



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016  
5.30PM**

**TOWN HALL, ST JOHN STREET, LAUNCESTON**

# City of Launceston

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The Annual General Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Town Hall:

Date: 7 December 2015

Time: 5.30pm

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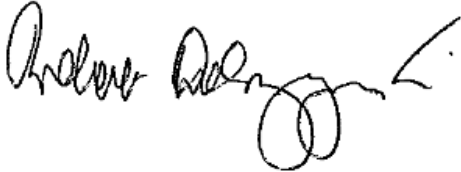
### Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

#### 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 to Council in the Agenda Items for this Meeting.



**Robert Dobrzynski**  
**General Manager**

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**Present:**                **Alderman**    **A M van Zetten (Mayor)**  
   **R L McKendrick**  
   **R J Sands**  
   **J Finlay**  
   **D W Alexander**  
   **E K Williams**  
   **K P Stojansek**

**In Attendance:**                **Mr R S Dobrzynski (General Manager)**  
   **Mr H P Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)**  
   **Mrs L M Hurst (Director Development Services)**  
   **Mr R K Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)**  
   **Mr R Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)**  
   **Mr M J Tidey (Director Corporate Services)**  
   **Mr J Davis (Manager Corporate Strategy)**  
   **Mrs A Rooney (Committee Clerk)**

**Apologies**                **Alderman**    **R I Soward (Deputy Mayor)**  
   **D H McKenzie**  
   **J G Cox**  
   **D C Gibson**  
   **S R F Wood**

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

The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed the general public to the Meeting. The Mayor noted apologies from Deputy Mayor Alderman R I Soward, Alderman D H McKenzie, Alderman J G Cox, Alderman D C Gibson and Alderman S R F Wood. The Mayor introduced the remaining City of Launceston Aldermen to the Meeting.

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made for this Meeting.

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 December 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

### **DECISION: 7 December 2015**

### **MOTION**

Moved Alderman J Finlay, seconded Alderman D W Alexander .

That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**4.1 Public Questions on Notice**

*Questions on Notice were invited from the public from Saturday, 12 November 2016 and closed on Friday, 25 November 2016.*

**4.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith****FILE NO:** SF6381/SF6160**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Public Questions on Notice raised by Mr Robin Smith.

**QUESTION AND RESPONSE:****1. Is Council satisfied with the supporting evidence as proposed in these two reports?**

I have niggling doubts that Council may have been lead astray by what may turn out to have been a less than considered recommendation in a report it commissioned.

Gehl Architects - 'Launceston Public Spaces and Public Life 2011' report, made a recommendation to Change one-way streets to two-ways. The analysis of traffic volumes shows that the one- way streets act as barriers in the pedestrian network. Convert all one-way streets into two-way streets.'

Launceston Council subsequently commissioned GHD to produce a report 'Launceston City Heart Two-way Street Conversion Preliminary Traffic Assessment.

The GHD report makes for a hard read with claims that are not supported in reality. Tasmanian Government accident statistics do not indicate such a problem with mid-block rear-end car accidents or pedestrian accidents.

The supposed benefits of such conversion does not appear to be borne out in either report. Is it possible that Gehl Architects have made a mistake recommending such a conversion for Launceston?

The same recommendation appears word for word in the Hobart report. Gehl Architects - Hobart Public Spaces and Public Life 2010 report recommended Hobart 'Change one to two. Convert all one- way streets into two.' This report does not substantiate the 'barrier effect' either.

**6.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith**

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**Response from Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)**

The recommendations of the Gehl Architects Urban Design report would have been based on their experience of similar treatments in other cities around the world. The report prepared by GHD was not as conclusive as the Gehl report on conversion of one-way streets achieving the objectives of the City Heart project without being accompanied by other treatments.

It is important to be mindful that the City Heart project is about a more pedestrian friendly and acceptable city environment.

After recent workshops with Aldermen a further option have been commissioned on the basis of taking a minimalist approach but seeking to comply with the primary objectives of more space for pedestrian and trading activity and a slower traffic environment.

This work is currently underway.

**2. Would Council kindly outline the scope of works, expected lifespan and funding options (expectations) as they relate to the City Heart project please?****Response from Leanne Hurst (Director Development Services)**

The success of the CBD of Launceston is fundamental socially and economically to the City's sense of place and its function as a major regional service centre. The CBD not only functions as a major employer but also underpins the positioning of the surrounding Launceston Central Area as the major employer and service centre in the northern Tasmania region.

The strategic purpose for the City Heart project is to reposition the CBD to meet contemporary expectations of consumers.

This will require an infrastructure response: to create a high standard streetscape and public realms: creation of an inviting, enjoyable and engaging environment; and, projects to encourage activation of public spaces with events, markets, and other forms of entertainment.

The City of Launceston has committed \$10million over five years to development and implementation of the Launceston City Heart project. Contributions will also be sought from both the Tasmanian and the Australian Government, as well as private investment to realise the \$36million vision for the Launceston CBD.

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## 6.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith

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Council will be determining its position on the traffic management and bus stops, wayfinding and signage framework, and Stage One Masterplan for the major public spaces in December 2015.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

## **4.2 Public Questions without Notice**

**The majority of Public Questions Without Notice were answered at the Meeting.**

**The following questions require further investigation and will be considered in a future Council Agenda.**

- 1. What was the cost of the production of the City of Launceston Annual Report?**
- 2. Could the errors contained in the City of Launceston Annual Report be rectified?**
- 3. Could you provide an overview of the heritage promotion activities currently being undertaken by the City of Launceston?**
- 4. Could the Council please provide its opinion regarding the many properties that are proposed to be removed from the State Heritage Register?**

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### 5 NOTICES OF MOTION

*Notices of Motion were invited from the public from Saturday, 12 November 2016 and closed on Friday, 25 November 2016.*

**No Notices of Motion were identified for these Minutes**

#### 5.1 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Repaving City Malls

**FILE NO:** SF0098/SF5547

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Notices of Motion presented by Mr Robin Smith for the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION (as provided by Mr Robin Smith):**

That Council (or their contractors) in the course of repaving the city malls, do not continue with the practice of using a brick cutting machine in close proximity to pedestrians and business due to excessive noise pollution.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

#### **DECISION: 7 December 2016**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Mr Robin Smith, seconded by Mrs Janine Smith.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

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### 5.2 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Wheelie Bin Cleansing

**FILE NO:** SF0098/0638

**AUTHOR:** Anthea Rooney (Committee Clerk)

**DIRECTOR:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a Notice of Motion from Mr Robin Smith presented for the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION (as provided by Mr Robin Smith):**

That Council buy a wheelie bin washing machine with self-contained washing system which would retain waste or seek an alternative method of cleansing waste bins to the current practice.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**The Motion was Withdrawn by Mr Robin Smith**

**6 ANNUAL REPORTS****6.1 City of Launceston's Annual Report 2014/2015****FILE NO:** SF0098**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To adopt the City of Launceston Annual Report for the 2014/2015 financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City of Launceston Annual Report for the financial year 2014/2015 be adopted.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION:** 7 December 2016**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded by Alderman J Finlay.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

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### 6.2 Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Annual Report 2014/2015

**FILE NO:** SF0098

**DIRECTOR:** Richard Mulvaney (Director Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To adopt the Annual Report for the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery 2014/2015.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Annual Report for the financial year 2014/2015 be adopted.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 7 December 2016**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded by Alderman J Finlay.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**6.3 York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority Annual Report 2014/2015****FILE NO:** SF0098**DIRECTOR:** Rod Sweetnam (Director Facilities Management)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To adopt the Annual Report for the York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority for the 2014/2015 financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority Annual Report for the financial year 2014/2015 be adopted.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 7 December 2016****MOTION**

**Moved Alderman D W Alexander, seconded by Alderman R L McKendrick.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Launceston Flood Authority Annual Report 2014/2015****FILE NO:** SF0098**GENERAL MANAGER:** Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To adopt the Annual Report for the Launceston Flood Authority for the 2014/2015 financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Launceston Flood Authority Annual Report for the financial year 2014/2015 be adopted.

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**Mr R Dobrzynski (General Manager) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION:** 7 December 2016**MOTION**

**Moved Alderman R L McKendrick, seconded by Alderman D W Alexander.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**



**7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Significant Recognitions for 2014/2015 - Mr Robert Dobrzynski (General Manager)**

**Alderman D W Alexander adjourned from the Meeting at 6.48pm.**

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

**The Mayor, Alderman A M van Zetten, closed the Meeting at 7.00pm.**