



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024  
1.00PM**

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**The Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council was held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:**

**Date: 21 March 2024**

**Time: 1.00pm**

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### **Certificate of Qualified Advice**

#### **Background**

To comply with section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas):

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2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless -
  - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing -
    - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
    - (ii) the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
  - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

#### **Certification**

I certify that:

- (i) the advice of a qualified person has been sought where required;
- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- (iii) a copy of the advice, or a written transcript or summary of advice provided orally, is included with the agenda item.



**Shane Eberhardt  
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

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***Present:***

Mayor Councillor M K Garwood  
Councillor D C Gibson  
Councillor A E Dawkins  
Councillor A G Harris  
Councillor T G Walker  
Councillor J J Pentridge  
Councillor A J Palmer  
Councillor L M McMahon  
Councillor S Cai

***In Attendance:***

Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer)  
Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place Network)  
Louise Foster (General Manager Organisational Services Network)  
Michael Newby (Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)  
Shane Fitzgerald (General Manager Creative Arts and Cultural Services Network)  
Zara Dawtrey (Senior Communications Officer)  
Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)  
Lorraine Wyatt (Council and Committees Officer)  
Richard Jamieson (Manager City Development) (Agenda Item 10.1)  
Dileep Karna (Graduate Town Planner) (Agenda Item 10.1)  
Emily Lewis (Business Improvement Officer) (Agenda Item 14.1)  
Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance) (Agenda Items 14.2 and 14.3)

***Apologies:***

Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie  
Councillor Prof G Razay  
Councillor A J Britton

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

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, opened the Meeting at 1.00pm and noted apologies from Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor Prof G Razay and Councillor A J Britton.

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**2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

There were no Mayoral Acknowledgements for this Meeting

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48*

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

**No Declarations of Interest were identified as part of these Minutes**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 7 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A J Palmer, seconded Councillor A E Dawkins.**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 7 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai**

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)*

**5.1. Council Workshop Reports - 7 March 2024 and 14 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF4401

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 8(2)(c)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council, pursuant to Regulation 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, notes the Council Workshops conducted and attended since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

1. pre-Council Workshop conducted on 7 March 2024:

**Home Point Pontoon - Upcoming Tender and Expression of Interest**

*Councillors considered the next steps relating to the Home Point Pontoon.*

**East Launceston Tennis Courts - Next Steps**

*Councillors considered the next steps relating to the use of the East Launceston tennis courts.*

*In Attendance:* Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai and Councillor A J Britton

*Apologies:* Councillor T G Walker and Councillor Prof G Razay

2. Workshop conducted on 14 March 2024:

**Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) Partnership Agreement**

*Councillors were provided with an overview by NRM North on the TEER Partnership Agreement.*

**Upcoming Season and Community Commitment - Hawthorn Football Club**

*Councillors received the annual presentation to Council around the upcoming season and Hawthorn's commitment to Launceston City and broader community.*

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**Presentation Review and Discussion**

*Councillors were provided time to discuss the previous two presentations.*

**Rolling Review of Committees**

*Councillors discussed parameters of the rolling review of Council committees.*

**University of Tasmania Stadium Transfer**

*The workshop was an opportunity for Councillors to provide advice on the expectations of the content Term Sheet for transfer and transition of the Stadium to Stadiums Tasmania.*

*In Attendance:* Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai

*Apologies:* Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor Prof G Razay and Councillor A J Britton

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**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A E Dawkins, seconded Councillor A G Harris.**

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

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai**

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**6. COUNCILLORS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS**

**No Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications were identified as part of these minutes.**

**7. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

*(Community Reports allow an opportunity for Community Groups to provide Council with a three minute verbal presentation detailing activities of the group. This report is not intended to be used as the time to speak on Agenda Items; that opportunity exists when that Agenda Item is about to be considered. Speakers are not to request funding or ask questions of Council. Printed documentation may be left for Councillors).*

**7.1. Community Report - Amy Lewandowski (Education and Training - Peer Support Coordinator) - Epilepsy Tasmania**

**FILE NO:** SF6368

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVAL:** Shane Eberhardt

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**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION**

**Epilepsy Tasmania, formed in 1975, is a not-for-profit organisation that raises awareness and provides support and understanding to people living with epilepsy, as well as their families and carers. This presentation outlined all the services provided and how these assist the epilepsy community in Tasmania to have a better quality-of-life, as well as raising awareness and knowledge of epilepsy in Tasmania in the hope that this minimises the stigmatism around it moving forward.**

**Epilepsy is a spectrum of neurological disorders characterized by recurrent seizures caused by abnormal electrical activity in the brain. It effects 70 million people worldwide, including 20,000 in Tasmania. The causes are complex and while there are many know risks such as head injury and strokes, in 40% of cases the cause cannot always be determined.**

**The World Health Orgainisation reports that 47% of Australians with epilepsy receive unfair treatment in the workplace. In Tasmania, 52% of workers who have epilepsy in Tasmania have reported unfair treatment with many reporting that they have lost their job due to discrimination and a lack of understanding about epilepsy.**

**Training sessions are available in workplaces, aged care facilities and for families about understanding and managing epilepsy, management plans, and the administration of medication, if required. People with epilepsy are 8 times more likely to have other health issues such as depression, dementia, heart disease, and anxiety.**

**8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31*

**8.1. Public Questions on Notice**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(1)*

**8.1.1. Public Questions on Notice - The Honourable Rosemary Armitage MLC - Retaining Wall at the Top of Howick Street - 7 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 7 March 2024 by the Honourable Rosemary Armitage MLC, has been answered by Leigh Handley (Manager Operations).

***Question:***

1. The retaining wall at the top of Howick Street is a prominent site and obviously provides gratification to offenders when they see their graffiti is still there. As the graffiti appears to be growing, I wonder about its removal to deter other offenders?

***Response:***

*The retaining wall is owned by the City of Launceston and works required to treat this graffiti is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks. The graffiti will be removed once the appropriate planning has been undertaken to carry out the removal works, noting this activity will require traffic management.*

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**8.1.2. Public Questions on Notice - Rocelyn Ives - Inclinator at the Cataract Gorge - 7 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question/questions, submitted to Council on 7 March 2024 by Rocelyn Ives have been answered by Matthew Jordan (Parks Planner).

**Questions:**

1. Would it be considered that a system could be set up for gate opening for disability taxis and also other buses carrying disabled tourists or disabled students to be driven to the lawn area or restaurant area on the other side of the Gorge? A system set up where a ground staffer provides the gate opening and closing when an approved vehicle is provided with SMS verification or similar to request this prior to coming to the Gorge?
2. Could an assessment made of two flights of 3 and 4 steps on the restaurant garden side of the Gorge to be redesigned for ramping with safe treading alongside the current steps for wheelchairs etc. to be able to access. A suggestion to engage Occupational Therapists from St Giles with expertise to advise on possibilities
3. Would it be possible to consider a sloped area be formed for access with an extension from the pathway from the car park to the inclinator further down toward the zigzag track end? In the short term would it be possible to provide notification on the council website of the availability of the inclinator when it isn't working?

**Response:**

*The City of Launceston has allocated \$100,000 to commence a review of access to the Gorge including the replacement of the inclinator which can consider above suggestions.*

*All solutions need to meet the Building Act 2016, Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and associated codes and standards. This means due to topography at most locations in the First Basin that ramped access can't meet the necessary requirements.*

*Vehicle access in to an area with high pedestrian activation provides other risks for users of the Gorge. In regards to the Basin, and once the lawn area is accessed there is poor connection to accessible paths. The Cliff Grounds side of the Cataract Gorge currently allows vehicle access for people with mobility issues from the top carpark to the designated loading zone. This access is via request, which the Cataract Gorge Restaurant facilitates. Council officers will investigate site signage and public communication of this authorized activity to ensure this is accurately communicated.*



*Council will work with an architect, building surveyor and specialist access consultant in review of the Gorge access.*

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**8.1.3. Public Questions on Notice - Tammy King - Working with Vulnerable People Registration for Councillors - 13 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 13 March 2024 by Tammy King have been answered by Shane Eberhardt (Acting Chief Executive Officer).

**Questions:**

1. Where does your council stand in regards to supporting all Councillors must have a valid Working with Vulnerable People card to be elected or on council?

**Response:**

*In 2022 Council wrote to the Local Government Division (Tasmania) requesting that the Tasmanian State Government reviews the eligibility criteria, for the potential candidates to nominate for and/or hold the office of Local Government Councillor in Tasmania, to include the requirement for current Working With Vulnerable People registration.*

2. West Tamar Council voted to write to the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Minister of Local Government, requesting that the Local Government Act be amended to include Working with Vulnerable People in the eligibility clause, and require a response within 30 days. Why hasn't Launceston done the same?

**Response:**

*Following a Notice of Motion from Councillor Krista Preece tabled at the Council Meeting on 14 July 2022, Councillors unanimously supported:*

*That Council writes to the Local Government Division (Tasmania) requesting that the Tasmanian State Government:*

1. *reviews the eligibility criteria, for the potential candidates to nominate for and/or hold the office of Local Government Councillor in Tasmania, to include the following:*
  - (a) requirement for a mandatory police check;*
  - (b) requirement to provide criminal history; and*
  - (c) requirement for current Working With Vulnerable People registration.*
2. *reviews and strengthens the Code of Conduct taking into account the prescriptive mandatory codes that provide minimum standards to regulate the conduct of Tasmanian Councils and consumers.*

3. *reviews the Code of Conduct process to ensure fairness and equity for all Code of Conduct participants and reduce ethics and compliance risks.*
4. *provides clear penalty guidelines to include the ability to suspend and stand down a Councillor in circumstances that align with breaches of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) and the Code of Conduct.*
5. *develops a Model Member Code of Conduct that is strongly aligned with the public trust placed in us, as Councillors, on all occasions and that each Councillor will:*
  - (a) act with integrity and honesty;*
  - (b) act lawfully;*
  - (c) treat all persons with civility; and*
  - (d) lead by example and act in a way that secures public confidence in the office of Councillor.*
6. *completes a full review of and finalises the process prior to local government elections 2022.*

*Michael Stretton, Chief Executive Officer at the time of the Notice of Motion, wrote to the State Government requesting the changes as minuted on 19 July 2022.*

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**8.1.4. Public Questions on Notice - Ray Norman - Greening Strategy - 13 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTNG CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 13 March 2024 by Ray Norman, has been answered by Kathryn Pugh (Manager Parks and Sustainability).

**Question:**

1. Given that Council has declared a **GREENING LAUNCESTON** proposal/policy the proposal appears to lack:
  - A clear and unambiguous purpose against which progress can be assessed in accord with the policy's target/s; or
  - A strategically oriented implementation plan to guide planners, service providers, developers et al in achieving the policy's target/s; or
  - A timeline with key performance indicators with a progress reporting timeframe for the realisation of the policy's target/s; or
  - A Project Manager to whom project instigators are accountable to towards the achievement of policy's target/s and projected outcomes.

All of which points to Council initiating a policy without providing management with appropriate **Key Performance Indicators** that will enable Councillors to appropriately oversight policy outcomes and ensure that the policy's target/s are achieved and are indeed achievable.

Given that Council has indeed determined a **GREENING LAUNCESTON** proposal cum strategic policy, will Council now proactively implement '*the policy*' and in doing so, place on the public record a Strategic Plan for implementation with a timeline and a projected cut off date for the realisation of the strategic policy before its ultimate review?

**Response:**

*In 2023, the Council endorsed the City of Launceston's first Urban Greening Strategy 2023-2040. The strategy sets out the City's vision for a resilient, connected and diverse urban forest that will contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and to the creation of a vibrant, liveable and sustainable city. While Launceston is known for its leafy parks and significant trees, the urban forest that people enjoy today only covers around 19% of the urban area and lacks species diversity. Our Urban Greening Strategy sets out a bold target aimed at more than doubling the canopy cover to 40% across our municipality by 2040.*

*The Strategy was endorsed by the Council on November 30, 2023, and is supported by the Urban Greening Implementation Plan (Rev\_01, November 2023), which is available on the Council's website, published alongside the agenda papers for the meeting. Currently, we are in the planning phase to translate this vision into reality, with priority given to areas with the lowest canopy coverage and higher vulnerability in populations. The Council has appointed an Urban Forester whose dedicated role is to deliver the Strategy through the Implementation Plan. Actions within the plan are categorised as ongoing, short-term, medium-term, or long-term (1-4 years, 5-8 years, and 9+ years, respectively). Additionally, the plan includes a commitment to prepare a State of the Urban Forest Report every four years to track progress on the implementation of the Urban Greening Strategy.*

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**8.1.5. Public Questions on Notice - Ray Norman - Birchalls - 13 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 13 March 2024 by Ray Norman, has been answered by Nathan Williams (Chief Financial Officer).

**Question:**

1. Given that all the indications appear to be that:
  - The proposed developer that Council had determined would be the appropriate buyer for the now Council owned Birchall's building on the BRISBANE STREET MALL has not been able to honour any contract with Council; and
  - Council was proposing to take \$2Million LOSS had the buyer been able to honour the apparent contractual obligations; and
  - Council throughout its dealings with the preferred buyer has invested significant dollars relevant planning for the preferred buyer to develop a site it did not own and was unlikely to be able to; and
  - Furthermore, it being on the record that Council has been involved in expensive litigations at ratepayers' expense; and
  - Moreover, Council, and ratepayers, have experienced the loss of rates relative to Council's ownership of the Birchalls Building; and
  - Along the way towards ratepayers bearing what is now a significant financial impost on the city's budget thus imposing loss of opportunity cost that are now somewhat uncalculatable.

Together, all this places Launceston's ratepayers in situation that with due diligence might well have been avoided.

Given that Council finds itself, on ratepayers' behalf, in this serious and invidious position, will Council now disclose to ratepayers the full cost of Council's misdirected adventure into property development for which it had no realistic fiscal mandate to embark upon?

**Response:**

*The Council has provided, and will continue to provide, details relating to the cost of the two buildings at 118 - 124 Brisbane Street, Launceston.*

*The most recent response was provided on Thursday 1 June 2023 Council Agenda. Updated figures relating to both buildings are below;*

*Revenue foregone in rates since the purchase will equate to \$193,776 by the end of 2023/24, utilities costs of \$27,305; legal fees of \$28,074; consultancy fees of \$176,108,*

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*architectural costs of \$2,500; security, safety and maintenance works of \$31,687 and \$14,059 on promotional and advertising activities relating to the buildings.*

*However, these costs have been effectively more than offset by approximately \$516,580 in interest earned from loan funds which have not been able to be drawn down on for the related Paterson Street Central car park site.*

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**8.1.6. Public Questions on Notice - Ray Norman - QR Codes for Site and General Information - 13 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question/questions, submitted to Council on 13 March 2024 by Ray Norman, has/have been answered by Michelle Ogulin (Manager Liveable Communities).

**Questions:**

1. Given that Council has in the past been a strong supporter of the city's heritage infrastructure and consequently the city's diverse histories imbedded in the city's cultural landscape, Council has a proactive part to play in telling the diverse stories there to be told. Interestingly, since the **COVIDpandemic QRcoding** has offered a setting for a whole new approach to communicating ideas and information and indeed unanticipated methodologies relative to story storytelling in cultural landscapes – *and more still*.

Given that Launceston's **DEEP**histories are arguably among the city's richest assets **QRcoding** offers a means by which to make those stories – **quirky & other** – more accessible to local people and visitors alike. The benefits of that are in one sense obvious, but in another they are yet to be discovered. Likening all this to the opening of **PANDORA'S BOX [LINK]** has a certain poignance, albeit that in the end it is an opportunity pregnant with opportunity.

It is submitted that the placement of say:

- 300mm x 300mm, or 150mm X 150mm, tiles/panels with **QRcoding** readable on **SMART**phones; and
- Installed at appropriate **HISTORY**sites and **STORY**sites in the city; and
- That they point to appropriate **WEB**sites that document the history/story; and
- That together they might become a a trail of **NETWORKED**sites that enhance and enrich Launceston's cultural landscaping and '**placedness**'; and
- The city's citizens being empowered to initiate an **HISTORY**sites and **STORY**sites in the city; and
- Council playing a role in documenting installations and marketing **QRcoded** **HISTORY**sites and **STORY**sites .

Two examples of Launcestonian **QRlink** ... <https://thejohnbatmanstory.blogspot.com/> .... <https://snakebitetas.blogspot.com/> currently available

Given the implied benefits relative to **QRcoded** **HISTORY**sites and **STORY**sites to the city, will Council work proactively towards facilitating and marketing such an initiative and provide Launcestonians with guidelines relative health and safety issues and any other matters Councillors deem to be important?

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**Response:**

*The City of Launceston Cultural Strategy 2020 - 2030 (the Strategy) includes focus areas to realise the potential of our cultural places and assets, and reveal our cultural stories. These areas include strategies which seek opportunities to communicate the richness of our history (Aboriginal, architectural, entrepreneurial, etc.) to residents and visitors, and integrated wayfinding and storytelling elements to more strongly connect the community and visitor experience to the stories of the City.*

*The Council works in collaboration with the Cultural Advisory Committee, which provides strategic advice and informed feedback on matters pertaining to cultural development in the City of Launceston and the implementation of the Strategy, including opportunities to action these strategies.*

*The Council already utilises QR codes in a wide range of printed and online material and will continue to explore their potential future use in other settings, including the built environment.*

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**8.1.7. Public Questions on Notice - Ros Lewis - Accessible Play Spaces - 13 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 13 March 2024 by Ros Lewis has been answered by Michael Newby (Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network)

**Questions:**

1. Where in our municipality can a parent take an older child to enrich their life through play & physical movement such as running, if that child is older than a toddler and still needs an area with fences or similar barriers. How soon will this need be met? The need for safety barriers arises from neurodiverse characteristics such as: a tendency to run away, being non-verbal, dislike of loud noises, a tendency to run towards water. I am not convinced that the current review of our play spaces addresses this need.

**Response:**

*Council officers recognise the importance of improving the accessibility for all our community and we will feed this feedback into our Recreation Open Space Strategy. Your feedback has been passed on to team developing the Strategy.*

*Further, we can organise for a Council officer to reach out to you following a review our existing asset stock to determine where there is potential to satisfy this request in the more immediate term.*

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**8.2. Public Questions Without Notice**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 31(2)(b)*

**8.2.1. Public Questions Without Notice - Ron Baines - Light Angle Rule, Budget for Greening Launceston, Building Developments in Invermay - 21 March 2024**

- 1. Why won't this Council initiate a light angle rule to protect the amenities of its ratepayers and residents?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this is a part of the assessment of the state wide planning scheme but that the question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 4 April 2024.

- 2. What is the budget for the Greening Launceston Program? Which Streets are to be included in this project?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 4 April 2024.

- 3. Given the ongoing climate change problem, will council stop any more building developments in Inveresk?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised Council works with the state planning scheme which does have rules and regulations around flood prone areas and we work with the flood authority advice about each of those development applications and how it is assessed individually.

**8.2.2. Public Questions Without Notice - Noel Christensen - Trees at Talbot Road Lookout - 21 March 2024**

- 1. Were the trees blocking the view from atop the Talbot Road lookout planted with the intention to negate the effect and purpose of the tower?**

**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 4 April 2024.**

- 2. If not, then why are they left in place to effectively negate the purpose of erecting the tower in 1935?**

**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 4 April 2024.**

- 3. How long does Council intend for this ludicrous situation to continue and so deprive locals and tourists of Launceston's version of viewing platforms equal to the Eiffel Tower (Paris), empire State Building (New York) or Sydney Tower (Centrepoint)?**

**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 4 April 2024.**

## 9. PETITIONS

### 9.1. Petition - Anne Lade - Oppose the Planning Application No DA0500/2023 at 44 Marion Avenue, Newstead - Construction of 12 New Dwellings

**FILE NO:** SF0097 / DA0500/2023

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVAL:** Shane Eberhardt

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To receive a petition submitted by Anne Lade regarding opposition to Development Application DA0500/2023 - 44 Marion Avenue, Newstead – Construction of 12 new dwellings.

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 58(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, receives the petition regarding regarding opposition to Development Application DA0500/2023 - 44 Marion Avenue, Newstead – Construction of 12 new dwellings, submitted by Anne Lade and tabled by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.
  2. pursuant to section 60(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, notes:
    - a. the subject matter of the petition is:  
*We petition the Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) to consider the opposition to development when making a decision in respect to DA05000/2023 - 44 Marion Avenue Newstead, construction of 12 dwellings. The signatories oppose the development application and urge Councillors to deny the application to construct 12 dwellings on this one block of land.*
    - b. the number of signatories to the petition is 24.
  3. pursuant to section 60(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, notes that as the petition relates to Agenda Item 10.1 in the agenda for today's meeting, it will not be necessary to provide a further report to Council on action taken in respect of the petition.
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**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor S Cai, seconded Councillor D C Gibson.**

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

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

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**10. PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council acts as a Planning Authority in regard to items included in Agenda Item 10 - Planning Authority.

**10.1. DA0500/2023 - 44 Marion Avenue Newstead - Residential - Construction of 12 Dwellings**

**FILE NO:** DA0500/2023

**AUTHOR:** Dileep Karna (Graduate Town Planner)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Chelsea van Riet (Community and Place Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider and determine a development application pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

**PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Applicant:	Urban Design Solutions
Property:	44 Marion Avenue, Newstead
Zoning:	General Residential
Receipt Date:	24/10/2023
Validity Date:	9/02/2024
Further Information Request:	08/12/2023
Further Information Received:	09/02/2024
Deemed Approval:	22/03/2024
Representations:	10

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

DA0146/2009 - Subdivision to create 74 lots; Retrospective application for removal of vegetation (Scenic Protection) - delegated approval

**STANDARDS REQUIRING PLANNING DISCRETION:**

8.4.2 Setbacks and building envelope for all dwellings  
8.4.6 Privacy for all dwellings  
C2.5.3 Motorcycle parking numbers  
C2.6.5 Pedestrian access  
C3.5.1 Traffic generation at a vehicle crossing, level crossing or new junction

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That, in accordance with sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston, a permit be granted for DA0500/2023 - Residential - Construction of twelve (12) dwellings at 44 Marion Avenue, Newstead, subject to the following conditions:

**1. ENDORSED PLANS & DOCUMENTS**

The use and development must be carried out in accordance with the endorsed plans and documents to the satisfaction of the Council unless modified by a condition of the Permit:

- a. Cover Page, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Page No 1, Dated 30/01/2024
- b. Survey Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 2, Dated 20/12/2023
- c. Vehicle Manoeuvring, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 3, Dated 6/02/2024
- d. Elevation, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 4, Dated 20/12/2023
- e. Planning Scheme Overlays, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 5, Dated 30/01/2024
- f. Site Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 6, Dated 8/02/2024
- g. Compliance Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 7, Dated 6/02/2024
- h. TasWater Details, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 8, Dated 6/02/2024
- i. Earth Works, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 9, Dated 6/02/2024
- j. Unit 1 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 10, Dated 30/01/2024
- k. Unit 1 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 11, Dated 30/01/2024
- l. Unit 1 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 12, Dated 30/01/2024
- m. Unit 1 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 13, Dated 30/01/2024
- n. Unit 2 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 14, Dated 30/01/2024
- o. Unit 2 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 15, Dated 30/01/2024
- p. Unit 2 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 16, Dated 30/01/2024
- q. Unit 2 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 17, Dated 30/01/2024
- r. Unit 3 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 18, Dated 30/01/2024
- s. Unit 3 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 19, Dated 30/01/2024
- t. Unit 3 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 20, Dated 06/02/2024



- u. Unit 3 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 21, Dated 06/02/2024
  - v. Unit 4 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 22, Dated 06/02/2024
- w. Unit 4 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 23, Dated 06/02/2024
- x. Unit 4 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 24, Dated 06/02/2024
- y. Unit 5 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 25, Dated 30/01/2024
- z. Unit 5 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 26, Dated 30/01/2024
- aa. Unit 5 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 27, Dated 30/01/2024
- ab. Unit 5 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 28, Dated 30/01/2024
- ac. Unit 6 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 29, Dated 30/01/2024
- ad. Unit 6 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 30, Dated 30/01/2024
- ae. Unit 6 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 31, Dated 30/01/2024
- af. Unit 6 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 32, Dated 30/01/2024
- ag. Unit 7 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 33, Dated 30/01/2024
- ah. Unit 7 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 34, Dated 30/01/2024
- ai. Unit 7 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 35, Dated 30/01/2024
- aj. Unit 7 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 36, Dated 30/01/2024
- ak. Unit 8 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 37, Dated 30/01/2024
- al. Unit 8 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 38, Dated 30/01/2024
- am. Unit 8 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 39, Dated 30/01/2024
- an. Unit 8 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 40, Dated 30/01/2024
- ao. Unit 9 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 41, Dated 30/01/2024
- ap. Unit 9 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 42, Dated 30/01/2024
- aq. Unit 9 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 43, Dated 30/01/2024
- ar. Unit 9 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 44, Dated 30/01/2024
- as. Unit 10 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 45, Dated 30/01/2024

- at. Unit 10 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 46, Dated 30/01/2024
- au. Unit 10 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 47, Dated 30/01/2024
- av. Unit 10 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 48, Dated 30/01/2024
- aw. Unit 11 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 49, Dated 30/01/2024
- ax. Unit 11 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 50, Dated 30/01/2024
- ay. Unit 11 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 51, Dated 30/01/2024
- am. Unit 11 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 52, Dated 30/01/2024
- az. Unit 12 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 53, Dated 30/01/2024
- ba. Unit 12 Floor Plan, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 54, Dated 30/01/2024
- bb. Unit 12 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 55, Dated 30/01/2024
- bc. Unit 12 Elevations, Prepared by Urban Design Solutions, Drawing No. 6940, Revision No 1, Page No 56, Dated 30/01/2024
- bd. Traffic Impact Assessment, Prepared by Traffic & Civil Services, Page No 57 - 107, Dated January 2024

## **2. AMENDED PLANS REQUIRED**

Prior to the commencement of any works, amended plans must be submitted to the satisfaction of the Manager City Development to replace plans annotated as "Amended Plans Required" and attached to the Permit. Once approved, these amended plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the Permit. The amended plans must show:

- a. waste storage area for units 1 - 3 within the site area allocated for the units, excluding the area in front of the dwellings.

Amended plans should include identification information such as updated revision numbers, revision date and revision description. The changes are to be highlighted in red clouds or a format agreed with the planning officer.

## **3. LEGAL TITLE**

All development and use associated with the proposal must be confined to the legal title of the subject land.

## **4. TASWATER**

The development must comply with the requirements of TasWater as detailed in the form Submission to Planning Authority Notice, Reference No. TWDA 2023/01668-LCC, dated 8/12/2023 and attached to the permit.

## **5. PRIVACY SCREEN**

Prior to the commencement of the use, a privacy screen must be erected to a height of 1.7m above the finished floor level of the northern side of the deck for unit 3.

## **6. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION**

- a) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Manager Health and Compliance construction activities must only be carried out between the hours of:
  - i. Monday to Friday - 7 am to 6 pm; and
  - ii. Saturday - 8 am to 6 pm.
- b) Notwithstanding the above paragraph, construction activities must not be carried out on public holidays that are observed state-wide (Easter Tuesday excepted).

## **7. FENCING**

Prior to the commencement of the use, all side and rear boundaries must be provided with a solid (i.e. no gaps) fence to provide full privacy between each dwelling and adjoining neighbours. The fence must be constructed at the developer's cost and to a height of:

- a. 1.2m within 4.5m of the frontage; and
- b. 1.8m - 2.1m elsewhere when measured from the highest finished level on either side of the common boundaries.

## **8. SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONTROL PLAN**

Prior to the commencement of works, a site management plan must be submitted detailing how soil and water must be managed on the site during the construction process. The management plan must include the following:

- a. Allotment boundaries, contours, approximate grades of slope and directions of fall.
- b. Location of adjoining roads, impervious surfaces, underground services and existing drainage.
- c. Location and types of all existing natural vegetation, the proposed location of topsoil stockpiles and the limit of clearing, grading and filling.
- d. Critical natural areas such as drainage lines, cliffs, wetlands and unstable ground.
- e. The estimated dates for the start and finish of the works.
- f. The erosion control practices to be used on the site such as cut off drains, fencing off areas to be undisturbed, revegetation program and so on.
- g. The sediment control practices to be used on site such as silt fencing, stabilised site access, filter screens for inlets to the drainage system, sediment traps and so on.
- h. Timing of the site rehabilitation or landscaping program.
- i. Outline of the maintenance program for the erosion and sediment controls.

Works must not commence prior to the approval of the Soil and Water Management Control Plan by the General Manager, Infrastructure & Assets Network. The Plan must be implemented and maintained during construction to ensure that soil erosion is to be appropriately managed.

## **9. REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION ARRANGEMENT**

Prior to the commencement of works, the applicant must provide written evidence of an agreement between the owner and a relevant contractor for the collection of refuse and recycling from the site. The relevant contractor may be the Council appointed contractor for refuse and recycling collection or other contractor engaged in the collection of refuse and/or recycling.

Collection will not be permitted to occur directly from Punchbowl Road and bins must be located within the property boundary in the areas set aside for collection.

#### **10. DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA CONSTRUCTION**

Before the use commences, areas set aside for parking vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must:

- a) Be properly constructed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
- b) Be surfaced with an impervious all weather seal;
- c) Be adequately drained to prevent stormwater being discharged to neighbouring property;
- d) Be line-marked or otherwise delineated to indicate each car space and access lanes.

Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times and maintained for the life of the development.

#### **11. DAMAGE TO COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE**

The developer is liable for all costs associated with the repair of damage to Council infrastructure resulting from non-compliance with the conditions of the Planning Permit and any by-law or legislation relevant to the development activity on the site. Damage may also include the undertaking of unauthorised works to Council infrastructure such as driveways, footpaths and stormwater infrastructure. The developer will also be liable for all reasonable costs associated with the enforcement of compliance with the conditions, by-laws and legislation relevant to the development activity on the site.

#### **12. WORKS WITHIN/OCCUPATION OF THE ROAD RESERVE**

All works in (or requiring the occupation of) the road reserve must be carried out in accordance with a detailed Traffic Management Plan prepared by a qualified person in accordance with the requirements of Australian Standard AS1742. A copy of such plan is to be maintained on site and available for inspection upon request by an Authorised Officer.

The explicit permission of General Manager - Infrastructure & Assets Network is required prior to undertaking works where the works:

- a. require a road or lane closure;
- b. require occupation of the road reserve for more than one week at a particular location;
- c. are in nominated high traffic locations; or
- d. involve opening or breaking trafficable surfaces.

Where the work is associated with the installation, removal or modification of a driveway or a stormwater connection, the approval of a permit for such works shall form the explicit approval.

#### **13. APPLICATION TO ALTER A STORMWATER SERVICE**

An application must be made using the Council's eServices web portal, or on the approved form, and accompanied by the prescribed fee to install a new connection, or physically remove/relocate or alter an existing service connection.

All work must be carried out by a suitably experienced contractor and in accordance with Council standards. All costs associated with these contractors are to be borne by the applicant.

#### 14. CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS

All retaining walls, above 1m located within 1.5 metres of the property boundaries are to be designed and certified by a suitably qualified person. The design must have regard to the installation of fencing atop the retaining wall and other imposed loading in addition to site conditions on adjoining properties.

#### 15. FACILITIES AND HIGHWAYS BY-LAW

Prior to the placement of any skip bin, security fencing, hoarding, shipping containers, site offices or amenities within a local highway, the person, corporation or other legal entity must seek and have issued a permit pursuant to the Facilities and Highways By-Law (No. 1 of 2021). The payment of the scheduled Occupation Fee (comprising a minimum base fee and a square metre weekly rate) is required prior to the occupation commencing. No occupation of the road reserve is permitted without approval.

#### 16. STRATA LOT NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES FOR DWELLINGS

The following number and addressing is to be assigned to the development consistent with the residential addressing standard: Australian Standard AS4819:

Dwelling No	Strata Lot No.	Street Address
1	1	1/44 Marion Avenue
2	2	2/44 Marion Avenue
3	3	3/44 Marion Avenue
4	4	4/44 Marion Avenue
5	5	5/44 Marion Avenue
6	6	6/44 Marion Avenue
7	7	7/44 Marion Avenue
8	8	8/44 Marion Avenue
9	9	9/44 Marion Avenue
10	10	10/44 Marion Avenue
11	11	11/44 Marion Avenue
12	12	12/44 Marion Avenue

The above addresses are to be adhered to when identifying the dwellings and their associated letterboxes.

#### 17. AMENITY

The construction of the development permitted by this permit must not adversely affect the amenity of the site and the locality by reason of the processes carried on; the transportation of materials, goods or commodities to or from the subject land; the appearance of any buildings, works or materials; the emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil; the presence of vermin, or otherwise.

#### 18. NO BURNING OF WASTE

No burning of any waste materials, including removed vegetation, generated by the development to be undertaken on-site. Any such waste materials are to be removed to a licensed waste disposal facility (e.g. Launceston Waste Centre), reclaimed or recycled.

## Notes

### A. General

*This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA0500/2023. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Council's planning staff can be contacted on 03 6323 3000.*

*This permit takes effect after:*

- a. The 14 day appeal period expires; or*
- b. Any appeal to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Appeal Tribunal (TASCAT) is withdrawn or determined; or*
- c. Any agreement that is required by this permit pursuant to Part V of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 is executed; or*
- d. Any other required approvals under this or any other Act are granted.*

*The permit lapses after a period of two (2) years if the development or use has not substantially commenced within that period. An extension may be granted subject to the provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 as amended, by request to Council.*

### B. Restrictive Covenants

*The granting of this permit takes no account of any covenants applicable to the land. The permit holder and any other interested party, should make their own enquiries as to whether the proposed development is affected, restricted or prohibited by any such covenant.*

*If the proposal is non-compliant with any restrictive covenants, those restrictive covenants should be removed from the title prior to construction commencing or the owner will carry the liability of potential legal action in the future.*

### C. Appeal Provisions

*A planning appeal may be instituted by lodging a notice of appeal with the Registrar of the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT).*

*A planning appeal may be instituted within 14 days of the date the Corporation serves notice of the decision on the applicant.*

*For more information see the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) website [www.tascat.tas.gov.au](http://www.tascat.tas.gov.au) <<http://www.tascat.tas.gov.au>>*

### D. Permit Commencement.

*If an applicant is the only person with a right of appeal pursuant to section 61 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and wishes to commence the use or development for which the permit has been granted within that 14 day period, the Council must be so notified in writing. A copy of Council's Notice to Waive Right of Appeal is attached.*

### E. Fixed Equipment Use

*Use of fixed equipment (e.g. heat pumps, water pumps, swimming pool pumps) is subject of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Noise) Regulations 2016 or any subsequent versions of this regulation.*

*F. No Approval for alterations to Driveway Crossover*

*No approval to install a new, or alter an existing, driveway crossover in any way has been granted or is implied by the issue of this Planning Permit.*

*G. Building Act 2016 Requirements*

*Prior to acting on this permit, it is recommended that an architect, a licensed building practitioner such as a building surveyor or a building designer be consulted to determine the requirements for any associated building, plumbing or demolition work under the Building Act 2016.*

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**Richard Jamieson (Manager City Development) and Dileep Karna (Graduate Town Planner) were in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor S Cai.**

**That the Motion, as per the Recommendation to Council, be adopted, with a minor correction in Condition 9 of the permit wording to update the street name from Punchbowl Road to Marion Avenue.**

**CARRIED 6:3**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer and Councillor L M McMahon  
AGAINST VOTE: Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor T G Walker and Councillor S Cai**

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**10.2. DA0543/2023 - 10-16 Wellington Street and 2 Wellington Street Launceston - Visitor Accommodation - Partial Demolition of an Existing Building and Construction of a Hotel, Hotel Industry and Food Services**

**FILE NO:** DA0543/2023

**AUTHOR:** Iain More (Senior Town Planner - Policy and Projects)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Chelsea van Riet (Community and Place Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider and determine a development application pursuant to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

**PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Applicant:	Red Panda Property Group Pty Ltd
Property:	10-16 Wellington Street, Launceston
Zoning:	Urban Mixed Use
Receipt Date:	17/11/2023
Validity Date:	4/01/2024
Further Information Request:	12/01/2024
Further Information Received:	02/02/2024
Deemed Approval:	22/03/2024
Representations:	0

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

DA0180/2023 - Residential - Change of use to thirteen (13) dwellings and associated residential amenity spaces; Food Services - Change of use to two (2) restaurants, café, and speciality food and beverage; Hotel Industry/Resource Processing - Change of use to a bar and microbrewery, and wine bar; Alterations to existing building and car parking, including minor demolition; Alterations to access, including the creation of a new public road over CT156044/1. Approved under delegation 22 November 2023.

**STANDARDS REQUIRING PLANNING DISCRETION:**

13.4.1 Building Height - P1  
C2.5.1 Car Parking Numbers - P1  
C3.5.1 Traffic Generation at a Vehicle Crossing, Level Crossing or New Junction - P1



**RECOMMENDATION:**

In accordance with sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston, a permit be refused for DA0543/2023 - Visitor Accommodation, Hotel Industry, and Food services - Partial Demolition of an existing building and construction of a hotel, restaurant, and bar, associated landscaping and car parking, and alterations to the access, including the creation of a new public road over 2 Wellington Street (CT156044/1), at 10-16 Wellington Street, Launceston, on the following grounds:

*Clause 13.4.1 Building Height*

The building height is not compatible with the streetscape or character of development existing on established properties in the area. This includes an unreasonable impact of overshadowing on public places, and an unreasonable height when viewed from adjoining roads and public places.

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**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this item has been withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the applicant.**

**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, announced that Council no longer sits as a Planning Authority.**

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

### 11.1. Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

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#### Thursday 7 March 2024

- Attended the Engage for Change, Community Talk Series - Investing in Sustainable Futures, Macquarie House
- Officiated at the inaugural Blokes & Banter Night, Du Cane

#### Friday 8 March 2024

- Attended *CHESSE The Musical*, Princess Theatre
- Officiated at the *CHESSE The Musical* post-show Function, Hotel Grand Chancellor

#### Saturday 9 March 2024

- Officiated at St Patrick's River District Day, Nunamara Memorial Hall

#### Sunday 10 March 2024

- Attended *A Festival called Panama*, Golconda

#### Monday 11 March 2024

- Presented Medallions for the Masters of the Northern Tasmanian Softball Association, Churchill Park

#### Wednesday 13 March 2024

- Attended the Local Government Association of Tasmania Mayors Workshop, Hobart

#### Thursday 14 March 2024

- Attended the Local Government Association of Tasmania General Meeting, Hobart
- Attended Clubs Tasmania Industry Night, East Launceston Bowls Club

#### Friday 15 March 2024

- Attended the Women in Infrastructure Masquerade Ball, Country Club Casino

#### Saturday 16 March 2024

- Opened the Relay for Life, Silverdome
- Presented an award at the 2024 Spirit Super Business Excellence Awards, Hotel Grand Chancellor

#### Sunday 17 March 2024

- Officiated at the Harmony Week Launch, Civic Square

**Monday 18 March 2024**

- Attended the Sally's Ride Lunch, Hotel Grand Chancellor

**Wednesday 20 March 2024**

- Attended the TasTAFE and Launceston Chamber Partner Event - Smith Family fundraiser, TasTAFE Drysdale
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**12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

*(This item provides an opportunity for Councillors to briefly report on the activities that have been undertaken in their capacity as a representative of the Council. It is not necessary to list social functions that have been attended).*

**Councillor S Cai**

- **Attended the QVMAG International Women's Day celebration at Inveresk Museum**
- **Attended Harmony week in Civic Square and the Migrant Resource Centre North Harmony Week morning tea to celebrate diversity**

**Councillor L M McMahon**

- **Attended the Chamber of Commerce Spirit Super Business Excellence Awards**

**Councillor A G Harris**

- **Attended the Chamber of Commerce Spirit Super Business Excellence Awards**
- **Attended the official launch Australian Forrest and Wood Innovation Centre**
- **Attended the Launceston Central Business event**

**Councillor T G Walker**

- **Attended A Festival Called Panama**

**Councillor D C Gibson**

- **Noted the work of William Cassidy for his work on behalf of the Business Community and wished him all the best at St Lukes**

### 13. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

#### 13.1. Councillors' Questions on Notice

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 30*

*(A councillor, at least seven days before an ordinary Council Meeting or a Council Committee Meeting, may give written notice to the Chief Executive Officer of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that Meeting. An answer to a Question on Notice will be provided in writing).*

#### 13.1.1. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor A Palmer - Albert Hall Update - 7 March 2024

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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#### QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 7 March 2024 by Councillor A Palmer has been answered by Michael Newby (Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Assets Network).

#### **Questions:**

1. Can you please provide an update on the Albert Hall progress and do we have an approximate date of completion?

#### **Response:**

*The Albert Hall project is progressing well with the construction of external services almost complete and the required internal demolition works on both the ground and first floor well underway. The contractual completion date is currently late March 2025 for the construction works, officers will advise Councillors should this date change. For clarity, this date indicates the withdrawal of the contractor from site, not a reopening date.*

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**13.1.2. Councillors' Questions on Notice - Councillor A Palmer - Update on Recruitment for Youth Development Officer - 7 March 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

**AUTHOR:** Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Shane Eberhardt

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following question, submitted to Council on 7 March 2024 by Councillor A Palmer, has been answered by Chelsea van Riet (General Manager Community and Place Network).

**Questions:**

1. Can I have an update on the Youth Development role here at the City of Launceston?

**Response:**

*The Youth Development Officer role within the Community Development team is currently vacant, with the officer backfilling the maternity leave position resigning in February. The role is due to be advertised shortly to fill the position temporarily until the substantive Youth Development Officer returns from maternity leave later this calendar year.*

*If we are unable to successfully recruit for the role we will consider options such as a consultant to assist with activities such as the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee and the Youth Advisory Group.*

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**13.2. Councillors' Questions Without Notice**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 29*

*(Questions Without Notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting).*

**No Councillors' Questions Without Notice were identified as part of these Minutes**

## 14. ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK

### 14.1. City of Launceston Annual Plan 2023/2024 - Progress Against Annual Plan Actions for Period Ending 31 December 2023

**FILE NO:** SF6937

**AUTHOR:** Pepper Griffiths (Team Leader Performance and Planning)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the progress against Council's 2023/2024 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 December 2023.

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

Council - 29 June 2023 - Agenda Item 16.6 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2023/2024

Council - 16 November 2023 - Agenda Item 15.3 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2023/2024 - Progress Against Annual Plan Actions for Period Ending 30 September 2023

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council notes progress against 2023/2024 Annual Plan Actions for the period ending 31 December 2023.

### **Annual Plan 2023/2024 Progress Report**

#### **Q2: to 31 December 2023**

**Strategic Priority 1:** We *connect with our Community and our Region* through meaningful engagement, cooperation and representation.

Our interactions with our community are authentic, timely, accurate and open. We want to build strong and productive relationships with our community and regional partners.

**10-Year Goal:** To seek out and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities, and address the future challenges facing our community and region.



<b>Focus Area:</b>		
To advocate and collaborate to enhance regionally significant services and infrastructure for the benefit of our communities.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop a City of Launceston Regional Sports Facility four-year implementation program and where possible, commence addressing identified areas of need.	Infrastructure and Assets	95%
<b>Comment</b>		
The Regional Sports Facility Management Plan was completed in August 2023. Recreation and Parks staff have developed an implementation action plan and are working through the identified actions.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue to engage with our community on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal Partnership Plan</li> <li>Tomorrow Together themes</li> <li>Key infrastructure projects</li> <li>Key projects and initiatives of community impact</li> </ul>	Organisational Services	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The City of Launceston continues to engage with its community on topics that may impact its residents/ratepayers (community) in a way that affects their lifestyle and amenity.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnership Plan (APP) - The internal project group is progressing action item 10 to develop an Aboriginal cultural awareness training program for the organisation.</p> <p>Tomorrow Together themes - <i>A Resilient City</i> theme will be the next Tomorrow Together theme and will include six topics; Trails and Networks, Dog Management, Community Emissions Reduction, future planning for Carr Villa and Waste Management. The theme will launch mid-February 2024. Originally it was scheduled for November 2023, however was rescheduled to enable for timely engagement on the Recreation and Open Space Strategy which commenced in December 2023.</p> <p>Key infrastructure projects: the community were asked to engage on a number of infrastructure projects in the second quarter, such as the NTCA Masterplan and Royal Park Skate Park Upgrade.</p> <p>Key projects and initiatives of community impact - the City of Launceston has commenced engagement on a number of key projects, including; Community Emissions Reduction (Low Carbon Launceston: Engage for Change), formation of a draft Homelessness Statement of Commitment, and stage one of the Recreation and Open Space Strategy.</p>		

**Strategic Priority 2:** We ***Facilitate Prosperity*** by seeking out and responding to opportunities for growth and renewal of our regional economy.

We use our influence and resources to deliver the foundations for ongoing economic development. We want Launceston to be the heart of a thriving regional economy.

**10-Year Goal:** To have realised opportunities that grow and sustain our economy, and foster creative and innovative people and industries.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To promote tourism, and the development of a quality tourism offering for Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Partner with the State Government's International Engagement Program where there are clear benefits to the City of Launceston which are aligned with our Sister City relationships.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
There have been no opportunities identified in this quarter to partner with the State Government's International Engagement Program. Council Officers will continue to engage with the relevant Government Departments to identify opportunities.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To facilitate direct investment in the local economy to support its growth.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement Economic Development Strategy including Business Friendly Council and night-time economy initiatives	Organisational Services	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>In our commitment to the Business Friendly Council initiative within the Economic Development Strategy, we successfully executed the 'Start Up Your Hospitality Business' workshop, addressing night-time economy dynamics and refining strategies for a thriving business environment. Additionally, our live Business Connect campaign, accessible on our website, functions as a vital hub for Launceston's small businesses, offering information, events, and growth tools. These initiatives collectively support local entrepreneurs, fostering opportunities, enhancing skills, and facilitating valuable networking within our vibrant business community.</p> <p>In addition, QVMAG had a total of 21 programs/events after 5pm in the 6-month reporting period.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To actively market the City and Region and pursue investment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Finalise and progress Smart Cities Strategy.	Organisational Services	100%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The City Innovation Strategy was developed in place of a Smart City Strategy, encompassing Smart City themes yet also allowing scope for projects that are not necessarily technology focused. Taking a people first approach was identified throughout community engagement rather than a ‘tech for the sake of tech’ approach.</p> <p>The Strategy was completed in 2023 and endorsed by Council with a 4 year life span. It is publicly available via the City of Launceston webpage. The implementation plan is also nearing completion and will include an action plan as well as a framework for measuring success.</p> <p>Council officers continue to engage in identification and implementation of projects that align with the opportunities detailed in the City Innovation Strategy. Extension of the Council Wi-Fi network and an enhanced flood intelligence system are recent examples.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To promote tourism, and the development of a quality tourism offering for Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Update Launceston Strategic Tourism Plan.	Community and Place	30%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The Launceston Strategic Tourism Plan is in the drafting phase, with a version set to be presented at a Council workshop in April 2024 for guidance and feedback. This will be followed by public and stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>Our review of the tourism strategy will consider other local government strategies as well as our funding collaborations with various organisations such as Visit Northern Tasmania and Launceston Gastronomy.</p> <p>Several ongoing tourism initiatives guided by the current Tourism Plan include the Launceston Place Brand, destination marketing, leveraging event marketing to enhance business engagement, and the production and distribution of both print and digital visitor materials, tourism interpretation and signage.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Work with Stadiums Tasmania to finalise the transfer of UTAS Stadium and to embed key agreements with respect to content and events.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>In December 2022 Council made a decision to commence a process to transfer UTAS Stadium to the newly formed State Government owned Stadiums Tasmania. This process consists of these key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Stadium is on what is defined as public land, under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> for Council to transfer the Stadium it needs to go through a public process to allow the community to identify their concerns prior to Council making a decision. The public call for comments occurred in November and December 2023 with 3 objections received. A decision is to be considered in February 2024.</li> <li>• The Stadium requires a subdivision to create an individual title to transfer to Stadiums Tasmania. This process has commenced and expected to be considered by the Planning Authority early in new financial year.</li> <li>• A contract for the transfer is required to document transitional and ongoing support arrangements, Council expectations of Stadiums Tasmania and the detail mechanisms of the transfer. This has commenced and expected to be considered by Council in the last quarter of 2023/2024.</li> </ul> <p>In the previous quarter the Council and State Government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which documents the future commitments and expectations of AFL content at the Stadium with the establishment of a Tasmania's AFL men's and women's team. The minimum requirement is to maintain the current content of 4 roster games and one pre-season game.</p> <p>The Federal and Tasmanian Government have made a \$130m investment in the future of the Stadium to improve accessibility and improve user experiences. This will be delivered by Infrastructure Tasmania with oversight from Stadiums Tasmania.</p>		

Focus Area		
To provide an environment that is supportive to business and development within the municipality.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Work with Northern Tasmania Development Corporation (NTDC) to implement the Northern Economic Development Strategy.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
Comment		
<p>NTDC operate with three key focusses - economic development, regional collaborations and organisation strength. The key tasks the NTDC and the City of Launceston have worked in partnership on are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residential Demand and Supply Study completed</li> <li>2. Advocating for funding a pilot for freight aggregation</li> <li>3. Review of the Greater Launceston Plan</li> <li>4. Facilitation of the Regional Sports facility Plan</li> <li>5. Advocacy on State budget, Federal Immigration Policy and State Sustainability Strategy</li> <li>6. Identification of regional priority projects through the Regional Collaboration Framework</li> </ol> <p>Over the next quarter it is expected a review of the Population Strategy will be commenced as well as finalisation of the Greater Launceston Plan Review and alignment of regional priorities.</p>		

**Strategic Priority 3:** We are a *Progressive Leader* that is accountable to our governance obligations and responsive to our community.

Our decision-making and actions are evidence-based, strategic, transparent and considered. We are ethical, fair and impartial in complying with and enforcing the law.

**10-Year Goal:** To ensure decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way, that effectively meet our statutory obligations, support quality services and underpin the long-term sustainability of our organisation.

Focus Area		
To maintain a financially sustainable organisation.		
Action	Network	% Complete
Implement recommendations of the QVMAG Futures Plan.	Chief Executive Officer	70%
Comment		
<p>Various aspects of the recommendations in the Futures Plan were met during the period. The development and implementation of the Organisational Strategic Development Program strategic instruments outlined in the Futures Plan reached 90% completion are in final draft review phase. Key Directions 3 and 4 are ongoing annual recommendations and were successfully delivered to 100% completion in this period.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To provide for the health, safety and welfare of the community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop and implement a flood resilient community program.	Community and Place	70%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The City of Launceston has launched the 'CoL Emergency Management Hub' which includes the development of our new online assets webpage as well as a physical hub located in the customer service area. The hub provides information to the public in how they can research their risk profile and encourages residents to make a plan for emergencies. To support and promote the hub, a brochure has been developed outlining Councils role in emergency management, but more importantly the communities' role in preparing for, and actions to consider while responding to emergencies. This brochure will be widely distributed through various methods.</p> <p>Work continues on Councils Recovery Planning Framework. This body of work is aimed at ensuring that the community is supported in its recovery during times of disaster by comprehensively outlining recovery actions that should be considered before, during, and after a disaster. The objectives of the project are to ensure a planned, coordinated and adaptable recovery approach is applied between recovery partners and to enhance trust and cohesion between all recovery partners including all levels of Government, business and industry, and the community.</p> <p>The City of Launceston has been involved with the recent Engage to Change talk series as well as the Tomorrow Together 'Resilient City' survey. Both of which aim to enhance community awareness around their risk from natural hazard emergencies while encouraging the community to take proactive approach to preparing for a disaster before it happens leading to a more resilient community.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure decisions are made on the basis of accurate and relevant information.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue the level of service project.	Organisational Services	20%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Another phase of the trial was completed in late 2023 with internal stakeholders and a draft Framework has been developed. Trials have now been completed with our GIS team and with the Visitor Information Centre.</p> <p>Recruitment for the vacant Level of Service Officer role is expected to be advertised in March 2024.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Update the Cultural Roadmap based on findings and insights from our Organisation Cultural Inventory Survey.	Organisational Services	25%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Culture Survey results sharing has been completed by leaders with their teams. Culture Survey action planning is underway by Managers with their teams. The Culture Roadmap has been updated with input from the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Organisational Services and Manager People and Culture. The final update of the Roadmap will be completed once action planning is completed by teams. A presentation to Executive Leadership Team with a Briefing Paper will take place to present the updated Roadmap at that time.</p> <p>Work continues on implementing an employee and leadership development program and a capabilities framework. Teams across the organisation are participating in Values to Behaviours workshops and our Values Champions Network continue to recognise our employees who represent our values in action.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To fairly and equitably discharge our statutory and governance obligations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Commence a review of the Corporate Strategic Plan.	Organisational Services	20%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>At the completion of the second quarter, the project to develop a new 10-year Corporate Strategic Plan covering years 2025 to 2034 has been resourced and endorsed.</p> <p>The project team are currently carrying out the baseline research phase, in preparation to present findings and recommendations on how to approach the creation of the new Plan to both City of Launceston executive leadership and Councillors in the third quarter of the financial year.</p> <p>This action is progressing on track, in line with both the project timeline and in conjunction with the progress of the Greater Launceston Plan review. Works are expected to continue throughout the remaining quarters of this financial year and in to the first two quarters of the 2024/25 financial year.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continually improve our service delivery via a continuous improvement mindset, pursuing efficiency gains and adopting technological and other process innovations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Undertake the Corporate Application Replacement Program.	Organisational Services	35%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The Corporate Applications Replacement Project is progressing with major project milestones underway. There has been a short delay caused by vendor resourcing resulting in our go live date being pushed to the end of April 2024. We are currently on track to go live on this date.</p> <p>Subject matter experts and teams from across our organisation are progressing with User Acceptance Testing with signoff expected at mid-March at the latest. A number of improvements to current corporate processes have already been identified as teams work through familiarising themselves with the new product suite.</p>		

**Strategic Priority 4:** We value our City's *Unique Identity* by celebrating our special heritage and culture and building on our competitive advantages to be a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

We facilitate our community's sense of place by enhancing local identity. We want people to be proud to say that Launceston is "my city".

**10-Year Goal:** To sustain and promote Launceston as a unique place to live, work, learn and play.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To support the central business district (CBD) and commercial areas as activity places during day and night.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop and commence implementation of Stage 2 Launceston City Heart Project which includes the following key areas of investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greening of our City</li> <li>• Improved public transport infrastructure</li> <li>• Creating greater opportunities for pedestrianisation of the CBD</li> </ul>	Community and Place	30%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The first phase of City Heart included a refresh of key civic spaces in the Central Business District (CBD) including the Brisbane Street Mall, The Quadrant, Civic Square, and improvements in community amenities including wayfinding and public Wi-Fi. These projects were successfully completed in the 2018 financial year.</p> <p>The original focus of City Heart 2 was to renew streetscapes in selected areas of the CBD including removal of buses from St. John Street, turning one-way traffic into two-</p>		



way on Paterson Street, greening and realigning footpaths. The initiation of phase 2 of the project relied upon the availability of a new location for buses and the availability of Tasmanian and Australian Government funding. These preconditions have met with some challenges including availability of a suitable location for the bus depot and changes in Australian Government funding sources.

In the past quarter, staff have been working with WSP Australia on a revised approach to the implementation of City Heart 2 that includes the development of:

1. An urban design framework that will identify key activity centres in Launceston and establish key guidelines for streetscapes and civic spaces that will apply not only in the CBD but to broader urban footprint; and
2. A pilot Place Plan for the CBD activity centre. The Place Plan will include approximately six character areas that identify the unique features of the area and identify those elements that should be protected and those that should be changed. The Place Plan will include an action plan to support implementation as funding is available.

The planning process will include both technical and community engagement actions with a target completion late May/early June 2024.

**Focus Area**

To promote and enhance Launceston’s rich heritage, culture and natural environment.

Action	Network	% Complete
Launceston Heritage List Review and Precincts - continue the review of the City of Launceston’s local heritage list.	Community and Place	40%

**Comment**

An updated project plan has been developed which has been discussed at both the Executive Leadership Team meeting and Council Workshop in February 2024. The updated plan seeks to shift the current approach from only listing individual properties, to listing individual properties, precincts, trees and archaeological items to ensure the heritage character and feel of Launceston is better preserved. The plan will see places listed in a precinct-by-precinct rolling basis over multiple years to ensure ongoing movement within the project, with the first precinct to commence implementation in 2024. The revised plan will also see extensive community engagement and education around the importance of preserving our heritage.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement the first year of the four year action plan from the Cultural Strategy.	Community and Place	60%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Team Leader Placemaking and Acting General Manager Community and Place have met with committee members to begin initial discussions towards a creative hub. A project workgroup is proposed to be developed in 2024.</p> <p>The Cultural Advisory Committee has been actively engaging in discussions around public art and culture, with specific feedback on the Kings Meadows toilet block public art, the Paterson Street East car park mural, and advice and guidance to 10 Days on the Island.</p>		
<b>QVMAG Exhibition launches and venue hires</b>		
<b>2023</b>	<b>Launch</b>	<b>Venue hire</b>
July	1 Art Gallery	
August	1 Art Gallery	
September	3 Museum 1 Art Gallery	
October	2 Art Gallery	
November	1 Museum 1 Art Gallery	1 Art Gallery
December	1 Museum	1 Museum
<b>Programs</b>		
On site = 2                      Off site = 6		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To promote and attract national and international events and support the sector to ensure a diverse annual events calendar.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>%Complete</b>
Undertake a review of the City of Launceston Events Strategy.	Community and Place	30%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The Event Strategy is taking shape with a draft to be presented at the Council Workshop in March. This strategy is built around three key themes: Brand, Economic and Social, ensuring a balanced and strategic approach and alignment with Events Tasmania. Alongside the development of this draft, we are engaging with event stakeholders and aim to incorporate a wide range of insights and feedback.</p> <p>The Event Strategy review incorporated endorsement of a new, more transparent and Return on Investment -focused funding agreement with Business Events Tasmania, following the conclusion of the previous arrangement in June 2023.</p>		

<p>The Events team continues to collaborate with our Placemaking, Roads, and Parks &amp; Recreation teams to facilitate the smooth and positive execution of events in Launceston.</p>		
<p><b>Focus Area</b></p> <p>To promote and enhance Launceston's rich heritage, culture and natural environment.</p>		
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p><b>Network</b></p>	<p><b>% Complete</b></p>
<p>Implement the Public Art Strategy.</p>	<p>Community and Place</p>	<p>30%</p>
<p><b>Comment</b></p>		
<p>Emerging artist, Kira Simmonds was selected to create a mural artwork on the Kings Meadows toilet block. During the competitive artist selection process, artists were invited to provide a portfolio of previous work, and plan to engage the local community. As a space in which graffiti vandalism occurred on a regular basis, Kira's plan to engage local businesses and community contacts in collaboration with ABCDE community connector, Sarah McCormack, was considered by the selection committee as a highlight to going above and beyond in making our community become a part of the artistic process. The final design, "sanctuary", features a range of native fauna, including birds, possums and thylacines.</p> <p>With works now complete, the mural has transformed a previously graffitied toilet block into an accessible and inviting space.</p> <p>Concept designs for the Paterson Street Carpark mural have been received and selected artwork is being present to Council workshop in February 2023. The artists were selected by a panel comprising members of the Cultural Advisory Committee, Vibrance and Launceston Central. The selected artists are Tasmanian who have showcased their work in other locations around Tasmania.</p> <p>The identification of sites suitable to host public art has commenced. The process involves engaging and workshopping with a wide range of Council's stakeholders to identify Council-owned assets and places which are accessible, visible, and will be enhanced with the inclusion of artwork. Two sites met these criteria to host mural artworks - Seaport wall, and the Criterion lane toilet block. The next steps are to identify any issues, constraints, and opportunities to create artwork at these sites in the near future.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Undertake a review of the City of Launceston Open Space Strategy.	Infrastructure and Assets	30%
<b>Comment</b>		
Background research and mapping is complete. The majority of the stakeholder engagement is underway, with engagement scheduled for completion by the end of February. More than 600 responses were received from the community. The next stage will be the development of the draft Recreational and Open Space Strategy.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To continue to offer an attractive network of parks, open spaces and facilities throughout Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop and commence staged implementation of an improvement plan for the Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre upgrade.	Infrastructure and Assets	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>A Project Working Group has been established to guide the multi-year project to refresh the Princess Theatre and Earl Arts Centre to improve accessibility, building compliance and user experience. The Group comprises of Theatre North and Council officers and receives expert advice as required. The Group has overseen:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The appointment of architects Lovell Chen to undertake design</li> <li>2. Review of recent upgrades to the Regent Theatre to better understand the challenges and opportunities of working in heritage theatres</li> <li>3. Working with key stakeholders on the conceptual design</li> <li>4. To improve access to seating in the Earl Arts Centre a hand rail has been installed</li> </ol> <p>To improve accessibility to the theatre, stage works have commenced in preparation for installation of a lift.</p> <p>Key activities in coming quarters are engagement with stakeholders through March for final conceptual design in May. It is intended to be in a position to submit a development application in August 2025.</p>		

**Strategic Priority 5:** We *Serve and Care* for our Community by providing equitable and efficient services that reflects needs and expectations of our community.

We are invested in our community's long term health, well-being, safety and resilience. We want to be trusted and respected by our community.

**10-Year Goal:** To offer access to services and spaces for all community members, and to work in partnership with stakeholders to address the needs of vulnerable communities.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics and needs of our community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement Council commitments from the My Place My Future Plan, and support State and Federal Governments on implementation of their actions.	Community and Place	60%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Small business workshop planning, a new landing page on council's website and campaign launched for Business Connect. Since the launch, 110 new small business registrations enabling Electronic Direct Mail with business updates, funding and workshop information.</p> <p>Multicultural start-ups program led by Catholic Care who partners with council on this program which is confirmed for launch on 22 March 2024. This program seeks to support migrants to start a small food business (My Place My Future Strategic Action: Enterprise Growth). Program facilitators include: City of Launceston, Futures Isle, Harvest Market, van Diemen Project, Kingthing Marketing (Digital Ready) and World Street Eats.</p> <p>International Women's Day 2024 (2 weeks of art activities, featuring 5 local artists) based at QVMAG - celebration event on 8 March 2024. Harmony Week in Civic Square - 20 March 2024. This is an initiative led by the council with partners including Libraries Tas, MRC North, MRC Tas, PCYC, Multicultural Youth Tasmania, Connected Women (Red Cross) and MAX Training &amp; Women's Friendship Group.</p> <p>Council also joined the Health Literacy Network (statewide) and is working with 26TEN in the northern suburbs. The Rocherlea Action Project (RAP) Group Christmas in Rocherlea was successfully completed with over 250 families and children in attendance.</p> <p>The Food and Resilience Movement (FaRM) lease was approved by Council December 2023. The approval of the lease allows the FaRM project to progress towards the establishment of a market garden that can provide local produce to the northern suburbs.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement the action plan for the Access Framework.	Community and Place	40%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Asset mapping across the city was commenced by the Community Development team with assistance from the Strategy, Economic Development and Analytics team and the Parking team. The access mapping will provide a user friendly map which shows users where our access infrastructure is, including bus stops, disabled parking spots and access toilets.</p> <p>An access widget has recently been installed on the Launceston Aquatic and City of Launceston websites and has received positive feedback. The widget allows users to change how our websites looks to increase accessibility, such as font size and colour changes.</p> <p>Works have commenced on Albert Hall which will result in significant access improvements for both patrons and performers in the main hall and in the stage area. Additionally, 26 bus stops across Launceston have been made <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> (Cwlth) compliant in the 2023 upgrade program.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue to roll out the ABCDE Learning Sites community development program, including the conclusion of the Invermay Learning Site in December 2023.	Community and Place	80%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Learning site projects completed. Site completion summary and published report was presented to Council on 1 February 2024 with a final community celebration held on 14 February 2024.</p> <p>Over the 18 months which the Invermay site ran, 2,651 people participated in 14 projects, including the previous Kings Meadows Learning Site community. The Community Continuity Plan was carried out which supports past Learning Site participants, if required, through the Build the Builders program.</p> <p>The ABCDE program is now in hiatus while it undergoes a review of the past six years of sites to inform if and how the program should evolve in the future.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To work in partnership with community organisations and other levels of government to maximise participation opportunities for vulnerable and diverse members of the community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Develop and implement the Homelessness Action Plan through collaboration with the Homelessness Advisory Committee.	Community and Place	70%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>The draft Homelessness Strategy was reviewed by the Homelessness Advisory Committee and the senior and executive leadership teams before being presented at the 18 January 2024 council workshop. Councillor feedback was incorporated and was endorsed for public consultation at the Council meeting on 8 February 2024. Public consultation will occur during the third quarter for 20 working days. The strategy focuses on 7 main themes.</p> <p>Other achievements in homelessness over the last quarter include printing 2000 of our reach out cards (these cards provide information on services available for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness), work to develop a By-names list and seeking lived experience feedback for our strategy. The Community Development and Cleansing teams continue to work closely when sleeping rough sites need to be cleaned. This is a new way of working driven by both teams to ensure that the belongings of people who are homeless are treated with respect. Outreach workers attend sites with the Cleansing and Community Development teams to ensure items are given back to people, repurposed or disposed of appropriately.</p>		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To plan for and provide services and facilities that recognise the changing demographics and needs of our community.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Finalise and commence implementing a master plan for Northern Tasmanian Cricket Association (NTCA) precinct and associated action plan.	Infrastructure and Assets	25%
<b>Comment</b>		
The NTCA Concept Masterplan has been endorsed by the NTCA Facilities Management Group, Council, NTCA Board and user groups and Clubs committees. The concept plan has been released to clubs for broader consultation. The next step in the Masterplan process is detailed design and developing scope for staging and costing.		

**Strategic Priority 6:** We *Protect our Environment* by caring for our unique natural assets and amenity and sensitively managing future development opportunities.

We strive to minimise the impact of our actions on the environment, while planning for, adapting to and managing the impact of climate change. We want to protect the special character and values of our city for future generations.

**10-Year Goal:** To enhance the unique natural character, values, and amenity of our City by minimising the impacts of our organisation’s and our community’s activities in the environment.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Support the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce including supporting the implementation of the 10-year vision for the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>In August 2023, the Tasmanian State Government adopted the Vision and Implementation Plan for the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary as recommended by the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce. The Taskforce is made up of the five northern councils in the catchment, state government (Infrastructure Tasmania and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania), Hydro Tasmania, TasWater, Launceston Chamber of Commerce and NRM North.</p> <p>The Vision is designed to reframe Launceston’s relationship to the estuary, recognising and embracing its transformation from an industrial landscape to a focal point for community events and recreation. Based on feedback from the community, the vision is underpinned by three values which help to guide the future direction of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creating community spaces to bring people together</li> <li>2. Enhancing recreational connections around the estuary</li> <li>3. Preserving natural values for future generations.</li> </ol> <p>The vision focuses on two priorities to develop the estuary as a focal point for community events and recreation, while supporting its natural ecology to better manage sediment and water quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority 1 focuses on creating a cultural and recreational precinct.</li> <li>• Priority 2 focuses on the long-term sustainable management of sediment.</li> </ul> <p>In August 2023, the Tasmanian State Government adopted a four-year Implementation Plan (2023-2027) and has committed seed funding of \$2.4M to scope immediate priority actions including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improving connectivity and amenity of the foreshore through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. development of a masterplan to connect people with the estuary - including Infrastructure and revegetation plans;</li> <li>b. identifying priorities and implement improvements; and</li> <li>c. clean up of disused infrastructure, weeds, and rubbish</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		



2. Trial wetland and water's edge vegetation restoration projects on the North Esk River.

City of Launceston representatives are collaborating with other members of the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce on initial planning of the priority actions.

Over the past 6 months, Council staff have participated in the scoping of a project, and preparation of tender documents, to secure a qualified consultant to prepare a masterplan for both sides of the estuary from the Tailrace/Ti Tree Bend to the Charles Street Bridge. It is anticipated that the state government will release the tender in the second half of the fiscal year.

In the past quarter, the State Government established a project Steering Committee, including representatives from the City of Launceston, to plan and oversee the trial wetland and water's edge vegetation restoration projects on the North Esk River. The project aims to restore wetlands in the North Esk River to reduce sediment in the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary and improve water quality and aquatic habitat to benefit native species. Activities will increase community access to the estuary by increasing the tidal prism and in turn, decrease the extent of sediment/mudflats. The State Government are finalising procurement processes to conduct site surveying to develop baseline ecosystem inventory, biological and water monitoring, soil sampling and conducting LiDAR and aerial surveying.

The next phase will include informal levee mapping, communications and public engagement activities, revegetation trial planning and permitting, and the preparation of a project management plan and budget for works.

The Tasmanian Government are working with the Australian Government on a Federation Funding Agreement to support the priority projects.

**Focus Area**

To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.

**Action**

Support TasWater and NRM North with the implementation of the \$129.2M River Health Action Plan to improve catchment management and reduce overflows from the combined system.

**Network**

Infrastructure and Assets

**% Complete**

50%

**Comment**

New sewerage infrastructure for the city to improve the health of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary and the environment that surrounds it is the current focus of this initiative.

**New sewer pipeline Project -**

This transformative pipeline project, which is one of the largest infrastructure projects of its type in the southern hemisphere, will increase capacity to transfer sewage and stormwater, significantly reducing the frequency and volume of overflow events.

Major construction works are underway in areas near the Margaret Street Pump Station, along the western foreshore (Trevallyn area) and at the Ti Tree Bend Sewage Treatment Plant, Invermay.

Update -

- Successful completion of drilling activity between Ti Tree bend and Valley Street - 650 metres installed 40 metres below the Tamar
- Installed and backfilled more than 400m of pipeline adjacent the West Tamar Silt ponds area which will connect the two river crossings
- Commenced second river crossing at the Kings Park site in January 2024, noisy hammering activities undertaken now with the steel casings installed
- Major construction works are planned for completion late 2024. Kings Park reinstatement work planned for late 2024

**Focus Area**

To contribute to air and river quality improvements in Launceston.

Action	Network	% Complete
Develop a Clean Air Strategy and a supporting implementation plan.	Community and Place	10%

**Comment**

The opportunity for a Clean Air Strategy has been discussed with relevant State Government agencies. Resourcing for development of the Strategy and implementation plan needs to be identified prior to any substantial commencement of this project.

**Focus Area**

To reduce our and the community's impact on the natural environment.

Action	Network	% Complete
Implement Urban Waterway Health Management Program.	Infrastructure and Assets	50%

**Comment**

Works to improve urban waterway health have been occurring at the City of Launceston for many years, however there was no guiding program document to provide a strategy for waterway protection works.

The Urban Waterway Health Management Program was signed off in March 2023 and was written to provide a background around identifying threats to waterways from urbanisation, highlight the natural values of urban waterways and identify strategies around implementation actions implemented in March 2023. Since then, the Water team have working with other areas of council to deliver projects and actions including:

- Willow Management Plan updated to reduce willow infestations along waterways on council managed land. Works to control willows are undertaken every year
- Rehabilitation and revegetation works of urban waterways - we are reaching our target of three waterway sections per year
- Bi-annual monitoring of waterway health through sampling macroinvertebrates (water bugs) from key urban catchment sites

- Stage 2 of waterway rehabilitation works were completed in 2023, resulting in a more usable, safer community space
- City of Launceston contributed environmental monitoring data to the Tamar Estuary and Esk Rivers (TEER) Program which formed part of the first Freshwater Report Card for the freshwater areas of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary catchment
- The City of Launceston participates in the Source to Sea school education program run by Tamar NRM. The program runs every year and City of Launceston staff teach the students about the importance of water bugs to overall waterway health, and the importance of managing flood risk in urban areas

**Focus Area**

To manage the risks of climate-related events, particularly in the area of stormwater management and riverine flooding.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Review Stormwater System Management Plan.	Infrastructure and Assets	40%

**Comment**

The focus for the past 6 months has been to update the hydraulic modelling that underpins the Stormwater System Management Plan. This update was required due to significant changes in industry standards and will incorporate climate change predictions that were previously not considered within the Stormwater System Management Plan. The update to the hydraulic modelling is 90% complete. Document review and updates will commence in February 2024, with a goal to have the review completed in 2024.

**Focus Area**

To manage the risks of climate-related events, particularly in the area of stormwater management and riverine flooding.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Integrate development policy and assessment to facilitate best practice stormwater management, including consideration of water quality.	Infrastructure and Assets	50%

**Comment**

The policy has been drafted. Resourcing constraints have delayed the development of the implementation plan.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To reduce our and the community’s impact on the natural environment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implement the City of Launceston Urban Greening Action Plan.	Infrastructure and Assets	40%
<b>Comment</b>		
The Urban Greening Action Plan has been translated into a four-year delivery plan, and implementation has commenced. The tree order for 2024 has been submitted based on appropriate species relevant to future climate predictions. The order has been increased substantially in order to meet our 2040 canopy cover target. Precinct Plans are being developed for priority suburbs (Newnham, Mayfield, Mowbray and Invermay). Work has commenced on the reinstatement of the Significant Tree Register in the Planning Scheme. There will be a community tree give-away at the Tamar NRM Sustainability Festival in March.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To reduce our and the community’s impact on the natural environment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue to implement the City of Launceston Sustainability Action Plan.	Infrastructure and Assets	55%
<b>Comment</b>		
The Sustainability team continue to deliver ongoing and new projects outlined in the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP). The 2 yearly review of the SAP is currently being worked on, to provide a report on progress.		
Highlights for this financial year so far include:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emissions profile completed</li> <li>• Major methane gas capture infrastructure installed at the Launceston landfill site at Remount Road which has doubled landfill gas capture capacity</li> <li>• Landfill diversion facility audit and feasibility report has commenced</li> <li>• Water efficiency project implemented with significant leaks detected leading to water and financial savings</li> <li>• Grants have been awarded to the team to trial a nappy and sanitary products rebate project offered to the community and also to run a pilot repair cafe in Launceston</li> <li>• Community engagement has commenced to inform the community emission reduction plan “low carbon Launceston”</li> </ul>		

**Strategic Priority 7:** We are a *City Planning for our Future* by ensuring our approach to strategic land-use, development and infrastructure investment is coordinated, progressive, and sustainable.

We play a leading role in balancing the enviable amenity of our municipality with the needs of future development and growth. We want to influence the delivery of the right investment for our City and Region.

**10-Year Goal:** To facilitate appropriate development via integrated land-use planning, infrastructure investment, and transport solutions within our municipality and region.

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
City Deal Agreement: Continue to work with the Commonwealth and State Governments to successfully implement commitments and projects under the City Deal program that deliver a range of economic and social benefits to the City.	Chief Executive Officer	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Progress on commitments is advancing through collaborative efforts with the Commonwealth, State Government, and delivery partners.</p> <p>On 1 November 2023, Minister McBain took a tour of several key Launceston City Deal infrastructure projects. Minister McBain's itinerary featured a visit to the University of Tasmania's new campus at Inveresk, an overview of the Tamar Estuary River Health Action Plan was provided by representatives from NRM North and TasWater on the banks of the estuary at Kings Wharf Road, a tour of the Albert Hall, and the Northern Suburbs Recreation Hub.</p> <p>During the visit to the Northern Recreation Hub, a media event was held highlighting the progress and future vision. Stage one works occurred throughout quarter two, involving activities such as demolition, site remediation, and limited services works.</p> <p>Acquisition of the land identified for the proposed cadet facility by the Department of Defence is experiencing delays due to legal technicalities.</p> <p>A Community and Business Advisory meeting is scheduled for 29 January 2024.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure our suite of strategic planning initiatives are coordinated and representative of our community's needs and aspirations.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Implementation Review: A review of each City Deal is scheduled every three years. Plan and deliver the Review from Council's perspective.	Chief Executive Officer	0%
<b>Comment</b>		
The Australian Government advised that following the three year review of the Launceston City Deal, published in November 2021, there will be no further implementation reviews.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Continue work on St Leonards Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan.	Chief Executive Officer  Note: This action item was published in the 2023/2024 Annual Plan under network 'Community and Place', however this has been re-allocated to the CEO network.	10%
<b>Comment</b>		
Work on the St Leonards Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan is currently on hold as the Executive Leadership Team work through resourcing and prioritisation.		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
<p>To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.</p>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
<p>Continue work on "South Prospect" Residential Growth Strategy and Masterplan and initiate planning scheme amendments to facilitate development with the South Prospect Growth Corridor.</p>	<p>Community and Place</p>	<p>50%</p>
<b>Comment</b>		
<p>Land south of Prospect, located between the Midlands Highway and the Bass Highway, adjacent to the Kate Reed Nature Recreation Area was included in the Greater Launceston Plan and the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy as a priority investigation area to determine suitability for residential and non-residential development.</p> <p>Since 2017, Council staff have been working with landowners, key infrastructure and service providers, consultants, and several agencies of the Tasmanian government on feasibility studies with the aim of preparing a Framework Plan and narrative for land south of Prospect. The purpose of the Framework Plan and narrative (including feasibility studies) is to provide the strategic justification to support potential rezoning of the land to accommodate housing and neighbourhood serving non-residential uses such as a school, supermarket, medical practice, local retail, or food service businesses. The total private land area is approximately 335 hectares, with approximately 200 hectares of development potential.</p> <p>To-date, exhaustive studies and investigations have assessed impacts of (and mitigation for) the proposal related to the supply and demand of housing and non-residential uses, traffic, natural values, cultural heritage, bushfire, availability and suitability of agricultural land, access to, and use of, the two surrounding state highways, active and public transportation, the adjacent recreational reserve, catchment management, water quality, flood potential and impacts to adjacent landholders.</p> <p>In the previous six months, staff have been working with the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) to determine whether stormwater detention facilities can be located in the reserve and if road infrastructure to connect the development site to the Midlands Highway at Connector Park would be an approved use. In November, the PWS rejected the opportunity to place infrastructure in the reserve.</p> <p>In the past quarter, staff have received from consultants an updated traffic analysis and finalised a natural values assessment. Council staff have had discussions with the landowners on the terms of a headwork agreement and a request to designate some land as Future Urban Area.</p> <p>Staff are currently seeking direction from Councillors on next steps for the project.</p>		

<b>Focus Area</b>		
To ensure that our application of the land use planning system at a local and regional level is effective and efficient.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Participate in the Northern Regional Land Use Strategy Review.	Community and Place	50%
<b>Comment</b>		
Council continues to participate in the Land Use Strategy review process. The key outcome for this year has been the completion of the Residential Land Demand and Supply study. This will be presented to Council in March.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To take a strategic approach to development sites and infrastructure investment within the municipality to maximise public benefit and encourage development and investment.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Finalise Building Bulk and Massing Report (Building Heights).	Community and Place	5%
<b>Comment</b>		
A request for quotation will be circulated to suitable consultants during March. The intention is to commence work prior to the end of the financial year.		
<b>Focus Area</b>		
To improve and maintain accessibility, transport options and infrastructure within the Launceston area, including its rural areas.		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Action the 2022-2025 Launceston Transport Strategy Implementation Plan.	Infrastructure and Assets	35%
<b>Comment</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Interchange - Project still at initiation stage - Ongoing</li> <li>• City Heart Streetscape Improvements - Project still at initiation stage - Ongoing</li> <li>• Micro-mobility Trial - Complete</li> <li>• Transport Committee - Complete</li> <li>• Transport Options Promotion and Education - Not Started</li> <li>• Transport Data and Performance Management Plan - Commenced</li> <li>• Network Operating Plan - Complete</li> <li>• CBD Speed Limit Review - Complete</li> <li>• Parking Implementation Plans - Complete</li> <li>• Transport Safety Improvement Program - Commenced</li> <li>• Pedestrian Improvement Program - Commenced</li> <li>• Off-road Trail Network Improvement Plan - Nearing Completion</li> <li>• School Travel Audit - Not Started</li> </ul>		



- End of Trip Facilities - Commenced
- UTAS Relocation Access Improvements - Commenced
- UTAS Transport Innovation Partnership - Not Started

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Emily Lewis (Business Improvement Officer) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.

**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor S Cai.**

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

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**14.2. 2023/2024 Budget - Budget Amendments**

**FILE NO:** SF6940 / SF7558

**AUTHOR:** Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

For Council to:

1. note that there are no changes to the Council's 2023/2024 Statutory Estimates for the period 1 February to 29 February 2024.
2. consider adjustments made during 1 February to 29 February 2024 by the Chief Executive Officer to the 2023/2024 Budget.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. notes that during the period 1 February to 29 February 2024:
    - (a) the operating surplus remains at \$13,551,292 (including capital grants of \$18,581,404) for 2023/2024.
    - (b) the capital budget remains at \$43,308,195 for 2023/2024.
  2. pursuant to section 82(7) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, receives the Chief Executive Officer's report on adjustments to the 2023/2024 budget for the period 1 February to 29 February 2024.
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**Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor S Cai, seconded Councillor T G Walker.**

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

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai**  
**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**14.3. Financial Report to Council to 31 January 2024**

**FILE NO:** SF3611

**AUTHOR:** Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance)

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** Louise Foster (Organisational Services Network)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider the Council's financial performance for the period ended 31 January 2024.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the operational and capital financial reports for the period ended 31 January 2024, noting the operational report discloses an underlying surplus of \$0.053m as compared to the budgeted underlying deficit of \$6.45m, comprising of a \$3.14m favourable revenue variance and a \$3.68m favourable expenditure variance.

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**Samuel Kelty (Manager Finance) was in attendance to answer questions of Council in respect of this Agenda Item.**

**DECISION: 21 March 2024**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor A E Dawkins.**

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

**CARRIED 9:0**

**FOR VOTE:** Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A E Dawkins, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai  
**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

**15. MEETING CLOSURE**

**The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, closed the Meeting at 2.31pm.**

**16. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

**The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 4 April 2024 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.**