



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
1:00 PM**

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

Date: 17 September 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

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.



Sam Johnson OAM
Chief Executive Officer

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- Each item on the Agenda includes a Recommendation prepared by a Council Officer.
- You may speak for up to two minutes, either for or against the Recommendation.
- You may not ask questions or enter into debate with Councillors or Council Officers.
- Your statement is not to be defamatory, inappropriate or abusive, or be intended to embarrass any person, including Councillors or Council Officers.
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Your respectful contribution is welcome and appreciated.

LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

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Present:

Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood
Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie
Councillor Alan Harris
Councillor Tim Walker
Councillor Joe Pentridge
Councillor Andrew Palmer
Councillor Lindi McMahon
Councillor Susie Cai
Councillor Krista Preece
Councillor Ross Marsden

In Attendance:

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)
Chelsea van Riet (Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)
Rosanna Coombes (Acting Leader Strategy and Innovation)
Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)
Dan Gray (Governance Officer)
Caitlin Jarvis (Senior Public Relations Advisor)
Julie Ross (Administration Officer - Development Services) (Agenda Item 18.1)
Byron Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology) (Agenda Item 19.1, 19.2, 19.3 and 19.4)
Natasha Tempest (Senior Leader Health and Regulations) (Agenda Item 19.4)
Grace Heyblok (Team Leader Community Wellbeing) (Agenda Item 19.4)
Des Fogarty (Recreation Officer - Bookings) (Agenda Item 19.4)

Apologies:

Councillor Alex Britton

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1. OPENING OF MEETING - STATEMENT, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 8

The Mayor, Councillor Matthew Garwood, opened the meeting at 1.00pm and provided the following statement:

An audio visual recording is being made of the meeting.

All persons attending the meeting are to be respectful of, and considerate towards, other persons attending the meeting.

Language and conduct at the meeting that could be perceived as offensive, defamatory or threatening to a person attending the meeting, or listening to the recording, is not acceptable.

Following the statement the Mayor noted an apology from Councillor Alex Britton.

2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor paid respects to the late Mr Barry Larter and Mr Don Pitt, respectfully acknowledging their contributions to the community and extending thoughts to their families and friends.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 – regulation 39(1)(f)

(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

4.1. Confirmation of Minutes

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 41(1)(b)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 3 September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

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CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 10(3)(c)

5.1. Council Workshop Report - 10 September 2026

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - Regulation 10(3)(c)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to Regulation 10(3)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, notes the Council Workshops conducted on 10 September 2026 and attended since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

Workshops conducted on 10 September 2026:

Flood Intelligence Portal Demonstration

Councillors received a report and demonstration of the online portal.

Flood Mitigation Program Update

Councillors received the report for the Program Charter adopted on 6 August 2026.

LAC Changeroom Update

Councillors received an update on the Launceston Aquatic Centre Changeroom Renewal Project.

Executive Leader Updates and Councillor Connect

Councillors and Executive Leaders had the opportunity to engage in discussion about current and planned projects.

In Attendance: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden.

Apologies: Councillor Joe Pentridge

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Krista Preece.

That Council:

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Apologies: Councillor Joe Pentridge

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

6. COUNCILLORS' LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATIONS AND PARENTAL LEAVE NOTIFICATIONS

No Items 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.)

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulations 36 to 38

8.1. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public

8.1.1. Questions on Notice by Brian Khan - Flood Concern and Mitigation Option - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Brian Khan, has been answered by the Senior Leader City Infrastructure.

Question 1:

Will Council act on Alan Birchmore AO's recommendation of a barrage at Whirlpool Reach? This would obviate the concerns of Council Officers.

Response:

Whirlpool Reach is not within the City of Launceston municipal area so the Council does not have the authority to construct an asset at that location.

We will add it to the considerations that we discuss with adjacent councils and other key stakeholders in the context of the Flood Mitigation Plan.

8.1.2. Questions on Notice by John Bushby - 2026/2027 Rates - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by John Bushby, have been answered by the Senior Leader Finance and Technology.

Question 1:

Can Council approve a remission of rates for 190 Outram Street to reduce the amount payable from \$3,785.10 to \$2,994.68?

Response:

The request for a remission has been considered in accordance with the Rates & Charges Policy (23-Plx-010) and Mr Bushby has been notified via an email sent on 8 September 2026.

Question 2:

Can Council assist in seeking a reduction to the AAV for 188 Outram Street and backdate any resulting rates adjustment should a lower AAV be applied?

Response:

Property valuations, including the Assessed Annual Value (AAV), are determined by the Office of the Valuer-General under the Valuation of Land Act 2001. Council does not assess or determine the AAV used for rating purposes. The City's published rates information explains that AAV represents an estimate of a property's annual rental value as determined by the Office of the Valuer-General.

Where a property owner believes their AAV is incorrect, the Valuation of Land Act 2001 provides a formal objection process. Section 29 of the Act specifically allows an owner to object to a valuation on the grounds that the assessed annual value is too high or too low.

As the responsibility for determining property valuations rests solely with the Office of the Valuer-General, Council cannot alter, reduce or substitute an AAV, nor can it advocate or seek a reassessment on behalf of a ratepayer. Property owners wishing to challenge their valuation must do so directly through the objection process established under the Act.

If the Valuer-General subsequently amends a property's valuation, Council will make any resulting adjustment to the rates assessment and issue a supplementary rates notice to reflect the amended valuation.

8.1.3. Questions on Notice by Robin Smith - CBD Bus Interchange and City Heart Project - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Robin Smith, have been answered by the Team Leader Engineering.

Question 1:

Agenda Item 18.3 - CBD Bus Interchange Project in the Agenda 3 September 2026 mentions the two-way streets project being on hold from 15 June 2023 pending negotiations of the Birchalls project. Was the entire City Heart Project on hold during that time?

Response:

City Heart projects continued to be delivered throughout the period. Only projects directly related to the Birchalls Project were impacted.

Question 2:

In the last 5 years, have members of the public or others suggested that converting one-way streets to two-way would stop blockies or frantic driving in the city?

Response:

Formal stakeholder engagement for the City Heart Two-Way Streets project has not been undertaken at this time. Formal community engagement will be undertaken as part of the project planning phase.

8.1.4. Questions on Notice by Barry French - Tasman Highway Development - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Barry French have been answered by the Team Leader Legal.

Question 1:

I previously made a written submission towards this development application that was not accepted. I was informed it was not accepted due to all the sewerage issue history on my property. I've since received apologies from Council Officers that the records were misread and there were such sewerage issues. I'm wondering how this was allowed to happen?

Response:

Mr French made a representation against DA0215/2023, which was received by the Council on 28 January 2025. Representations were summarised and evaluated by the assessing town planner in the agenda to the Council meeting on 27 March 2025.

The Council has provided its position to Mr French in relation to sewerage at his property. No further action is required.

Question 2:

In relation to that letter of two years ago that I still haven't got the copy of, however, in this morning's emails, I've got heaps of it: it's taken 18 months to get it through, and in the covering letter from your legal department, the DA relating to that 2004 development, which was 20 years prior to the current one on the same property doing the same thing, excavating thousands of tons of material out of the bottom of the hillside below me, said the thing has been modified; and just to highlight two items, it was modified in July 2005, a year later than Council approved the DA which I was following through to argue my point against Council for 18 months, and now I get all these reasons you've changed your development. Shouldn't this development, as stated on the 2004 approval, still apply, or does that just get wiped out and nobody is told about it 12 months later when it's changed, and for what reason?

Response:

This question appears to relate to the interplay between the developments approved under DA0273/2004 and DA0215/2023.*

DA0273/2004 includes a condition requiring a landscape management plan to be submitted for endorsement, which occurred on 7 July 2005.

As the landscape management plan endorsed under DA0273/2004 was not carried forward under DA0213/2023, it has no continued application to the land at 32-38 Waverley Road.

** Please note that the Council had incorrectly referenced this plan as a permit condition requirement of DA0146/2003.*

8.2. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 37

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

9. PETITIONS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

10. DEPUTATIONS

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

11. 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 11 - Planning Authority.

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

No Mayor's Announcements were identified as part of these Minutes.

13. 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 Susie Cai

Thursday 10 September 2026

- Attended R U OK? event for R U OK? Day in Civic Square

Saturday 12 September 2026

- Attended Weekly Nepali Community Youth Group Activity hosted by Creative Journey Foundation at Rochearlea Recreation Grounds

Councillor Alan Harris

Sunday 6 September 2026

- Attended the Northern Tasmanian Hockey Association Finals and Presentation at St Leonards Northern Hockey Centre

Thursday 10 September 2026

- Attended Out of the Shadows Walk at City Park

Wednesday 16 September

- Attended Franklin House Committee Meeting

Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie

Paid respects to the late Mr Alberto Taurian, respectfully acknowledging his contributions to the community.

Tuesday 15 September

- Attended the Northern Suburbs Community Round Table

Thursday 17 September

- Attended TasWater Developers Forum at Door of Hope

14. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 34 and 35

14.1. Questions on Notice by Councillors

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 35

**14.1.1. Questions on Notice by Councillor Krista Preece - Two-Way Street
Conversion Timeline - 3 September 2026**

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Councillor Krista Preece, has been answered by the Team Leader Engineering.

Question 1:

Given George Street already has some two way traffic up to Cameron Street and Paterson Street has two way to the west, why do we need to wait for the bus interchange project and is there a way we can speed this process up?

Response:

The City Heart Two-Way Streets project is dependant on the delivery of intersection and signalisation upgrades. As part of the project scope, swept path analysis is required to ensure that Metro buses can safely and compliantly navigate the city network. This engineering assessment is dependent on the determination of the final location for the Bus Interchange.

14.1.2. Questions on Notice by Councillor Tim Walker - Council's Ability to Advocate to the Valuer General - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Councillor Tim Walker, has been answered by the Senior Leader Finance and Technology.

Question 1:

Is Council able to advocate on ratepayers behalf to the Valuer General for an AAV reassessment?

Response:

Property valuations, including the Assessed Annual Value (AAV), are determined by the Office of the Valuer-General under the Valuation of Land Act 2001. Council does not assess or determine the AAV used for rating purposes. The City's published rates information explains that AAV represents an estimate of a property's annual rental value as determined by the Office of the Valuer-General.

Where a property owner believes their AAV is incorrect, the Valuation of Land Act 2001 provides a formal objection process. Section 29 of the Act specifically allows an owner to object to a valuation on the grounds that the assessed annual value is too high or too low.

As the responsibility for determining property valuations rests solely with the Office of the Valuer-General, Council cannot alter, reduce or substitute an AAV, nor can it advocate or seek a reassessment on behalf of a ratepayer. Property owners wishing to challenge their valuation must do so directly through the objection process established under the Act.

If the Valuer-General subsequently amends a property's valuation, Council will make any resulting adjustment to the rates assessment and issue a supplementary rates notice to reflect the amended valuation.

Council does provide guidance on its website in relation to queries regarding AAV and the contact details for the Office of the Valuer-General.

14.1.3. Questions on Notice by Councillor Alan Harris - Location for Aviation Museum - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Councillor Alan Harris, has been answered by the Director, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

Question 1:

Has a suitable space been identified within the QVMAG precinct for the Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society Museum?

Response:

A potential space has been identified that, with appropriate works, could become a home for this project. Presently its contents are being catalogued for relocation and an environmental assessment needs to be finalised before accurate costings can be made.

14.1.4. Questions on Notice by Councillor Krista Preece - Event Sponsorship Quantity - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Councillor Krista Preece, has been answered by the Partnership and Grants Officer.

Question 1:

How many events does Council sponsor financially without a Notice of Motion? Is there an ongoing agreement for sponsorship monetarily and also in kind?

Response:

Council provides financial support to events through the endorsed competitive grant funding programs, without the need for a Notice of Motion.

In the 2025/26 financial year, 47 events received funding through these programs. For 2026/27 financial year, 21 events were approved through the first funding round, with a further 28 applications approved through the second funding round.

Applications are assessed against the relevant assessment criteria and presented to Council with recommendations for consideration and approval. Following approval, a funding agreement is entered into with the successful applicant for the specific event and approved funding period. These agreements are not ongoing arrangements and apply only to the approved event and funding period.

The approved funding lists are published on Council's website at www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Community/Partnerships-and-Grants/Event-Grants. These lists reflect funding approvals; however, not all approved events ultimately proceeded, as some events were subsequently cancelled or withdrawn by the applicants.

Council does not have a fixed or ongoing arrangement for in-kind support for events. In-kind support is considered for approved events on a case-by-case basis and subject to availability of relevant Council resources and approvals.

14.1.5. Questions on Notice by Councillor Joe Pentridge - Condition of Council Assets - 3 September 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Dan Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 3 September 2026 by Councillor Joe Pentridge, has been answered by the Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy.

Question 1:

My understanding from documentation that has been supplied is that less than 4% of Council Assets are up to scratch, is that correct?

Response:

The source referred to was not identified, and as such can't be verified.

As of 7 September 2026, formal condition information is captured on 8 types of assets within the corporate system; bridges, buildings, playgrounds, park lighting, stormwater pipes, roads, kerbs and footpaths.

For these asset categories, making up about 50% of individual records in our asset register, information is recorded on a 1 - 5 scale. Information capture intervals varies between asset categories and all road, kerb and footpath asset condition information is currently being assessed and updated as part of our regular inspection cycles.

Approximately 66.2% of assets are identified in Very Good to Fair condition, with 23.4% Poor and 6.1% Very Poor, as detailed in the table following.

	<i>Bridges</i>	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>Playgrounds & Park Lighting</i>	<i>Stormwater Pipes*</i>	<i>Road, Kerb & Footpath Assets</i>	<i>TOTAL %</i>
<i>1 - Very Good</i>	40	6	23	189	1,463	4.9 %
<i>2 - Good</i>	53	26	65	2,922	6,778	27.8 %
<i>3 - Fair</i>	6	128	761	3,900	7,060	33.5 %
<i>4 - Poor</i>	0	40	41	7,221	983	23.4 %
<i>5 - Very Poor</i>	0	12	2	2,134	28	6.1 %
<i>Not Recorded</i>	2	0	186	142	1,180	4.3 %
<i>Total Records</i>	101	212	1078	16,508	17,492	

**Condition documented on some stormwater pipes is an age-based assumption.*

14.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillors

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 34

14.2.1. Questions Without Notice by Councillor Ross Marsden - Launceston Flood Authority Funding - 17 September 2026

Question:

Can Council please provide an update on implications if annual funding from the State Government isn't continued for the Launceston Flood Authority?

Response

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised we are actively pursuing an answer from the State Government to secure an ongoing funding commitment. If Council are not able to obtain a commitment of funding renewal then there is a possibility Council will be looking at close to half a million dollars a year to maintain flood assets.

14.2.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillor Susie Cai - Launceston Aquatic Changerooms - 17 September 2026

Question 1:

When will the updated layout for the new Launceston Aquatic changerooms be available to the public?

Question 2:

Noting the parking charge times have changed at Launceston Aquatic from 9am to 7am, how will residents who attend the facility at 7am pay for parking, for example will they need to exit the facility closer to 9am and pay or can money be put in the parking meters at 7am?

Response:

The Mayor, Councillor Matthew Garwood, advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and responses provided in the Council Agenda of 1 October 2026.

14.2.3. Questions Without Notice by Councillor Joe Pentridge - Remount Road Development - 17 September 2026

Question 1:

Regarding an ongoing development on Remount Road, can I get a copy of all the paperwork for the development?

Response:

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised there has been significant development that has taken place on Remount Round where the owner has undertaken development without Council approval. Councillors are welcome to all of the paperwork.

Question 2:

Noting the development has started 9 months ago, how come no one has discovered the development happening without a Development Application until now? Council have had an active part in the project for 9 months and now construction has been forced to stop. Is there anything we can do to rectify any oversights and expedite the process so construction can resume?

Response:

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised that Council staff will be actively engaged with the developer and/or owner to work through any oversights. In terms of the timeframe between development commencing and discovery, Council does not generally send staff to review properties to determine what does and does not have approval and implementing such would not be the best use of officer time and resources for the community. Council take a more pro active approach and work with people rather than police people.

14.2.4. Questions Without Notice by Councillor Andrew Palmer - Flooring Works at Lilydale Memorial Hall - 17 September 2026

Question:

I note in a local newspaper it's reported there are proposed budgets cuts for the flooring at the Lilydale Memorial Hall. Can Council confirm the Lilydale Memorial Hall Floor will still be completed as approved by Council in the Annual budget?

Response:

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised that the Lilydale Memorial Hall Floor will remain in the budget and will be completed in this financial year.

15. WRITTEN NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 19

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1. Homelessness Advisory Committee Reports

FILE NO: SF7447

AUTHOR: Anne Hemingway (Executive Assistant - Connections and Liveability)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To note the Minutes from the Homelessness Advisory Committee Meetings held 17 March 2026 and 16 June 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the confirmed minutes from the Homelessness Advisory Committee Meetings held 17 March 2026 and 16 June 2026.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Tim Walker, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

That Council:

1. **notes the confirmed minutes from the Homelessness Advisory Committee Meetings held 17 March 2026 and 16 June 2026.**

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

16.2. Museum Governance Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

FILE NO: SF2244

AUTHOR: Anne Hemingway (Executive Assistant - Connections and Liveability)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To note the minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) held 28 April 2026 and 17 June 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes he confirmed minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) meetings held 28 April 2026 and 17 June 2026.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, seconded Councillor Ross Marsden.

That Council:

1. **notes he confirmed minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) meetings held 28 April 2026 and 17 June 2026.**

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie	With James Riggall stepping down as chair, does Council have a replacement?	Chief Executive Officer <i>Pam Allen has been appointed as the new Chair of the Committee.</i>

17. CONNECTIONS AND LIVEABILITY (INCLUDING QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY)

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

18. COMMUNITY ASSETS AND DESIGN

18.1. Proposed New Street Names - Silvereye Street, Founders Drive, Roland Way, Eskview Avenue, Lanae Way

FILE NO: SF0621, DA0291/2023, DA0475/2024

AUTHOR: Julie Ross (Administration Officer)

APPROVER: Chelsea van Riet (Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider approval for the new street names: Silvereye Street, Founders Drive, Roland Way, Eskview Avenue, Lanae Way, St Leonards and the continuation of the existing Regent Street. The five streets result from the subdivision of 50 Regent Street and 104 Fountaindale Street, St Leonards.

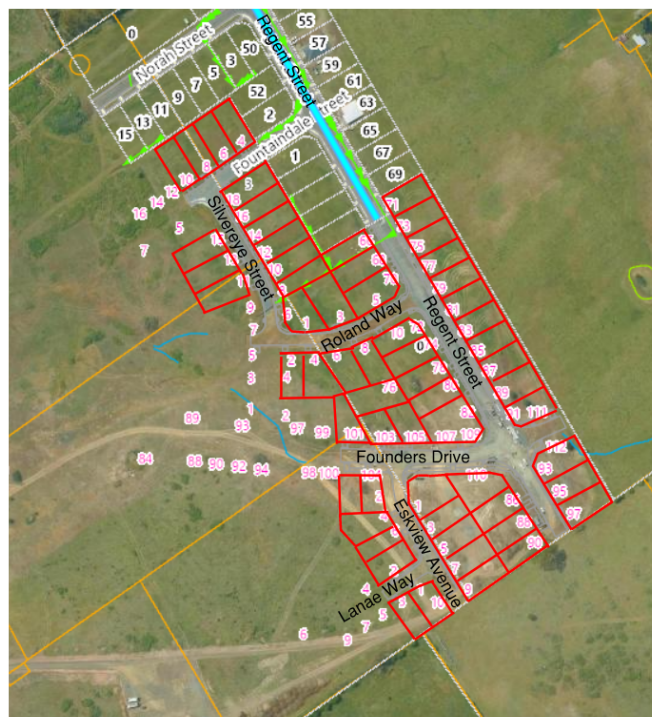
RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to the provisions of section 54 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, approves the names Silvereye Street, Founders Drive, Roland Way, Eskview Avenue, Lanae Way and the continuation of Regent Street:



Julie Ross (Administration Officer - Development Services) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

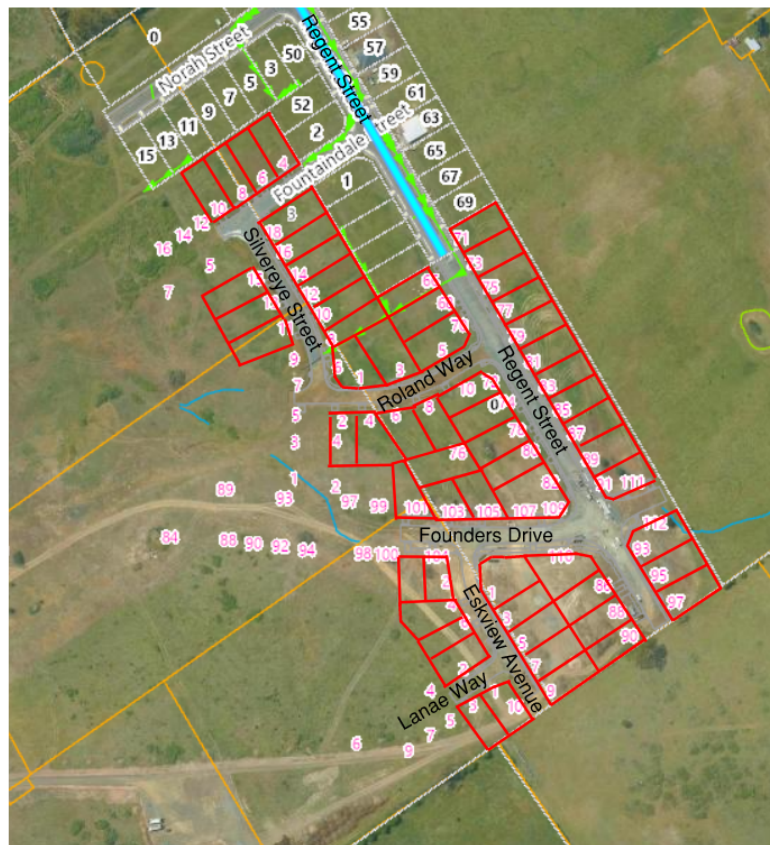
DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

That Council:

1. pursuant to the provisions of section 54 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*, approves the names Silvereye Street, Founders Drive, Roland Way, Eskview Avenue, Lanae Way and the continuation of Regent Street:



CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

19. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE

19.1. Audit Panel Annual Report 2025-26

FILE NO: SF3611

AUTHOR: Emily Causley (Executive Assistant - Delivery and Performance)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the 2025-2026 Audit Panel Annual Report.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Audit Act 2008 (Tas)

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the 2025 - 26 Audit Panel Annual Report (Doc Set ID No.5417879).

Byron Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, seconded Councillor Tim Walker.

That Council:

1. receives the 2025 - 26 Audit Panel Annual Report (Doc Set ID No.5417879).

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

19.2. Audit Panel Meeting - 18 May 2026

FILE NO: SF3618

AUTHOR: Emily Causley (Executive Assistant - Delivery and Performance)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Audit Panel for the meeting held on 18 May 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Audit Act 2008 (Tas)

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Audit Panel Meeting held on 18 May 2026.

Byron Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, seconded Councillor Tim Walker.

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Audit Panel Meeting held on 18 May 2026.

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

19.3. Audit Panel Meeting - 24 August 2026

FILE NO: SF3618

AUTHOR: Emily Causley (Executive Assistant - Delivery and Performance)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Audit Panel for the meeting held on 24 August 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Audit Act 2008 (Tas)

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Audit Panels) Order 2014

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Audit Panel Meeting held on 24 August 2026.

Byron Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, seconded Councillor Tim Walker.

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Audit Panel Meeting held on 24 August 2026.

CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

19.4. Fees and Charges Amendment

FILE NO: SF2968

AUTHOR: Connie Nix (Strategic Finance Analyst)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider amendments to the adopted 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop – 12 March 2026 – Budget and Fees & Charges 2026/27

Council - 28 May 2026 - Fees and Charges 2026/27

Council - 25 June 2026 - Fees and Charges Amendment 2026/27

Council - 6 August 2026 - Fees and Charges Amendment 2026/27

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), approve the additions to and removals from published 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule as detailed in ECM Document Set ID 5374262, as follows:

(a) removal of fee

Line No.	Fees Name	GST Status	2026/27 Fee (Inc GST)
558	Smart Card - 3 hours free parking in multistorey car parks per week	Taxable	\$ 9.00

(b) addition of new fees

Line No.	Fees Name	GST Status	2026/27 Fee (Inc GST)
N128	The V		
N129	Rooms (Fitness Room, Meeting Room, Multi-Purpose (Front) Room and RJ Den)		
N130	Community groups		
N131	Non-regular, per hour	Taxable	\$ 26.00
N132	Regular, per hour	Taxable	\$ 21.00
N133	Regular and non-regular, bond for key:	Taxable	\$ 63.00
N134	Laundry/Kitchen, per hour (optional only with Multi-Purpose Room)	Taxable	\$ 22.00
N135	Commercial		
N136	Regular hire (eg dance and martial arts classes) - per hour:	Taxable	\$ 34.00
N137	Non-regular hire (eg one-off events) - per hour:	Taxable	\$ 55.00
N138	Courts (Peck and Willis)		
N139	Sports groups		
N140	Seniors (aged 18 and older):		
N141	per hour for first two hours	Taxable	\$ 26.00
N142	per subsequent hour or part	Taxable	\$ 26.00
N143	Juniors (aged up to and including 17 years):		
N144	per hour for first two hours	Taxable	\$ 26.00
N145	per subsequent hour or part	Taxable	\$ 26.00

Byron Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology), Natasha Tempest (Senior Leader Health and Regulations), Grace Heyblok (Team Leader Community Wellbeing) and Des Fogarty (Recreation Officer - Bookings) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 17 September 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

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CARRIED 10:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie, Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie	With the fees and charges that Council are levying on the parties out there, is it likely to have an impact on those who utilise the facilities there?	Recreation Officer - Bookings <i>The fees and charges recommended are identical to the fees and charges that have been in place under the previous management of the lease.</i>

20. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

21. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

22. LATE ITEMS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 – regulation 10(7)

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

23. CLOSED COUNCIL

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 – regulation 17(1)

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

24. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00 pm on 1 October 2026 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.

25. MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Councillor Matthew Garwood, closed the Meeting at 1.25pm.