



City of
LAUNCESTON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015
5.30pm**

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the City of Launceston Council will be held at the Council Chambers:

Date: 7 December 2015

Time: 5.30pm

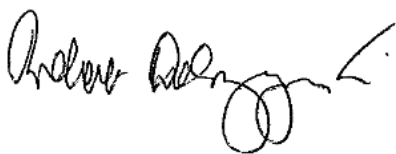
Section 65 Certificate of Qualified Advice

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 Council in the Agenda Items for this meeting.



Robert Dobrzynski
General Manager

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1 OPENING OF MEETING - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 48

(A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.)

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Public Questions on Notice

Questions on Notice were invited from the public from Saturday 24 October 2015 and closed on Friday 20 November 2015

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)

DECISION STATEMENT:

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

QUESTION AND RESPONSE:

Questions from Mr Robin Smith (recorded as received) with response from Council Officers.

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.

4.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith...(Cont'd)

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.

4.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith...(Cont'd)

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.

REPORT:

Public Questions on Notice raised by Mr Robin Smith for the Annual General Meeting of 7 December 2015 were directed to the General Manager for response. Council Officers have provided a written response to the questions raised.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The components of the City Heart project are to improve vibrancy and stimulate economic development across the CBD.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

As a second objective of the City Heart project to develop public places where the community are able to meet and socialise, this will have a positive social impact.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key directions within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) which are considered relevant:

- 1.1.1 To establish appropriate mechanisms to support the retail sector
- 2.1.2 To support the CBD and commercial areas as activity places during day and night
- 2.1.3 To contribute to enhanced public health and amenity to promote a safe and secure work environment
- 7.1.2 To provide an environment that is conducive to business and development

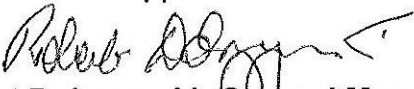
BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

4.1.1 Public Questions on Notice - Mr Robin Smith...(Cont'd)

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.


Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nil

4.2 Public Questions without Notice

5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion were invited from the public from Saturday 24 October 2015 and closed on Friday 20 November 2015

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)

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.

REPORT:**Relevant Background provided by Mr Robin Smith**

City Heart is a tremendously exciting programme of re-invigoration for the city. However, thus far, the noise from cutting thousands of paving bricks out in the open street is a completely unacceptable practice which must cease immediately.

Comment from Mr Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

The restriction can be written into the contract but would add significantly to the contract cost and may even be impractical to implement. As a rule, bricks are cut to measure and hence this activity occurs immediately at the worksite. If conducted offsite then marked bricks would need to be taken to an off-site workshop and returned to the site before being able to continue with the work.

It is planned to carry out paving the Mall as night works, hence noise to pedestrians and businesses will be minimum or nil.

5.1 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Repaving City Malls...(Cont'd)

Every effort has been made and will continue to be made to minimise disruption but a construction site does come with a degree of noise, interruption and controlled mayhem.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There would be significant impact to the contract cost if the recommendation is implemented.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Noise and dust are environmental impacts - these are managed within practical limits. These impacts are short term.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

On balance the redevelopment of these public places will significantly outweigh any negative social impacts caused during construction.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key direction within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) which are considered relevant:

- 1.1.1 To establish appropriate mechanisms to support the retail sector
- 2.1.2 To support the CBD and commercial areas as activity places during day and night
- 4.1.5 To offer equitable access to services and facilities, including the design of public spaces that are accessible and suited to all abilities.
- 7.1.2 To provide an environment that is conducive to business and development

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

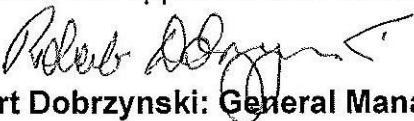
Aspect addressed in report.

5.1 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Repaving City Malls...(Cont'd)

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.



Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nil

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)

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.

REPORT:**Relevant Background provided by Mr Robin Smith**

While not cheap, it would replace the practice of laying bins down in the mall and hosing the grot out with a fire-hose onto the kid's play area.

Comment from Mr Harry Galea (Director Infrastructure Services)

The practice mentioned was to wash the bins on a fortnightly basis into the drainage pits and then hose the area to ensure the removal of all surface material. The drainage pits have been designed with a non-discharge sump at the bottom to hold debris from this activity and after a rainfall first flush. The Council's pumping truck follows in the immediate period to suck out the material in the sump.

As from 24 November 2015 the practice has changed to take bins to the Paterson Street West Car Park to undertake the activity in a similar fashion. It was the view of staff that the practice was not well understood by the public (even though there are no negative environmental effects) and secondly the pavers were starting to show signs of deterioration following access by the pump truck.

5.2 Notice of Motion - Mr Robin Smith - Wheelie Bin Cleansing...(Cont'd)

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to the report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Whether the previous practices or revised practice, both were designed to minimise impacts to the environment.

SOCIAL IMPACT:

The adoption of the revised practice is in response to a misunderstanding by the community believing the practice negatively impacted the environment.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

The key direction within Council's Strategic Plan (2014-2024) which are considered relevant:

- 2.1.2 To support the CBD and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.
- 5.1.5 To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment
- 7.1.2 To provide an environment that is conducive to business and development.
- 7.1.3 To promote tourism and a quality Launceston tourism offering

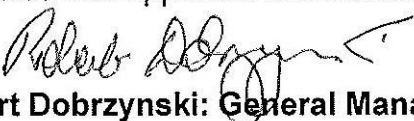
BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

Aspect addressed in report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.


Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

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

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.

REPORT:

The City of Launceston Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been publicly provided by its inclusion on the City of Launceston's website - www.launceston.tas.gov.au

The Annual Report is comprehensive in providing an overview of the City of Launceston's operational and financial performance for the 2014/2015 financial year.

No Questions on Notice have been received in regard to the Annual Report 2014/2015.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive organisation

6.1 City of Launceston Annual Report 2014/2015...(Cont'd)


BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.


Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nil

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)

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.

REPORT:

The Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been publicly provided by its inclusion on the City of Launceston's website - www.launceston.tas.gov.au

The Annual Report is comprehensive in providing an overview of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's operational and financial performance for the 2014/2015 financial year.

No Questions on Notice have been received in regard to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Annual Report 2014/2015.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

6.2 Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Annual Report 2014/2015...(Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024

Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive organisation

BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.


Richard Mulvaney: Director Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nil

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT:

The York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been publicly provided by its inclusion on the City of Launceston's website - www.launceston.tas.gov.au

The Annual Report is comprehensive in providing an overview of the York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority's operational and financial performance for the 2014/2015 financial year.

No Questions on Notice have been received in regard to the Annual Report 2014/2015.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

6.3 York Park and Inveresk Precinct Authority Annual Report 2014/2015...(Cont'd)

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive organisation

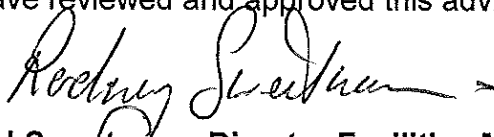
BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.


Rod Sweetnam: Director Facilities Management

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nil

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

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.

REPORT:

The Launceston Flood Authority Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been publicly provided by its inclusion on the City of Launceston's website - www.launceston.tas.gov.au

The Annual Report is comprehensive in providing an overview of the Launceston Flood Authority's operational and financial performance for the 2014/2015 financial year.

No Questions on Notice have been received in regard to the Annual Report 2014/2015.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

N/A

SOCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2014-2024
Priority Area 8 - A secure, accountable and responsive organisation

6.4 Launceston Flood Authority Annual Report 2014/2015...(Cont'd)


BUDGET & FINANCIAL ASPECTS:

N/A

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The officer has no conflict of interest in this item.

I certify that I have reviewed and approved this advice and recommendation.


Robert Dobrzynski: General Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nil

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

8 MEETING CLOSURE