceston Community Grants Program may be what you are looking for.

Community Grants for organisations support one off community projects held within the municipality that result in community, social and cultural benefits for the Launceston community.

There are three funding funds per financial year and applications can be made for up to \$5,000. In the 2016/17 financial year, close to \$60,000 was awarded to 16 diverse community projects by the program.

Eligible applications received are assessed and scored by a panel comprising of Aldermen and representatives from the community.

Recommendations from the panel are put to the City of Launceston Council who makes the final decision on the applications, subject to budget availability. The application process is very competitive.

Applications for round three are currently open and close on the 31 March 2018.

For more information regarding eligibility and the application process visit:

www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Community/Grants or contact the Grants and Sponsorship Officer Cherie.Holmes@launceston.tas.gov.au Ph. 6323 3351

Albert Hall Mother's Day Recital - 13 May 2018



The Albert Hall organ built by Charles Brindley, of Sheffield England

The Albert Hall organ departed Falmouth on 4 December 1860 on board the Alfred Hawley and arrived on 20 March 1861. This was the first secular organ of any substance anywhere in Australia. Following was the first organ concert on Monday 24 June 1861.

After 30 years in the Mechanics Institute it was handed to the Launceston Municipal Council by an act of Parliament.

Council moved it to The New Pavilion, now the Albert Hall, in 1890 and added the dummy pipes, façade and the water engine to power the bellows previously powered by two men.

Keith Davis, with the assistance of the Organ Restoration Committee, restored the organ from 1972 to its completion in 1980. A new electric blower was added to supplement the hydraulic engine.

Council agreed to put aside a sum of money for recitals in return for the work the Organ Restoration Committee undertook. The free Mother's Day Recitals commenced in 2006 funded from this agreement.

A number of Organists have performed on Mother's Day including Dr Lindsay Hutchins from 2006 - 2012, Lynda Nichols in 2013, Peter Shultz in 2014, 2015 and 2017 and Andrew Bainbridge in 2016.

During the 2016 recital a video camera was used to display the water engine in action on a large screen for the audience to watch during the performance.

A regular patronage of 350 people enjoy the presentation each year.

This year the City of Launceston will again host the free recital on Mother's Day on Sunday 13 May and doors open at 2pm and all are welcome.

Devonshire tea will be served during interval at \$5 per person.

Victoria's Restaurant at the Albert Hall will be open for lunch and afternoon tea.



The water engine with the bellows in the background
Philip Kuruvita Photography

Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery

Museum at 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk
Art Gallery at 2 Wellington Street, Launceston

ON SHOW at the Museum:

Mystery Walls - A Display for all Ages

17 March - 3 June

The Three M's: Miniatures, Models and Memories

24 March - 22 July

Spiders: Alive and Deadly

30 June - 28 October

ON SHOW at the Art Gallery:

Our Chinese Treasures: The Wong Collection
Ongoing

CIVILISATION by George Gittoes
Until 13 May

*The Bessant Bequest: A Generous Gift of
Tasmanian Decorative Arts*
Until 27 May

Landmark by Ilona Schneider
14 April - 7 October

Robyn McKinnon: Disappearing into being
12 May - 11 November

Community Collector
26 May - 5 August

Ph. 6323 3777

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Launceston City Heart Project



The Launceston City Heart Project will shortly enter into its third major project - the redevelopment of the Brisbane Street Mall. Tenders closed this week and are currently in the assessment phase, with the project to be awarded at the end of this month.

One of the major changes resulting from last year's community consultation was for the shelter to be undercover and to stretch across the Mall, from side to side. We listened, redesigned and now have two shelters.

You can see the designs at:

Pop Up Shop

Ground Floor

89 St John Street - next door to Capri
Launceston

Contact Us

Customer Service

Town Hall
18 - 28 St John Street
Launceston

Ph. 6323 3000

contactus@launceston.tas.gov.au

Opening hours

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 5pm
Emergency (24 hours):
Ph. 6323 3333

National Relay Service

The City of Launceston is National Relay Service (NRS) friendly. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, call us through the NRS and ask to be connected to Ph. 6323 3000
Internet relay users can visit