



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 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: 20 August 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

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 - (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.

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- (ii) this advice was taken into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
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Sam Johnson OAM
Chief Executive Officer

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Present:

Councillor Alan Harris
Councillor Tim Walker
Councillor Joe Pentridge
Councillor Andrew Palmer
Councillor Lindi McMahon
Councillor Susie Cai
Councillor Alex Britton
Councillor Krista Preece

In Attendance:

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)
Dean Edsall (Acting Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)
Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)
Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)
Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)
Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)
Taylor Murphy (Senior Governance Officer)
Daniel Gray (Governance Officer)
Fleur Marshall (Senior Leader Stakeholder Experience) (Item 17.1 and 17.2)
Angie Hart (Team Leader Visitation and Events) (Item 17.1 and 17.2)
Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor) (Item 18.2)
Catherine Searle (Senior Leader City Infrastructure) (Item 18.2)
Sam Tucker (External Consultant) (Item 18.2)
Bryon Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology) (Item 19.1 and 19.2)
Julie Maule (Senior Leader Corporate Planning and Strategy) (Item 20.1 and 20.5)
Sarah McRobbie (Senior Leader Prosperity and Innovation) (Item 20.1)
Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy) (Item 20.1, 20.2, 20.3 and 20.4)
Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property) (Item 20.2, 20.3 and 20.4)
Scott Edwards (Senior Property Officer) (Item 20.3 and 20.4)
Janelle Middleton (Advocacy and Grants Officer) (Item 20.6)
Henry Williams (Team Leader Prosperity and Investment) (Item 20.6 and 20.7)

Apologies:

Mayor Councillor Matthew Garwood
Deputy Mayor Councillor Hugh McKenzie
Councillor Ross Marsden

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

Prior to the Opening of the Meeting, Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised the following:

*The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not available for this meeting.
In accordance with section 12(2) of the Meeting Regulations, the Councillors present are required to elect one councillor to chair this meeting.*

As the method of election is not prescribed, it will occur by securing a simple majority in favour of one Councillor. Where a simple majority is not secured, a second vote will be taken. If the chairperson is not elected during a second round of voting, a drawing of lots will occur and the chair will be elected.

Once a chairperson has been elected, the meeting can formally commence.

Councillor Andrew Palmer nominated Councillor Lindi McMahon as Chairperson. Councillor Lindi McMahon accepted the nomination and was elected by a show of hands.

The Chief Executive Officer appointed Councillor Lindi McMahon as Chair of the meeting.

Councillor Lindi McMahon, opened the meeting at 1.00 pm, noted apologies from the Mayor, Councillor Matthew Garwood and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hugh McKenzie 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.

2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There were no Mayoral Acknowledgements for this Meeting.

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).

Councillor Andrew Palmer declared an interest in Agenda Item 17.2 - Innovation Partnership and Destination Partnership Grants 2027.

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 6 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Alex Britton.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 6 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

5.1. Council Workshop Report - 13 August 2026

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Daniel 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 13 August 2026 and attended since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

Workshops conducted on 13 August 2026:

Development Application Site Visit - Convention Centre

Councillor's visited the proposed Convention Centre development to gain a better understanding of this project.

Executive Leader Updates and Councillor Connect

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

Long Term Financial Plan

Councillors received an update on the development of the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2026-2036.

LGBTIQA+ Action Plan

The City of Launceston LGBTIQA+ Action Plan 2026-2030 was workshopped with Councillors.

Economic Presentation - Year in Review FY2026

Councillors were presented key economic findings and had the opportunity to discuss current economic environment and emerging trends, challenges and opportunities for future growth.

CoL Submission: Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy

Councillors discussed the City of Launceston's (CoL) draft submission to the Tasmanian State Government's Economic Diversification and Investment Strategy and were given the opportunity to provide feedback.

City Heart Events Space

Councillors were presented with an overview of the investigations undertaken, key findings, shortlisted options, and proposed next steps of the City Heart Events Space.

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 and Councillor Krista Preece.

Apologies: Councillor Joe Pentridge and Councillor Ross Marsden

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Tim Walker, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

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CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

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

No Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications or Parental Leave Notifications have been identified as part of this Agenda.

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 Community Reports have been identified as part of this Agenda

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

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 38

8.1.1. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Robin Smith - New CBD Traffic Routes - Mobile Food Vendor Bookings - 29 July 2026

FILE NO: SF6145, SF6381, SF7927

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 29 July 2026 by Robin Smith, have been answered by the Team Leader Engineering (Question 1) and the Team Leader Customer Experience (Question 2).

Question 1:

Historically, under the City Heart plan, the Paterson Street bus interchange required the introduction of an extra traffic flow direction for departing vehicle traffic (busses departing the interchange) to shortcut counterclockwise back through the inner retail CBD core against the current traffic direction on both Paterson Street and Charles Street.

Charles Street is a very successful retail strip and introducing this full cross-city two-way traffic goes against urban planning such as Gehl Architects 'Public Spaces Public Life (Launceston, Australia)' study for urban living (including pedestrians (shoppers) and cyclists) by bizarrely continuing to introduce entirely new routes for road vehicle traffic cutting a new path through the heart of the inner CBD core.

Whilst this route for buses is now no longer required, unfortunately the plan to introduce this new direction of traffic flow remains embedded as an anomaly within the City Heart Place Plan. With city-wide disruption of road construction, expense and spurious claims of enhanced experiences for pedestrians and businesses, would council consider consulting the opinion of business traders along the affected route?

Response:

The location of the proposed City Heart Bus Interchange Project has been a key dependency that is intrinsically linked to the Two-Way Streets Project. While the location of the Bus Interchange remained unconfirmed, Council's ability to effectively plan, progress, and develop the Two-Way Streets scope and project was constrained. With the endorsement of the Bus Interchange and associated upgrades to be located on St John Street, the project can now advance to the next phase of planning and development. The project remains in the planning phase, with the final scope, network arrangements, and street functionality to be reviewed and refined over the financial year in response to this

confirmed outcome. This means at present, no decisions have been made about changes to direction of traffic within the City Heart. The Two-Way Streets Project will include a stakeholder and community engagement plan that will include engagement with businesses on affected routes.

Question 2:

In the year-and-a-half since the inception of the current Mobile Food Vendor (in Public Open Spaces) Policy (32-Plx-005), as at 09 July 2026:

1. How many vendors were registered to operate under the system;
2. How many bookings were made for (i) 'Eat Street' (High Street, Launceston) and (ii) remaining areas under the policy?

Response:

1. *There are currently 16 unique vendors across all locations.*
 2. *Under the policy, there were a total of 39 bookings, made up of:*
 - i. *High Street Launceston is 2 unique vendors with 16 bookings.*
 - ii. *23 booking across the other sites:*
 - *Riverbend park: 19*
 - *Heritage Forest: 1*
 - *Community Park: 1*
 - *Lindsay St West Invermay: 1 (however it was then cancelled)*
 - *Picnic Grounds St Leonards Park: 1*
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8.1.2. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Kyle Barrett - Council Funding and Support for Island Escape Festival - 30 July 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 30 July 2026 by Kyle Barrett, has been answered by the Team Leader Visitation and Events.

Question 1:

What was the value of the funding or in-kind support provided by the City of Launceston for the recent Island Escape Festival?

Response:

Council provided \$30,000 Special Event Sponsorship for Island Escape. According to the post-event acquittal report, the festival attracted 14,604 attendees, of which 49.6% were interstate or international visitors. The event generated an estimated \$8.84 million economic injection into Launceston with an average length of stay of 3.87 days and achieved a national media reach of almost 9.9 million people.

With 44% of visitors booking their trip specifically because of the festival, the event demonstrated a strong ability to drive winter visitation and economic activity for the city. Based on the reported outcomes, Council's investment generated approximately \$8.85 million in visitor expenditure, equating to a return of approximately \$295 for every \$1 invested.

A core function of the City of Launceston event facilitation service is to provide in-kind operational support for events in the Launceston municipality. This support includes coordination of internal Council teams and external stakeholders, permit and venue management, marketing support, site planning, and the coordination of traffic, emergency services, and risk management requirements. This support provides organisers with streamlined access to Council resources, expertise, and key service providers, helping ensure the safe and successful delivery of events.

8.1.3. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Robert, Ravenswood - LGBT Community Support - 6 August 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 6 August 2026 by Robert, Ravenswood, have been answered by the Executive Leader Connections and Liveability.

Question 1

Does the Launceston City Council have any plans to assist the LGBT community in the next 12 months?

Response:

Council will soon consider a draft LGBTIQA+ Action Plan developed following extensive community consultation and engagement. The draft Plan contains a range of proposed actions aimed at improving inclusion, wellbeing, safety and participation for LGBTIQA+ people in the City of Launceston. At this stage, no decision has been made regarding the adoption of the draft Plan and any future actions would be subject to Council consideration, resource availability and future business planning processes.

Question 2:

Would there be any chance that we could have a flag pole erected, not just specifically for the LGBT people but also other community groups, like Beyond Blue, where they can raise their own flag?

Response:

Council currently has a Flying of Flags Policy that guides the display of flags at Council-owned locations. While there are no current plans to install an additional community flagpole for use by community groups, Council recognises the value of initiatives that celebrate and acknowledge diverse communities and causes. The suggestion is appreciated and could be considered as part of any future discussions regarding community recognition and the use of civic spaces.

Question 3:

Would there be any possibility we could have a rainbow crossing in Launceston?

Response:

The concept of a rainbow crossing has been identified as a potential initiative within the draft LGBTIQA+ Action Plan. However, Council has not made any decision to proceed with a rainbow crossing and there is currently no approved project, location, funding allocation or timeframe. Any future proposal would require further assessment and consideration through Council's normal planning, safety, consultation and approval processes.

8.2. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 37

**8.2.1. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Rocelyn Ives -
Launceston Built Heritage - 20 August 2026**

Question 1:

Would Council always keep in mind, when signing off on all developments in all its future deliberations, the huge asset of the built heritage we have, protecting it visually, while providing the tools to maintain and not over develop its very essence?

Question 2:

How in practice are Councillors and Council staff placing protection of heritage, including the maintenance and development surrounding it?

Response:

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and responses provided in the Council Agenda of 3 September 2026.

8.2.2. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Barry French - Tasman Highway Development / Geotechnical and Stormwater Concerns - 20 August 2026

Question 1:

[Regarding a Development Application approved 27 March 2025 - Tasman Highway] Despite asking for, I have yet to receive a copy of the geotechnical report? Why can't i get that document?

Question 2:

Why wasn't it in the Development Application for the developer to fix broken stormwater pipes and infrastructure?

Question 3:

In relation to the landslip, why did the earlier application reference a batter would be constructed and trees would be planted with no protection to my property?

Response:

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon advised that these question would be Taken on Notice and responses provided in the Council Agenda of 3 September 2026.

8.2.3. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Robin Smith - Bus Interchange Project and Social Behaviour - 20 August 2026

Question 1:

Is there an expected completion date for the Bus Interchange project? Would it be fair to say, not less than 3 years?

Response:

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon advised there is not expected completion date at this time, it is still out for tender.

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) added that we cannot provide a completion date as the project is currently out for tenders on the design process. Once a design is accepted, we then move to quantitative surveying (QS) and costing. There is probably at least 12 months of planning and QS before a contract is awarded, noting that the decision to award a contract would be a decision of the newly elected Council.

Question 2:

Has Council explored addressing displacement caused by moving on of youth at the St John Street Bus Stop?

Response:

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon advised we have communicated to Minister Ellis. It still needs to be determined whether it is the role of Council or the State Government, as well as where the funding comes from for such initiatives.

Apart from speaking to Tas Police regularly there is currently no extra work from Council.

Question 3:

Has Council communicated the number of incidents, nature and action taken to Minister Ellis?

Response:

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon advised that this had been shared.

Later in the Meeting, after confirmation by the relevant team, the Chief Executive Officer clarified that the information had not been communicated to Minister Ellis as previously thought.

9. PETITIONS

No Petitions have been identified as part of this Agenda

10. DEPUTATIONS

No Deputations have been identified as part of this Agenda

11. PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Planning Authority Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

No Mayor's Announcements have been identified as part of this Agenda

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 Alex Britton withdrew from the Meeting at 1:19 pm

Councillor Alex Britton re-attended the Meeting at 1:21 pm

Councillor Susie Cai

Friday 7 August 2026

- Attended the Homelessness Action Now 2026 event in Civic Square

Monday 10 August 2026

- Attended the Rocherlea Action Project Meeting

Tuesday 11 August 2026

- Attended Self Help Workplace Tour

Wednesday 12 August 2026

- Attended the Launch of Unwind 10 Day Wellness Festival at Albert Hall

Tuesday 18 August 2026

- Attended the Vietnam Veteran's Day Service at the Launceston Cenotaph

Wednesday 19 August 2026

- Attended Launceston Central's Unwind Total Body Workout class

Councillor Alan Harris

Noted upcoming reopening of Franklin House on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

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- Attended the Vietnam Veteran's Day Service at the Launceston Cenotaph

Wednesday

- Attended the Citizenship Ceremony at the Albert Hall

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- Attended Self Help Workplace Tour

Councillor Tim Walker

Chaired both the Cultural Advisory Committee and Homelessness Advisory Committee Meetings in the last two weeks and noted the upcoming Audit Panel Committee meeting next week.

Councillor Andrew Palmer

Tuesday 28 July 2026

- Acknowledged the Heathers The Musical and the Encore Theater Company

Saturday 17 July 2026

- Attended Launceston Colleges' We Will Rock You Production

Congratulated Starting Point Neighbourhood House in Ravenswood for being recognised as an Employer of Choice.

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 - Speed Bump Installation at Royal Park - 6 August 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 6 August 2026 by Councillor Krista Preece, has been answered by the Team Leader Engineering.

Question 1:

Can a speed hump be installed in the lower end of the Park Street car park for pedestrian and child safety?

Response:

Further investigation is required to determine whether a speed hump is warranted at this location. A customer service request has been raised, and a Transport Engineer will contact you to discuss your concerns in more detail and undertake a Traffic Engineering Assessment to evaluate the suitability of traffic-calming measures at this site.

14.1.2. Questions on Notice by Councillor Alex Britton - Use and Bookings of Albert Hall - 6 August 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 6 August 2026 by Councillor Alex Britton, have been answered by the Executive Leader Community Assets and Design.

Question 1:

Have we received complaints, questions, queries or concerns from schools, colleges, charities or community organisations regarding use of the Albert Hall, and if so, what were those concerns?

Response:

The Albert Hall is currently being managed by Theatre North. They advise that they receive routine enquiries and feedback from schools, colleges, charities and community organisations regarding the use and operation of the venue.

The matters raised have related to loading and access arrangements; the inability to use the balcony; and managing the movement of performers to and from the stage where their numbers exceed the capacity of the available dressing rooms.

Notwithstanding these operational challenges, 28 community organisations, charities, schools and colleges have used the Albert Hall since October 2025. Theatre North continues to work closely with these groups to identify practical solutions and support their successful use of the venue.

Question 2:

Do we pay any costs for hosting the citizenship ceremonies at Albert Hall?

Response:

Under Council's Agreement with Theatre North, Council is not required to pay hire fee for Citizenship Ceremonies, however Council is responsible for the direct costs associated with the event (e.g. cleaning and staffing).

14.1.3. Questions on Notice by Councillor Susie Cai - Adopt a Tree Program - 6 August 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 6 August 2026 by Councillor Susie Cai, has/have been answered by the the Urban Forrester, Community Place and Wellbeing.

Question 1:

Under the adopted tree project, can a person choose what tree is planted, such as a fruit tree or native evergreen, and can they have more than one tree?

Response:

Residents applying through the Adopt-a-Tree Program can indicate whether they would prefer a native, evergreen or deciduous tree. Council will consider this preference when selecting a suitable species, with the final selection based on the characteristics of the planting site and the tree stock available from Council's nursery.

Fruit trees are not offered through the program, as street trees must be suitable for planting and long-term management within the public road reserve. Fruit trees can create additional maintenance and public safety issues through fallen fruit, increased pest activity and the need for regular pruning and harvesting. The program instead uses species selected for their suitability to Launceston's conditions and their ability to provide long-term canopy, shade, habitat and amenity benefits.

While the program generally provides one tree per request, more than one tree may be planted where Council's assessment identifies sufficient suitable space. This will depend on factors including the length and width of the nature strip, existing trees and vegetation, driveways, sightlines, overhead and underground services, and appropriate spacing for the selected species, and stock availability.

Question 2:

Can tree canopy size/placement be considered, so trees do not grow over where people park on the curb?

Response:

Yes. Tree species and placement are assessed according to the available space and site conditions, including the width of the nature strip, driveways, existing trees, sightlines, overhead and underground services, and access to properties.

However, the purpose of the program is to increase street canopy, and as trees mature their canopies may extend over the roadway or kerbside parking areas. This is generally a desirable outcome, as it provides shade for parked vehicles, footpaths and the surrounding street environment. Trees will be appropriately positioned and maintained to provide suitable clearance, but Council cannot guarantee that a mature tree canopy will not extend over an area used for kerbside parking.

14.1.4. Questions on Notice by Councillor Alan Harris - Reallocation of Dredging Funding - 6 August 2026

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 6 August 2026 by Councillor Alan Harris, has been answered by the Senior Leader City Infrastructure.

Question 1:

Can the previous \$4 million state government grant for dredging be redirected or has been extinguished?

Response:

The work of the Launceston Flood Authority is funded through a grant from the Tasmanian Government to the City of Launceston, with contributions from Building Tasmania and the Department of Natural Resources.

The original grant included capital funding for construction of the levees. The ongoing revenue funding post-construction was (at the time of signing the grant deed in 2006) \$400,000 per annum, comprising:

- \$150,000 operational costs for the LFA; and*
- \$250,000 for dredging in the upper reaches of the Tamar River.*

The Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT) was established in April 2017 under the Launceston City Deal, at which time the City of Launceston and the LFA ceased dredging the Tamar Estuary. The funding agreed in the grant deed has continued to be paid with annual increases in line with CPI.

The grant deed states that: "If the Authority determines that dredging is not required in any given year, these funds may be used by the Authority for the maintenance of other flood mitigation measures." The dredging component of the grant funding has been redirected into the flood asset management program, at the direction and with oversight of the LFA.

14.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillors

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 34

14.2.1. Questions Without Notice by Councillor Cai - Council's Role in Addressing Antisocial and Racial Activity in Mowbray - 20 August 2026

Question 1:

What role can Council play with Tas Police, local businesses and community organisations in regard to criminal and racially motivated activity in Mowbray?

Response:

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 3 September 2026.

15. WRITTEN NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 19

15.1. Notice of Motion - Councillor A Palmer and Councillor A Britton- 25th Anniversary of The Afghanistan War 11 October 2026

FILE NO: SF5547 SF2277

AUTHOR: Vanessa Holloway (Executive Assistant - Councillor Rooms)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Andrew Palmer and Councillor Alex Britton regarding the City of Launceston providing support for the commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of The Afghanistan War on 11 October 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - Regulation 19

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves covering the costs and arranges for the following:

1. A dais for official proceedings.
 2. A public address (sound) system, including microphones suitable for speeches and ceremonial proceeding.
 3. Chairs for veterans, official guests and community members requiring seating.
 4. Preparation of the events Standard Emergency Management Plan (SEMP), including any associated event safety planning and documentation normally provided for civic commemorations.
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DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Andrew Palmer, seconded Councillor Alex Britton.

That Council approves covering the costs and arranges for the following:

- 1. A dais for official proceedings.**
- 2. A public address (sound) system, including microphones suitable for speeches and ceremonial proceeding.**
- 3. Chairs for veterans, official guests and community members requiring seating.**
- 4. Preparation of the events Standard Emergency Management Plan (SEMP), including any associated event safety planning and documentation normally provided for civic commemorations.**

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 7 July 2026

FILE NO: SF2965

AUTHOR: Sophie Appleby (Place and Heritage Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report and unconfirmed minutes from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026.
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DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Susie Cai, seconded Councillor Joe Pentridge.

That Council:

1. receives the report and unconfirmed minutes from the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

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

17.1. Quarterly Report - Connections and Liveability - 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026

FILE NO: SF7708

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

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report about activities of the Connections and Liveability team between 1 April 2026 and 30 June 2026

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Connections and Liveability Team Quarterly Report for the period
2. 1 April 2026 and 30 June 2026

Fleur Marshall (Senior Leader Stakeholder Experience) was 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: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Alex Britton.

That Council:

1. receives the Connections and Liveability Team Quarterly Report for the period 1 April 2026 and 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Tim Walker	Was the Beacon Foundation funded as a one off? Do we know if this will be ongoing support for the Beacon Foundation?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>At this stage no request has been submitted but given the success of the program, a request may come to Council in which we will bring back to Council for decision.</i>
Councillor Krista Preece	Regarding the Master Planning for the Heritage listed Inveresk precinct adjacent to the QVMAG and University Tasmania, the report states the submission was not completed due to funding. If a Heritage Precinct Master Plan was to be developed, would we be waiting for more funding for that to be done or is that something Council would take on by itself?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>The State Government submission that was marked for that particular funding round which was then ceased was for a much bigger development. It was for an estimated \$70m collection discovery centre.</i> <i>Currently there is not an active project to develop precinct master planning.</i>

17.2. Innovation Partnership and Destination Partnership Grants 2027

FILE NO: SF7963, SF7962

AUTHOR: Roshani Hamal (Partnership and Grants Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider funding allocations for the 2027 Innovation Partnership and Destination Partnership Grants.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. approves the following Innovation Partnership Grant applications for funding over a three-year period, with the recommended funding amounts to be allocated from the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 Event Grants budgets:

Organisation	Event	Multi-Year (3 Years)	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Junction Arts Festival	Junction Arts Festival	3 Years	90.5	\$50,000	\$50,000
Launceston Festivale Committee Inc	Festivale	3 Years	89	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total				\$100,000	\$100,000

Note: Following Expression of Interest (EOI) shortlisting, these applicants were invited by the Panel to submit a three-year funding application.

2. approves the following Innovation Partnership Grant applications for funding, with the recommended funding amounts to be allocated from the 2026/27 Event Grants budget:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Island Events Pty Ltd	Island Escape Winter Festival	87.6	\$50,000	\$50,000
Epic Events and Marketing	McGrath Launceston Running Festival	86.3	\$50,000	\$35,000
Tallboy and Moose	Launceston BeerFest NYE @ Royal Park	82.3	\$50,000	\$35,000

Fungi The Festival c/o Big hART	Fungi The Festival	81.8	\$50,000	\$35,000
Total			\$200,000	\$155,000

Note: Funding recommendations reflect the Panel's assessment of each application and the available program budget and may be for full or partial funding.

3. determines that the following Innovation Partnership Grant applications will not receive funding, as the available funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Panel's recommendations:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Spartan AUS 3.0 Pty Ltd	2027 OCR Community World Championships	80.1	\$50,000	\$0
Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation Ltd	agriCULTURED	72.8	\$40,000	\$0
Total			\$90,000	\$0

4. approves the following Destination Partnership Grant applications for funding, with the recommended funding amounts to be allocated from the 2026/27 Event Grants budget:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Vibestown Productions	Party In the Paddock	89.1	\$20,000	\$20,000
Festival of Voices	Festival of Voices 2027	88.8	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)	Launceston International (world professional tour tournament)	86	\$20,000	\$20,000
TARGA AUSTRALIA	Targa Tasmania	83.1	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)	Launceston Junior International (world junior professional tour tournament)	82.5	\$20,000	\$20,000
Australian Musical Theatre Festival Inc	Australian Musical Theatre Festival	81.8	\$20,000	\$20,000
AusCycling	2027 AusCycling Junior & Masters Road National Championship	81.3	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total			\$140,000	\$140,000

5. determines that the following Destination Partnership Grant applications will not receive funding, as the available funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Panel's recommendations:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
DanceSport Australia Limited	7 Tasmania Open DanceSport Championship	78.8	\$20,000	\$0
BADMINTON AUSTRALIA LIMITED	Under 15 and Under 19 National Badminton Championships	78.6	\$20,000	\$0
Event People	Launceston Country Music Festival	77	\$20,000	\$0
Tasmanian Turf Club Inc.	Ladbroke's Launceston Cup	76.8	\$20,000	\$0
AusTriathlon	2027 Oceania Triathlon Junior Sprint Distance and Junior Championships – Mixed Team Relay	75.8	\$20,000	\$0
TEG Sport Pty Ltd	2027 Freestyle Kings Live	75.6	\$20,000	\$0
Table Tennis Australia	Table Tennis Australia National Veterans Championships	75.5	\$20,000	\$0
Fit City Events	Vineyards Running Festival	72.3	\$20,000	\$0
Total			\$160,000	\$0

Fleur Marshall (Senior Leader Stakeholder Experience) and Angie Hart (Team Leader Visitation and Events) 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.

Councillor Andrew Palmer withdrew from the Meeting at 1:47 pm

**Natalie Waters (CEO Tasmanian Turf Club) spoke against the recommendation
Ossie Camenzuli spoke against the recommendation
Carly McLelland (Vibestown) spoke for the recommendation
Nicole Gossage (Salters Hire) spoke against the recommendation**

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Joe Pentridge.

That Council:

1. approves the following Innovation Partnership Grant applications for funding over a three-year period, with the recommended funding amounts to be allocated from the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 Event Grants budgets:

Organisation	Event	Multi-Year (3 Years)	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Junction Arts Festival	Junction Arts Festival	3 Years	90.5	\$50,000	\$50,000
Launceston Festivals Committee Inc	Festivals	3 Years	89	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total				\$100,000	\$100,000

Note: Following Expression of Interest (EOI) shortlisting, these applicants were invited by the Panel to submit a three-year funding application.

2. approves the following Innovation Partnership Grant applications for funding, with the recommended funding amounts to be allocated from the 2026/27 Event Grants budget:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
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Total			\$200,000	\$155,000

Note: Funding recommendations reflect the Panel's assessment of each application and the available program budget and may be for full or partial funding.

3. determines that the following Innovation Partnership Grant applications will not receive funding, as the available funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Panel's recommendations:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Spartan AUS 3.0 Pty Ltd	2027 OCR Community World Championships	80.1	\$50,000	\$0
Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation Ltd	agriCULTURED	72.8	\$40,000	\$0
Total			\$90,000	\$0

4. approves the following Destination Partnership Grant applications for funding, with the recommended funding amounts to be allocated from the 2026/27 Event Grants budget:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Vibestown Productions	Party In the Paddock	89.1	\$20,000	\$20,000
Festival of Voices	Festival of Voices 2027	88.8	\$20,000	\$20,000
Tennis Australia (Tennis Tasmania)	Launceston International (world professional tour tournament)	86	\$20,000	\$20,000
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AusCycling	2027 AusCycling Junior & Masters Road National Championship	81.3	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total			\$140,000	\$140,000

5. determines that the following Destination Partnership Grant applications will not receive funding, as the available funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Panel's recommendations:

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
DanceSport Australia Limited	7 Tasmania Open DanceSport Championship	78.8	\$20,000	\$0
BADMINTON AUSTRALIA LIMITED	Under 15 and Under 19 National Badminton Championships	78.6	\$20,000	\$0
Event People	Launceston Country Music Festival	77	\$20,000	\$0
Tasmanian Turf Club Inc.	Ladbroke's Launceston Cup	76.8	\$20,000	\$0
AusTriathlon	2027 Oceania Triathlon Junior Sprint Distance and Junior Championships – Mixed Team Relay	75.8	\$20,000	\$0
TEG Sport Pty Ltd	2027 Freestyle Kings Live	75.6	\$20,000	\$0
Table Tennis Australia	Table Tennis Australia National Veterans Championships	75.5	\$20,000	\$0
Fit City Events	Vineyards Running Festival	72.3	\$20,000	\$0
Total			\$160,000	\$0

CARRIED 5:2

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Tim Walker and Councillor Joe Pentridge

ABSENT DUE TO A DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Andrew Palmer

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Alan Harris	What has changed since last year with the grants policy that we have adopted?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>The new Grant policy which was adopted and approved by Council late 2025 has been established to be transparent, consistent and robust ensuring all applications are considered fairly against a published eligibility criteria, program objectives and assessment measures. The new guidelines shift from our approach from simply providing funding to now be strategic in event sector that builds capacity, delivers strong community & economic outcomes, in addition to supporting a well-balanced events calendar throughout the year.</i> <i>Changes also include strengthened community participation and social cohesion, encourage innovation and new event concepts. They support sustainable delivery models, activate new spaces, they grow Launcestons profile as a destination. They build capability, capacity and sustainability of event organisers. It supports a better variety of events spaced across the year helping strengthen the overall event offering and avoiding over concentration in particular periods. Greater recognition of regional benefits, so an event doesn't need to occur in the municipality to provide a significant benefit to Launceston.</i> <i>The guidelines stipulate Council can support events outside the Launceston area if there are benefits to Launceston City.</i> <i>Funding does remain competitive. Applications are considered on their overall merit against the published criteria and available budget</i> <i>The events that are not recommended today are all eligible and all make a valuable contribution to the vibrancy of the city. Applications are assessed against published criteria and some rate higher than others. With finite funding available the panel was unable to recommend funding for every event.</i>

Councillor Walker	<i>Junction and Launceston Festivals - is it \$50,000 over the 3 years or for \$50,000 each year for 3 years?</i>	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> It is for \$50,000 each year for the next 3 years.
Councillor Walker	Are we approving the intended allocation future 27/28 and 28/29 budgets, but not the actual allocation?	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>This is no different to other agreements that Council has endorsed, for example Visit Northern Tasmania, NTDC and agreements with the State Government which are multiyear agreements. In adopting this decision today you are giving authority to us to sign a multiyear agreement which will have future budget impacts.</i>

17.3. Community Event and Fundraising Event Grants Round 2 2026/2027

FILE NO: SF7960, SF7961

AUTHOR: Roshani Hamal (Partnership and Grants Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider funding recommendations for Round 2 of the 2026/27 Community Event Grants and Fundraising Event Grants.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. approves the following Community Event Grant applications to receive the recommended funding amounts from the Round 2 2026/27 Event Grants budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Medium Grants				
World Street Eats	World Street Eats	86.8	\$15,000	\$15,000
Ten Days on the Island	Rayakana Milaythina (Song of Country)	86.1	\$15,000	\$10,000
Van Diemen's Band	VDB Lunchbox Concerts 2027	84.8	\$12,500	\$10,000
Launceston Competitions Association Inc.	Launceston Competitions	82.8	\$10,000	\$10,000
Launceston Lions Sport Club INC	Sri Lankan New Year Festival 2027	82.3	\$10,000	\$10,000
Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania, Inc.	Tasmanian Fibre Festival	81.8	\$15,000	\$10,000
Jacqueline Barnes	Launceston Ukulele Jamboree 2027	80.1	\$15,000	\$10,000
Launceston BMX Club Inc.	Tassie Thunder 2027	80	\$10,000	\$7,500

Tas Junior Cycling Foundation - Gilmore Cycling Classic	Gilmore Cycling Classic	79.3	\$15,000	\$7,500
Small Grants				
Lilydale District Progress Association	Lilydale Winter Solstice Lantern Walk	85.8	\$4,000	\$4,000
Friends of the Library Launceston Inc. (FOLL)	Live at the Library (LatL)	82.6	\$1,500	\$1,500
Rotary Club of Launceston Inc	Soggy Bottom Cardboard Box Regatta	81.8	\$5,000	\$5,000
Launceston and Henley Regatta Association	Launceston and Henley Regatta	79.8	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interweave Arts	Gumboot Gala	78.5	\$5,000	\$3,500
Total			\$138,000	\$109,000

Note: Funding recommendations reflect the Panel's assessment of each application and the available program budget and may be for full or partial funding.

2. determines that the following Community Event Grant applications will not be funded by Council, as the available Round 2 funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Assessment Panel's recommendations.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
SPICYMUSIC	SPICYMUSIC 2027 Good Friday Open Air Rave	77	\$5,000	\$0
INDIAN FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA	HOLI - FESTIVAL OF COLOURS	76	\$5,000	\$0
Rock Challenge Tasmania	Rock Challenge - The Last Day Out	75.8	\$10,000	\$0
Grapes of Mirth Pty Ltd	Grapes of Mirth Launceston	75.6	\$15,000	\$0
Nourish Nation Foundation	Roots & Recipes: Stories from Many Homelands	75.3	\$15,000	\$0
Kinda. Collective	FutureFwd	75.3	\$15,000	\$0
Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre Inc.	Northern Tasmanian Easter Croquet Tournament 2027	75.3	\$1,100	\$0

Launceston Malayali Association Inc	Vishu-Easter Celebrations	75.1	\$5,000	\$0
Community of St Patricks River District (Tas) Inc.	St Patricks Valley Day & Mt Barrow Woodchop 2027	75	\$5,000	\$0
IO Performance	Congregation	74.6	\$15,000	\$0
Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc.	Brixhibition Launceston 2027	73.1	\$5,000	\$0
Dobson Guitar Services	Riverbend Blues 2027	71.8	\$5,000	\$0
Veterans Cricket Tasmania (INC) trading as Masters Cricket Tasmania	Cricket Australia Masters Men's o40s National Cricket Championship	70.8	\$15,000	\$0
Bhuminanda Dhaulidevi Foundation Ltd	Equity Driven STEM Access for Refugee Children	68.3	\$15,000	\$0
Breaking the cycle tassie	STREET UNITY JAM PT5	59.5	\$15,000	\$0
Total			\$146,100	\$0

3. approves the following Fundraising Event Grant application to receive the recommended funding amount from the Round 2 2026/27 Event Grants budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Cancer Council Tasmania	Launceston Relay for Life	85.1	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total			\$5,000	\$5,000

4. determines that the following Fundraising Event Grant applications will not be funded by Council, as the available Round 2 funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Assessment Panel's recommendations.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Soroptimist International of Launceston Inc.	High Tea Fundraiser- 2027	72.1	\$3,275	\$0

Rural Business Tasmania Inc.	Rural Relief Fund Fundraiser	71.6	\$5,000	\$0
Launceston Learning Centre for Seniors	Semester 2 Learning and Social Contact for Seniors	61	\$2,000	\$0
Total			\$10,275	\$0

Councillor Joe Pentridge withdrew from the Meeting at 2:21 pm
Councillor Andrew Palmer re-attended the Meeting at 2:21 pm

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

1. approves the following Community Event Grant applications to receive the recommended funding amounts from the Round 2 2026/27 Event Grants budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Medium Grants				
World Street Eats	World Street Eats	86.8	\$15,000	\$15,000
Ten Days on the Island	Rayakana Milaythina (Song of Country)	86.1	\$15,000	\$10,000
Van Diemen's Band	VDB Lunchbox Concerts 2027	84.8	\$12,500	\$10,000
Launceston Competitions Association Inc.	Launceston Competitions	82.8	\$10,000	\$10,000
Launceston Lions Sport Club INC	Sri Lankan New Year Festival 2027	82.3	\$10,000	\$10,000
Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania, Inc.	Tasmanian Fibre Festival	81.8	\$15,000	\$10,000
Jacqueline Barnes	Launceston Ukulele Jamboree 2027	80.1	\$15,000	\$10,000
Launceston BMX Club Inc.	Tassie Thunder 2027	80	\$10,000	\$7,500

Tas Junior Cycling Foundation - Gilmore Cycling Classic	Gilmore Cycling Classic	79.3	\$15,000	\$7,500
Small Grants				
Lilydale District Progress Association	Lilydale Winter Solstice Lantern Walk	85.8	\$4,000	\$4,000
Friends of the Library Launceston Inc. (FOLL)	Live at the Library (LatL)	82.6	\$1,500	\$1,500
Rotary Club of Launceston Inc	Soggy Bottom Cardboard Box Regatta	81.8	\$5,000	\$5,000
Launceston and Henley Regatta Association	Launceston and Henley Regatta	79.8	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interweave Arts	Gumboot Gala	78.5	\$5,000	\$3,500
Total			\$138,000	\$109,000

Note: Funding recommendations reflect the Panel's assessment of each application and the available program budget and may be for full or partial funding.

2. determines that the following Community Event Grant applications will not be funded by Council, as the available Round 2 funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Assessment Panel's recommendations.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
SPICYMUSIC	SPICYMUSIC 2027 Good Friday Open Air Rave	77	\$5,000	\$0
INDIAN FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA	HOLI - FESTIVAL OF COLOURS	76	\$5,000	\$0
Rock Challenge Tasmania	Rock Challenge - The Last Day Out	75.8	\$10,000	\$0
Grapes of Mirth Pty Ltd	Grapes of Mirth Launceston	75.6	\$15,000	\$0
Nourish Nation Foundation	Roots & Recipes: Stories from Many Homelands	75.3	\$15,000	\$0
Kinda. Collective	FutureFwd	75.3	\$15,000	\$0

Northern Tasmanian Croquet Centre Inc.	Northern Tasmanian Easter Croquet Tournament 2027	75.3	\$1,100	\$0
Launceston Malayali Association Inc	Vishu-Easter Celebrations	75.1	\$5,000	\$0
Community of St Patricks River District (Tas) Inc.	St Patricks Valley Day & Mt Barrow Woodchop 2027	75	\$5,000	\$0
IO Performance	Congregation	74.6	\$15,000	\$0
Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc.	Brixhibition Launceston 2027	73.1	\$5,000	\$0
Dobson Guitar Services	Riverbend Blues 2027	71.8	\$5,000	\$0
Veterans Cricket Tasmania (INC) trading as Masters Cricket Tasmania	Cricket Australia Masters Men's o40s National Cricket Championship	70.8	\$15,000	\$0
Bhuminanda Dhaulidevi Foundation Ltd	Equity Driven STEM Access for Refugee Children	68.3	\$15,000	\$0
Breaking the cycle tassie	STREET UNITY JAM PT5	59.5	\$15,000	\$0
Total			\$146,100	\$0

3. approves the following Fundraising Event Grant application to receive the recommended funding amount from the Round 2 2026/27 Event Grants budget.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Cancer Council Tasmania	Launceston Relay for Life	85.1	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total			\$5,000	\$5,000

4. determines that the following Fundraising Event Grant applications will not be funded by Council, as the available Round 2 funding has been fully allocated in accordance with the Assessment Panel's recommendations.

Organisation	Event	Score	\$Requested	\$Recommended
Soroptimist International of Launceston Inc.	High Tea Fundraiser-2027	72.1	\$3,275	\$0
Rural Business Tasmania Inc.	Rural Relief Fund Fundraiser	71.6	\$5,000	\$0
Launceston Learning Centre for Seniors	Semester 2 Learning and Social Contact for Seniors	61	\$2,000	\$0
Total			\$10,275	\$0

CARRIED 7:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

18. COMMUNITY ASSETS AND DESIGN

18.1. Quarterly Report - Community Assets and Design - 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026

FILE NO: SF7719

AUTHOR: Alison Flood (Executive Assistant - Community Assets & Design)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

That Council receives the report noting the activities of the Community Assets and Design team for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report noting the activities of the Community Assets and Design team for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
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DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

1. receives the report noting the activities of the Community Assets and Design team for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 7:0

FOR VOTE: 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

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

18.2. NTCA Sports Complex Redevelopment - Funding Approach

FILE NO: SF7448

AUTHOR: Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider Council's funding strategy for the Northern Tasmania Cricket Association (NTCA) Sports Complex Redevelopment Project and consider the submission of a Growing Regions Program Round 3 funding application.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Local Government (General) Regulations 2015

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 2 October 2025 - 19.2 Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex Project Update
Workshop - 18 September 2025 - Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex Project Update
Workshop - 24 July 2025 - Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex Project Update
Council - 27 March 2025 - 24.3 NTCA Sports Complex – Redevelopment Project – Architectural Services
Council - 6 March 2025 - 19.2 Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex Redevelopment Project
Workshop - 5 September 2024 - NTCA Sports Complex Management

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. authorises Council officers to prepare and submit a Growing Regions Program - Round 3 funding application for the NTCA Sports Complex Redevelopment Project;
 2. note that the Growing Regions Program application will seek \$15 million (the maximum grant amount available) in Australian Government funding; and
 3. consider the required Council contribution as part of a future budget following confirmation of grant outcomes and updated project costs.
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Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor), Catherine Searle (Senior Leader City Infrastructure) and Sam Tucker (External Consultant) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

Jim Dennis (President Old Scotch Football Club) spoke for the Recommendation
Lawrence Dodson (President Launceston Cricket Club) spoke for the Recommendation

Jeremy Jackson (South Launceston Cricket Club) spoke for the Recommendation
Marshall Pooley (Northern Rangers Soccer Club) spoke for the Recommendation
Nicolas d'Emden (President East Launceston Junior Football Club) spoke for the Recommendation

Councillor Joe Pentridge re-attended the Meeting at 2:28 pm

Councillor Joe Pentridge withdrew from the Meeting at 2:32 pm

Councillor Joe Pentridge re-attended the Meeting at 2:40 pm

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Tim Walker, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

That Council:

1. authorises Council officers to prepare and submit a Growing Regions Program - Round 3 funding application for the NTCA Sports Complex Redevelopment Project;
2. note that the Growing Regions Program application will seek \$15 million (the maximum grant amount available) in Australian Government funding; and
3. consider the required Council contribution as part of a future budget following confirmation of grant outcomes and updated project costs.

CARRIED 7:1

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Tim Walker	Would the funding application be for stages one and two of the development or would it just be for the first stage?	<i>Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor)</i> The funding application would be for 1, 2 and C which includes the circular track around the playing field.

19. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE

19.1. Quarterly Report - Delivery and Performance - 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026

FILE NO: SF0927

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

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

That Council receives the report noting the activities of the Delivery and Performance team for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Not Applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report noting the activities of Delivery and Performance for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

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

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Krista Preece.

That Council:

1. receives the report noting the activities of Delivery and Performance for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 7:1

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

19.2. Response to Notice of Motion - Councillor A Harris - Report into the Effect of Applying a Rate Capping of 20% on Primary Production to Commercial Rate Charge in 2026/27 Budget

FILE NO: SF0521

AUTHOR: Byron Fraser (Senior Leader Finance and Technology)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the report prepared at the request of Councillor Allan Harris' Notice of Motion – 5 August 2026 presented at the Council meeting of 6 August 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Valuation of Land Act 2001 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council – 6 August 2026 – Agenda Item 22.1 Notice of Motion - Councillor Alan Harris - Report into the Effect of Applying a Rate Capping of 20% on Primary Production to Commercial Rate Charge in 2026/27 Budget - 5 August 2026
Council - 18 June 2026 - Agenda Item 4.3 2026/2027 Rating Framework
Workshop – 12 March 2026 – Budget and Fees & Charges 2026/27
Workshop – 26 March 2026 – Budget 2026/27
Workshop – 21 May 2026 – Budget and Rates Modelling 2026/27

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receive the report in response to Councillor Allan Harris' Notice of Motion requesting a report into the effect of applying a rate capping of 20% on Primary Production to Commercial Rate Charge in 2026/27 Budget; and
2. note the analysis of potential financial and policy implications associated with extending a 20% capping mechanism to additional rating categories.

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

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) provided an update and advised in two weeks time we intend to bring to Council a further update in relation to policy updates and amendments for Council's consideration. This will look at capping arrangements for all land classes, not just primary production. Financial modeling will be included along with relevant decisions that would be required to do that. A rescission motion is required to reverse the previous decision and amend the policy.

Melissa Siipola spoke to the Recommendation

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

1. receive the report in response to Councillor Alan Harris' Notice of Motion requesting a report into the effect of applying a rate capping of 20% on Primary Production to Commercial Rate Charge in 2026/27 Budget; and
2. note the analysis of potential financial and policy implications associated with extending a 20% capping mechanism to additional rating categories.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Tim Walker	What advice are we giving to ratepayers in the category of primary production?	<i>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</i> <i>We have received less than 20 written correspondence from primary production classified residents. We have been advising them that Council is actively considering the matter.</i>
Councillor Tim Walker	What advice should we give to ratepayers who are concerned about the rates notice they have received and how they should pay it?	<i>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</i> <i>Noting that the first instalment of the rates notice is 31 August 2026, which will be before the next meeting of Council. We would advise those ratepayers that Council is actively considering the matter and given the first</i>

		<i>instalment due date is a few days when Council will consider a potential cap, we will circulate some advice advising impacted primary production ratepayers of that and we can put a hold on that payment by a couple of days.</i> <i>If ratepayers have paid early or are on a payment plan and then an amendment to capping or change of property type occurs, we can credit or refund any of these amounts.</i>
Councillor Alan Harris	Should a ratepayer ask the Valuer General to be reassessed. What date would Council apply that reduction from different rate categories?	<i>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</i> <i>Once the reclassification has been completed by the Valuer General, It would apply from the date that they submitted their application to the Valuer General. We would then backdate the rating category to the day of submission.</i>

19.3. Register of Interests Policy (14-Plx-042)

FILE NO: SF7956

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance and Information Services)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider adopting the Register of Interest Policy (14-Plx-042) and note the accompanying procedure and form.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Local Government (Code of Conduct) Orders 2024
Personal Information Protection Act 2004

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council – 12 December 2024 – Agenda Item 21.1 - Proposal to Establish a Public Register of Interests
Workshop – 16 October 2025 – Agenda Item 1.2 - Development of a Register of Interests Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. adopts the the Register of Interest Policy (14-Plx-042) (ECM Doc Set Id 5372330), as follows:

Register of Interests Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the establishment of a Register of Interests, maintained by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), which contains details of certain interests held by each Councillor.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Councillors.

This policy also requires the CEO to maintain the Register of Interests which is established under this policy.

POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1. All Councillors will have interests outside of the Council. There is nothing inappropriate about having outside interests.
- 1.2. Under the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) (LG Act) and the *Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024* (Tas) (Code of Conduct), Councillors are only required to declare such interests if and when a conflict of interest (or in some cases, a potential or perceived conflict of interest), arises in a matter which comes before the Council (or in some cases a Council committee, special committee, controlling authority, single authority or joint authority).
- 1.3. All Councillors of the City of Launceston are committed to observing those requirements of the LG Act and Code of Conduct, as and when conflicts of interest or potential or perceived conflicts of interest arise.
- 1.4. In addition to those requirements, the Council has created this policy framework whereby Councillors will make 'standing' declarations of certain interests held by that Councillor (and certain other related persons), on an ongoing basis. That information is then included in a publicly available 'Register of Interests', maintained by the CEO.
- 1.5. This means that information regarding Councillor interests will be made publicly available, whether or not those interests ever give rise to a conflict of interest in a matter which comes before the Council.
- 1.6. Further, for completeness and added transparency, the financial and other benefits which Councillors receive by virtue of holding office as Councillors will also be recorded in the Register of Interests.
- 1.7. Council maintains the Register of Interests in good faith, in the interests of transparency. Information derived from the Register of Interests should not be published by others unless information constitutes a fair and accurate summary of the information, and it is published in the public interest and without malice.

2. Register of Interests

- 2.1. The CEO will maintain a register, to be called the 'Register of Interests', which includes the information required under this policy.
- 2.2. The CEO will make the Register of Interests publicly available for inspection on the Council website.
- 2.3. The Register of Interests will be divided into two parts:
 - 2.3.1. Part A, containing information regarding interests which Councillors hold by virtue of their appointment as Councillors;

2.3.2. Part B, containing information regarding other interests of Councillors and Related Persons.

2.4. With respect to disclosures of information made by Councillors for the purpose of Part B of the Register of Interests:

2.4.1. A Councillor is required only to disclose information that is known to the Councillor or ascertainable by the Councillor by the exercise of reasonable diligence;

2.4.2. A Councillor is not required to disclose the actual amount or extent of a financial interest;

2.4.3. A Councillor may disclose information in such a way that no distinction is made between information relating to the Councillor personally and information relating to a Related Person.

3. Part A – interests HELD by virtue of appointment as Councillor

3.1. The CEO will include the following information in Part A of the Register of Interests, for each Councillor:

3.1.1. Allowance payable to the Councillor under the LG Act;

3.1.2. Any resources, facilities and support provided to the Councillor;

3.1.3. Any instance of reimbursement paid by the Council to the Councillor;

3.1.4. Any instance of any other payment made by the Council to the Councillor.

3.2. The information recorded in this Part of the Register will be from the commencement of this policy.

4. Part B – other interests of Councillors and of related persons

4.1. The CEO will include the following information in Part B of the Register of Interests, for each Councillor:

4.1.1. Any source of income for the Councillor or any Related Person through paid employment in the preceding 6 months where the income exceeds \$10,000 in that period;

4.1.2. A description of any Interest in Property held by the Councillor or any Related Person, including a description of the suburb or locality of the relevant land and the use of the land within the Launceston municipal area;

4.1.3. The name of any company or other body (whether incorporated or unincorporated) in which the Councillor or a Related Person holds office whether as a director or otherwise;

- 4.1.4. The name or description of any company, partnership, association or other body which the Councillor or a Related Person:
 - 4.1.4.1. has deposited money with, or lent money to, that has not been repaid and the amount not repaid equals or exceeds \$10,000; or
 - 4.1.4.2. holds, or has a beneficial interest in, shares in, or debentures of public or private companies where the combined total value is more than \$10,000; or
 - 4.1.4.3. holds a policy of life insurance issued by the body;
- 4.1.5. Superannuation fund and any other funds;
- 4.1.6. Trusts that the Councillor is a trustee or a beneficiary of (other than testamentary trusts);
- 4.1.7. Personal debt over \$10,000 (excluding financial institutions);
- 4.1.8. Sponsored travel or hospitality exceeding \$300 received. This does not replace the requirement to maintain the Gifts and donations register under the LG Act;
- 4.1.9. Election campaign donations. This does not replace the requirement to maintain the Gifts and donations register under the LG Act
- 4.1.10. A description of any other interest of the Councillor or a Related Person which is not otherwise described above but which the Councillor:
 - 4.1.10.1. considers to be substantial; and
 - 4.1.10.2. foresees as having the potential to give rise to a conflict of interest under the LG Act or Code of Conduct at any stage.
- 4.2. Within 28 days of the adoption of this policy, each Councillor will inform the CEO of any interests of any of the kinds described in clause 4.1 held by that Councillor or a Related Person.
- 4.3. Where any new Councillor is elected to the Council they must, within 90 days of their election, inform the CEO of any interests of any of the kinds described in clause 4.1 held by that Councillor or a Related Person.
- 4.4. If, at any time during their term of office, a Councillor obtains or becomes aware of an interest of a kind described in clause 4.1 or becomes aware that a Related Person has obtained such an interest, that Councillor must inform the CEO of that interest as soon as practicable.
- 4.5. If a Councillor become aware that any information in the Register of Interests with respect to that Councillor or a Related Person is no longer correct, that Councillor must inform the CEO of this as soon as practicable (and, if relevant, provided updated information).

5. Personal Information

- 5.1. If a Councillor discloses information to the CEO in accordance with this policy, and that information constitutes personal information of the Councillor or a Related Person within the meaning of the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas), the following applies:
- 5.1.1. The purpose for which the information is collected is to fulfil the Council's commitment to maintaining a Register of Interests in accordance with this policy;
 - 5.1.2. If a Councillor discloses any information regarding a Related Person in such a way that the identity of the Related Person is apparent or is reasonably ascertainable, the Councillor will make the Related Person aware of this policy (and the Related Person may contact the CEO with any queries about this policy);
 - 5.1.3. This policy is intended to be a statement of all of the matters set out in clause 1(3) of Schedule 1 to the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas).

PRINCIPLES

The Council's Organisational Values apply to all activities.



Our people matter



**We care about our
community**



**We bring an open
mind**



**We go home safe
and well**

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES

14-Pr-019 Register of Interests Procedure
14-Plx-016 Councillor's Expenses and Resources Policy
14-Plx-031 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations by Councillors Policy
14-HLPr-008 Pecuniary Interests Procedure

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas);
Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024 (Tas)
Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas)

REFERENCES

14-Fm-019 Councillor Register of Interests Declaration Form
14-Fm-006 Councillor Pecuniary Interest Declaration Form

DEFINITIONS

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	The general manager of the Council.
Code of Conduct	<i>Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024 (Tas).</i>
Councillors	All persons elected to the Council including. To avoid doubt, this includes the Mayor.
Interest in Property	Any estate, interest, right or power, in law or in equity, in or over real property. This includes sole ownership, joint tenancy, tenancy in common, and equitable and/or beneficial ownership.
LG Act	<i>Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).</i>
Related Person	Related Person with respect to a Councillor means any of the following: • the Councillor's spouse/partner; • any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Councillor for support.
Register of Interests	The register established by this policy and referred to in clause 2.1.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed no more than 2 years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

2. notes the Register of Interests Procedure (14-Pr-019) (ECM Doc Set Id 5372329) and the Councillor Register of Interests Declaration Form (14-Fm-019) (ECM Doc Set Id 5372328) developed to support the introduction of the Register of Interest Policy.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Krista Preece, seconded Councillor Alex Britton.

That Council:

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 - 3.1.2. Any resources, facilities and support provided to the Councillor;
 - 3.1.3. Any instance of reimbursement paid by the Council to the Councillor;
 - 3.1.4. Any instance of any other payment made by the Council to the Councillor.
 - 3.2. The information recorded in this Part of the Register will be from the commencement of this policy.
 4. Part B – other interests of Councillors and of related persons
 - 4.1. The CEO will include the following information in Part B of the Register of Interests, for each Councillor:
 - 4.1.1. Any source of income for the Councillor or any Related Person through paid employment in the preceding 6 months where the income exceeds \$10,000 in that period;
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- 4.1.2. A description of any Interest in Property held by the Councillor or any Related Person, including a description of the suburb or locality of the relevant land and the use of the land within the Launceston municipal area;
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- 4.1.4. The name or description of any company, partnership, association or other body which the Councillor or a Related Person:
 - 4.1.4.1. has deposited money with, or lent money to, that has not been repaid and the amount not repaid equals or exceeds \$10,000; or
 - 4.1.4.2. holds, or has a beneficial interest in, shares in, or debentures of public or private companies where the combined total value is more than \$10,000; or
 - 4.1.4.3. holds a policy of life insurance issued by the body;
- 4.1.5. Superannuation fund and any other funds;
- 4.1.6. Trusts that the Councillor is a trustee or a beneficiary of (other than testamentary trusts);
- 4.1.7. Personal debt over \$10,000 (excluding financial institutions);
- 4.1.8. Sponsored travel or hospitality exceeding \$300 received. This does not replace the requirement to maintain the Gifts and donations register under the LG Act;
- 4.1.9. Election campaign donations. This does not replace the requirement to maintain the Gifts and donations register under the LG Act
- 4.1.10. A description of any other interest of the Councillor or a Related Person which is not otherwise described above but which the Councillor:
 - 4.1.10.1. considers to be substantial; and
 - 4.1.10.2. foresees as having the potential to give rise to a conflict of interest under the LG Act or Code of Conduct at any stage.
- 4.2. Within 28 days of the adoption of this policy, each Councillor will inform the CEO of any interests of any of the kinds described in clause 4.1 held by that Councillor or a Related Person.
- 4.3. Where any new Councillor is elected to the Council they must, within 90 days of their election, inform the CEO of any interests of any of the kinds described in clause 4.1 held by that Councillor or a Related Person.
- 4.4. If, at any time during their term of office, a Councillor obtains or becomes aware of an interest of a kind described in clause 4.1 or becomes aware that

a Related Person has obtained such an interest, that Councillor must inform the CEO of that interest as soon as practicable.

- 4.5. If a Councillor become aware that any information in the Register of Interests with respect to that Councillor or a Related Person is no longer correct, that Councillor must inform the CEO of this as soon as practicable (and, if relevant, provided updated information).

5. Personal Information

- 5.1. If a Councillor discloses information to the CEO in accordance with this policy, and that information constitutes personal information of the Councillor or a Related Person within the meaning of the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas), the following applies:

- 5.1.1. The purpose for which the information is collected is to fulfil the Council's commitment to maintaining a Register of Interests in accordance with this policy;
- 5.1.2. If a Councillor discloses any information regarding a Related Person in such a way that the identity of the Related Person is apparent or is reasonably ascertainable, the Councillor will make the Related Person aware of this policy (and the Related Person may contact the CEO with any queries about this policy);
- 5.1.3. This policy is intended to be a statement of all of the matters set out in clause 1(3) of Schedule 1 to the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* (Tas).

PRINCIPLES

The Council's Organisational Values apply to all activities.



Our people matter



We care about our
community



We bring an open
mind



We go home safe
and well

RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES

14-Pr-019 Register of Interests Procedure

14-Plx-016 Councillor's Expenses and Resources Policy

14-Plx-031 Acceptance of Gifts and Donations by Councillors Policy

14-HLPr-008 Pecuniary Interests Procedure

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas);

Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024 (Tas)

Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas)

REFERENCES

14-Fm-019 Councillor Register of Interests Declaration Form

14-Fm-006 Councillor Pecuniary Interest Declaration Form

DEFINITIONS

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	The general manager of the Council.
Code of Conduct	<i>Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024 (Tas).</i>
Councillors	All persons elected to the Council including. To avoid doubt, this includes the Mayor.
Interest in Property	Any estate, interest, right or power, in law or in equity, in or over real property. This includes sole ownership, joint tenancy, tenancy in common, and equitable and/or beneficial ownership.
LG Act	<i>Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).</i>
Related Person	Related Person with respect to a Councillor means any of the following: • the Councillor's spouse/partner; • any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Councillor for support.
Register of Interests	The register established by this policy and referred to in clause 2.1.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed no more than 2 years after the date of approval (version) or more frequently, if dictated by operational demands and with Council's approval.

2. notes the Register of Interests Procedure (14-Pr-019) (ECM Doc Set Id 5372329) and the Councillor Register of Interests Declaration Form (14-Fm-019) (ECM Doc Set Id 5372328) developed to support the introduction of the Register of Interest Policy.

CARRIED 6:2

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Tim Walker and Councillor Joe Pentridge

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Tim Walker	Can the CEO please outline the motivation and implications of us creating this register, given in mind it's not a legislative requirement?	Chief Executive Officer <i>As per page 120 it is noted that on 12 December 2024 Council resolved to establish this public register. A draft was then developed and tabled for further feedback at a Workshop on 16 October 2025</i>
Councillor Alan Harris	Would the intention be to just provide the name of the superannuation, or is the amount required?	Chief Executive Officer <i>Just the fund name</i>
Councillor Alan Harris	When will this policy take effect?	Chief Executive Officer <i>It would be effective from today's decision of Council.</i>
Councillor Alan Harris	In regard to campaign funds, there are certain things each candidate needs to record but also there are some things that may well be campaign related that are not required to be recorded, such as gifts by friends without any cost, how is that expected to be reported in a register?	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance <i>It would be reasonable to exclude gifts or other items that can not be costed.</i> <i>I note 2.4.1 of the report - A Councillor is required only to disclose information that is known to the Councillor or ascertainable by the Councillor by the exercise of reasonable diligence.</i>
Councillor Alan Harris	As a practicable example, I could pay to have election pamphlets delivered to letter boxes at 10 cents per delivery, but I could also have friends who would be willing to do it free of charge. Would I then include those friends as making a campaign donation at 10 cents per pamphlet?	Executive Leader Delivery and Performance <i>I would suggest that is in kind support and you are not being paid anything by them. You could certainly treat that as in kind support if you are able to quantify the amount, if not I wouldn't add to the register.</i>

Councillor Joe Pentridge	Who was it suggested by that we require a register and will it apply to all Council employees or just Councillors?	<i>Executive Leader Delivery and Performance</i> <i>It will only apply to Councillors if approved here today. The recommendation today has come from the decision of Council on 12 December 2024 where Councillors indicated they wanted to proceed with this.</i> <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>The State Government through their Local Government Reform Bill. There was a paper prepared by the current Local Government Minister and endorsed by the Office of Local Government that suggested that Council enhance this change with proposal for legislative changes to for Council to do this.</i>
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20. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

20.1. Quarterly Report - Strategy and Innovation - 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026

FILE NO: SF7738

AUTHOR: Debbie Pickett (Executive Assistant - Strategy and Innovation)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

This report provides a general update on the non-annual plan related activities and responsibilities within the Strategy and Innovation (S&I) Team for 1 April to 30 June 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report noting the non-annual plan related activities of the Strategy and Innovation Team for the period of 1 April to 30 June 2026.

Julie Maule (Senior Leader Corporate Planning and Strategy), Sarah McRobbie (Senior Leader Prosperity and Innovation) and Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Krista Preece.

That Council:

1. receives the report noting the non-annual plan related activities of the Strategy and Innovation Team for the period of 1 April to 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 7:1

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

20.2. Launceston Tramway Museum

FILE NO: SF2967

AUTHOR: Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider supporting the expansion of the Launceston Tramway Museum.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council – 2 July 2007- 15.2 - Launceston Tramway Museum Society Inc.
Workshop – 16 July 2026 – Launceston Tramway Museum

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes Council's ongoing support for the Launceston Tramway Museum Society Inc. and its proposed expansion at the Inveresk site;
 2. notes that landowner consent to lodge a Development Application for the proposed expansion would require approval through Council's landowner consent process;
 3. note that any future expansion of the leased footprint would require a future decision of Council; and
 4. notes that once a viable footprint for the building has been agreed, a future report will be brought to Council.
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Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy) and Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Tim Walker, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

That Council:

- 1. notes its ongoing support for the Launceston Tramway Museum Society Inc. and its proposed expansion at the Inveresk site;**
- 2. provides its in-principle support for the Society to seek landowner consent to lodge a Development Application for the proposed expansion, noting that formal landowner consent, if required, is to be considered and determined by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council's delegations;**
- 3. supports, in principle, the granting of an expanded lease area to accommodate the proposed development, subject to the final footprint, lease terms and all necessary approvals being determined to Council's satisfaction; and**
- 4. notes that the expansion of the leased footprint will be subject to a future report being presented to Council for formal consideration within six months of this decision.**

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

**Council adjourned for a break at 3.35pm
Council resumed following the break at 3.49pm**

20.3. Lease - Lilydale Pony Club - Karoola Hall and Recreation Ground

FILE NO: SF2967

AUTHOR: Scott Edwards (Senior Property Officer)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the lease with Lilydale District Pony Club Inc for Karoola Memorial Hall and Recreation Grounds.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 25 July 2016 - 18.1 - Lease Karoola Memorial Hall

Council - 15 July 2021 - 19.3 - Lease Karoola Recreation Ground and Hall

Council - 6 August 2026 - 20.1 - Lease Lilydale Pony Club - Karoola Hall and Recreation Ground

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*, decides to lease 1126 Pipers River Road Karoola (CT218477/1 and CT229586/1), known as the Karoola Memorial Hall & Recreation Grounds to the Lilydale District Pony Club Inc. as identified on the plan below:



2. requires that the lease is on the following basis:
 - a. the lease is to commence on 1 August 2026 for a period of 5 years;
 - b. the commencing rent will be \$356.72 per year;
 - c. the lessee to be responsible for:
 - i. energy costs;
 - ii. volumetric and connection charges for water;
 - iii. contents insurance;
 - iv. hall and ground bookings;
 - v. other service charges if any.
 - d. the lessee will continuously maintain:
 - i. building and grounds in good and reasonable order;
 - ii. and keep clear all noxious growth from premises;
 - iii. hold public liability insurance of at least \$20 million;
 3. notes the Council is to be responsible for structural maintenance;
 4. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions;
 - b. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; and
 5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
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Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy), Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property) and Scott Edwards (Senior Property Officer) 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: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

- 1. pursuant to section 179 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas), decides to lease 1126 Pipers River Road Karoola (CT218477/1 and CT229586/1), known as the Karoola Memorial Hall & Recreation Grounds to the Lilydale District Pony Club Inc. as identified on the plan below:**



- 2. requires that the lease is on the following basis:**
 - a. the lease is to commence on 1 August 2026 for a period of 5 years;**
 - b. the commencing rent will be \$356.72 per year;**
 - c. the lessee to be responsible for:**
 - i. energy costs;**
 - ii. volumetric and connection charges for water;**
 - iii. contents insurance;**
 - iv. hall and ground bookings;**
 - v. other service charges if any.**
 - d. the lessee will continuously maintain:**
 - i. building and grounds in good and reasonable order;**
 - ii. and keep clear all noxious growth from premises;**
 - iii. hold public liability insurance of at least \$20 million;**
- 3. notes the Council is to be responsible for structural maintenance;**
- 4. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions;**
 - b. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; and**

5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED 7:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE: Councillor Tim Walker

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Harris	How did the negotiations go with the Lilydale Pony Club?	<i>Senior Property Officer</i> <i>Negotiations went well.</i>

20.4. Lease - Invermay Bowls Club

FILE NO: SF2967

AUTHOR: Scott Edwards (Senior Property Officer)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the Lease of Part of 2 Invermay Road, Invermay to the Invermay Bowls and Community Club Inc.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 21 October 2021 -19.2 Lease - Invermay Bowls and Community Club Inc.

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 179 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) decides to lease part of the land situated at 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk (CT189130/2) known as Invermay Bowls and Community Club Inc (IBCC) as shown below:



2. requires that the lease is on the following basis:
 - a. the lease is to commence on 1 October 2026 for a period of five years;
 - b. the commencing rent will be \$4,508 per year;
 - c. the lessee is to be responsible for:

- i. energy costs;
 - ii. volumetric and connection charges for water;
 - iii. contents insurance;
 - iv. building insurance; and
 - v. other service charges, if any.
 - d. the lessee will continuously maintain:
 - i. the premises in good and reasonable order;
 - ii. the premises free from noxious growth; and
 - iii. public liability insurance of at least \$20 million.
3. notes that the lessee is to be responsible for structural maintenance;
4. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:
- a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions;
 - b. exercise any of Council's rights, options or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; and
5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
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Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy), Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property) and Scott Edwards (Senior Property Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alex Britton, seconded Councillor Krista Preece.

That Council:

- 1. pursuant to section 179 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) decides to lease part of the land situated at 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk (CT189130/2) known as Invermay Bowls and Community Club Inc (IBCC) as shown below:**



2. requires that the lease is on the following basis:
 - a. the lease is to commence on 1 October 2026 for a period of five years;
 - b. the commencing rent will be \$4,508 per year;
 - c. the lessee is to be responsible for:
 - i. energy costs;
 - ii. volumetric and connection charges for water;
 - iii. contents insurance;
 - iv. building insurance; and
 - v. other service charges, if any.
 - d. the lessee will continuously maintain:
 - i. the premises in good and reasonable order;
 - ii. the premises free from noxious growth; and
 - iii. public liability insurance of at least \$20 million.
3. notes that the lessee is to be responsible for structural maintenance;
4. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions;
 - b. exercise any of Council's rights, options or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease; and

5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED 7:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT AT TIME OF VOTE: Councillor Tim Walker

20.5. City of Launceston Annual Plan 2025/2026 - Quarter 4 Progress Report

FILE NO: SF7151

AUTHOR: Emily Lewis (Corporate Planner)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and consider the progress against Council's 2025/2026 Annual Plan Actions as at the end of quarter four period from 1 April 2026 through to 30 June 2026, noting this is the closing report for this Annual Plan.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - Part 7, Division 2

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 28/05/2026 - 20.4 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2025/2026 - Quarter 3 Progress Report

Council – 19/02/2026 - 21.4 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2025/2026 - Quarter 2 Progress Report

Council - 23/10/2025 - 21.2 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2025/2026 - Quarter 1 Progress Report

Council - 19/06/2025 - 21.4 - City of Launceston Annual Plan 2025/2026

Workshop - 22/05/2025 - Annual Plan and Budget 2025/2026 - Public Consultation Feedback and Review

Workshop - 20/03/2025 – Budget and Annual Plan 2025/2026 Update

Workshop - 27/02/2025 – Budget and Annual Plan 2025/2026 Update

Workshop - 12/12/2024 – Budget and Annual Plan 2025/2026 Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives and notes the progress against the 2025/2026 Annual Plan Actions for the period 1 April 2026 through to 30 June 2026;
 2. approves the deferral of partially complete action items S6, S9, S11, S15, S17, K1, K6, K9, K12, and K17 per the report;
 3. approves the cancellation of action items S1, S2, K14 and K15 per the report; and
 4. notes that this is the final reporting period for the 2025/2026 Annual Plan.
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Julie Maule (Senior Leader Corporate Planning and Strategy) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is provided after the decision.

Councillor Tim Walker re-attended the meeting after the break at 3.53 pm

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

1. receives and notes the progress against the 2025/2026 Annual Plan Actions for the period 1 April 2026 through to 30 June 2026;
2. approves the deferral of partially complete action items S6, S9, S11, S15, S17, K1, K6, K9, K12, and K17 per the report;
3. approves the cancellation of action items S1, S2, K14 and K15 per the report; and
4. notes that this is the final reporting period for the 2025/2026 Annual Plan.

CARRIED 6:2

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

ABSTAINED: Councillor Tim Walker

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor Alex Britton	Noting there is public discussions with QVMAG funding, is that coming back to Council?	Chief Executive Officer <i>There will be changes to plans at QVMAG.</i> <i>With a newly appointed director there will be a change in direction to simplify the business.</i> <i>In the coming weeks we are also meeting with the relevant State Government Minister to talk through QVMAG, the contributions by the State and Council, and how we can modify the business and operating model.</i>

20.6. City of Launceston Incoming Grant Management Policy (12-Plx-032)

FILE NO: SF0489

AUTHOR: Janelle Middleton (Advocacy and Grants Officer)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the adoption of the City of Launceston Incoming Grant Management Policy (12-Plx-012).

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Financial Management Act 2016
Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2024
Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 (Tas)
Right to Information Act 2009 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop – 30 July 2026 – Incoming Grants Management Presentation and Briefing

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. adopts the City of Launceston Incoming Grants Policy (12-Plx-032) - ECM Doc Set ID 5403412, as follows:

City of Launceston Incoming Grant Management Policy (12-Plx-032)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent, transparent and strategic framework for the City of Launceston to identify, assess, apply for, manage and acquit incoming grant funding. The policy ensures that grant-funded initiatives align with Council's strategic direction, are deliverable within organisational capacity, and meet accountability, governance and legislative requirements.

This policy establishes:

- the principles that underpin Council's approach in seeking, managing and acquitting incoming grant funding
- the approval, governance, and decision-making parameters for applying and accepting incoming grant funding

- the respective roles and responsibilities of Council and Council staff in the management of incoming grant funding that have been considered in line with the long-term financial plan and strategic asset management plan
- council recognises the valuable role that grants play in supporting the delivery of services, projects, and community outcomes.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all incoming grant funding pursued or received by the City of Launceston where Council is accountable for delivery, compliance, financial management or asset ownership.

In scope:

- competitive grant programs offered by Federal and State Governments, external organisations and groups
- unsolicited and non-competitive funding offers, (including State or Federal budget allocations and election commitments)
- joint or partnership-based applications where Council retains financial liability, delivery, responsibility, compliance obligations or ownership of the relevant asset
- grants may support operational functions or capital projects

Not in scope:

- ongoing or recurring funding arrangements that do not require an application and/or acquittal process to occur
- funding provided to Council under an ongoing service agreement
- philanthropy donations and bequests
- reimbursements or allocations made under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements
- grants, sponsorship or funding programs administered by Council for external organisations or community groups, which are governed by Council's *Outgoing Grants Policy*.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will seek and accept incoming grant funding only where proposed projects and programs are strategically aligned with adopted Council plans or legislative requirements, appropriately planned and resourced, represent value for money demonstrating alignment with capital budgets and long-term financial plan and can be delivered in accordance with applicable funding conditions and compliance requirements. Council is committed to applying for, and managing, funding in a fair, transparent manner that supports the achievement of endorsed strategic and operational objectives.

Where unsolicited or time-critical funding opportunities arise, Council retains discretion to accept, decline, or seek to renegotiate funding terms, subject to the relevant approval and delegated authority framework.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is guided by the following principles:

- 1. Strategic and Operational Alignment:** Incoming grant funding must support the City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2025-2035, other adopted Council plans (e.g. Four-Year Delivery Plan, Annual Plan), legislative requirements and endorsed priorities.
- 2. Delivery Capacity:** Projects seeking incoming grant funding must be deliverable within Council's capacity, with realistic timeframes and compliance obligations.
- 3. Financial Management:** Incoming grant funding must be assessed against full financial implications of the project, including co-contributions, ongoing operational impacts, maintenance obligations and any unfunded long-term liabilities.
- 4. Risk Management:** Incoming grant funding must have financial, operational, legal, reputational and delivery risks identified, assessed and managed.
- 5. Governance, Transparency and Accountability:** Incoming grant funding must have clear decision-making, management and reporting processes that are documented and auditable.
- 6. Consultation.** Projects seeking incoming grant funding must be developed in consultation with internal and external stakeholders to ensure collaboration, efficiencies and compliance.

GOVERNANCE and DELEGATIONS

Application for incoming grant funding must be carried out in accordance with the following approval framework.

Threshold	Approval for Application
Grants up to \$10,000	Approved by Senior Leader (SL) in consultation with Executive Leader (EL)
Grants from \$10,001 to \$100,000	Approved by Executive Leader (EL) in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and CEO
Grants exceeding \$100,001	Approved by Council When submission deadlines do not allow for Council approval prior to application the CEO retains the delegated authority to authorise an application. Ratification must occur at the first available Council meeting
Unsolicited grants	Must be reviewed and approved per thresholds above

Acceptance of grant funding must comply with the Signing of Council Agreements and Documents Policy (14-Plx-035).

GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Council will administer grant funding in an efficient, effective, transparent and accountable manner that ensure the requirements of the grantor are satisfactorily met as outlined in the funding agreement and that Council's reputation and future funding opportunities are protected.

To facilitate this, all grant information for planning, approvals, grant management and reporting must be managed in accordance with the incoming grants protocol via City of Launceston's Tech1 platform.

In accordance with City of Launceston Information Resource Policy documents pertaining to incoming grant funding must be registered in Council's electronic records system and included in the Legal's Index. These include but not limited to: grant applications, approvals notifications, funding deeds, reports, variations and acquittals.

Roles and Responsibilities

Application for incoming grant funding must be carried out in accordance with legislative delegations and the following approval framework:

The Council	Approval of incoming funding applications over \$100,001 Oversight of City of Launceston incoming grants through quarterly reports
CEO	Approval of incoming funding applications over \$100,001 when submission deadlines do not align with Council meetings Approval of incoming funding applications in consultation with Executive Leadership Team (ELT) for funding \$10,001 to \$100,000
Executive Leaders (EL)	Consultation with Senior Leaders (SL) for incoming funding applications up to \$10,000 Approval of incoming funding applications in consultation with Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and CEO for funding \$10,001 to \$100,000
Senior Leaders (SL)	Consultation with Project Team and Executive Leader (EL) for incoming funding application approval Provide information required to obtain funding application approval Approval of incoming funding applications up to \$10,000

Team Leader (TL)	Consultation with Project Team and Senior Leader (SL) for incoming funding application approval Provide information required to obtain funding application approval
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Henry Williams (Team Leader Prosperity and Investment) and Janelle Middleton (Advocacy and Grants Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

1. adopts the City of Launceston Incoming Grants Policy (12-Plx-032) - ECM Doc Set ID 5403412, as follows:

City of Launceston Incoming Grant Management Policy (12-Plx-032)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent, transparent and strategic framework for the City of Launceston to identify, assess, apply for, manage and acquit incoming grant funding. The policy ensures that grant-funded initiatives align with Council's strategic direction, are deliverable within organisational capacity, and meet accountability, governance and legislative requirements.

This policy establishes:

- the principles that underpin Council's approach in seeking, managing and acquitting incoming grant funding
- the approval, governance, and decision-making parameters for applying and accepting incoming grant funding
- the respective roles and responsibilities of Council and Council staff in the management of incoming grant funding that have been considered in line with the long-term financial plan and strategic asset management plan
- council recognises the valuable role that grants play in supporting the delivery of services, projects, and community outcomes.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all incoming grant funding pursued or received by the City of Launceston where Council is accountable for delivery, compliance, financial management or asset ownership.

In scope:

- competitive grant programs offered by Federal and State Governments, external organisations and groups
- unsolicited and non-competitive funding offers, (including State or Federal budget allocations and election commitments)
- joint or partnership-based applications where Council retains financial liability, delivery, responsibility, compliance obligations or ownership of the relevant asset
- grants may support operational functions or capital projects

Not in scope:

- ongoing or recurring funding arrangements that do not require an application and/or acquittal process to occur
- funding provided to Council under an ongoing service agreement
- philanthropy donations and bequests
- reimbursements or allocations made under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements
- grants, sponsorship or funding programs administered by Council for external organisations or community groups, which are governed by Council's *Outgoing Grants Policy*.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will seek and accept incoming grant funding only where proposed projects and programs are strategically aligned with adopted Council plans or legislative requirements, appropriately planned and resourced, represent value for money demonstrating alignment with capital budgets and long-term financial plan and can be delivered in accordance with applicable funding conditions and compliance requirements. Council is committed to applying for, and managing, funding in a fair, transparent manner that supports the achievement of endorsed strategic and operational objectives.

Where unsolicited or time-critical funding opportunities arise, Council retains discretion to accept, decline, or seek to renegotiate funding terms, subject to the relevant approval and delegated authority framework.

PRINCIPLES

This policy is guided by the following principles:

1. **Strategic and Operational Alignment:** Incoming grant funding must support the City of Launceston Strategic Plan 2025-2035, other adopted Council plans (e.g. Four-Year Delivery Plan, Annual Plan), legislative requirements and endorsed priorities.
2. **Delivery Capacity:** Projects seeking incoming grant funding must be deliverable within Council's capacity, with realistic timeframes and compliance obligations.
3. **Financial Management:** Incoming grant funding must be assessed against full financial implications of the project, including co-contributions, ongoing operational impacts, maintenance obligations and any unfunded long-term liabilities.
4. **Risk Management:** Incoming grant funding must have financial, operational, legal, reputational and delivery risks identified, assessed and managed.

5. Governance, Transparency and Accountability: Incoming grant funding must have clear decision-making, management and reporting processes that are documented and auditable.

6. Consultation. Projects seeking incoming grant funding must be developed in consultation with internal and external stakeholders to ensure collaboration, efficiencies and compliance.

GOVERNANCE and DELEGATIONS

Application for incoming grant funding must be carried out in accordance with the following approval framework.

Threshold	Approval for Application
Grants up to \$10,000	Approved by Senior Leader (SL) in consultation with Executive Leader (EL)
Grants from \$10,001 to \$100,000	Approved by Executive Leader (EL) in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and CEO
Grants exceeding \$100,001	Approved by Council When submission deadlines do not allow for Council approval prior to application the CEO retains the delegated authority to authorise an application. Ratification must occur at the first available Council meeting
Unsolicited grants	Must be reviewed and approved per thresholds above

Acceptance of grant funding must comply with the Signing of Council Agreements and Documents Policy (14-Plx-035).

GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Council will administer grant funding in an efficient, effective, transparent and accountable manner that ensure the requirements of the grantor are satisfactorily met as outlined in the funding agreement and that Council's reputation and future funding opportunities are protected.

To facilitate this, all grant information for planning, approvals, grant management and reporting must be managed in accordance with the incoming grants protocol via City of Launceston's Tech1 platform.

In accordance with City of Launceston Information Resource Policy documents pertaining to incoming grant funding must be registered in Council's electronic records system and included in the Legal's Index. These include but not limited to: grant applications, approvals notifications, funding deeds, reports, variations and acquittals.

Roles and Responsibilities

Application for incoming grant funding must be carried out in accordance with legislative delegations and the following approval framework:

The Council	Approval of incoming funding applications over \$100,001 Oversight of City of Launceston incoming grants through quarterly reports
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CARRIED 7:1

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor Joe Pentridge

20.7. Efficiency Dividends Report - Quarter 4

FILE NO: SF7852

AUTHOR: Tony McDonald (Data Analytics)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Efficiency Dividends Report for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025/26.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Efficiency Dividends Report covering the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025/26.

Henry Williams (Team Leader Prosperity and Investment) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alex Britton, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

That Council:

1. receives the Efficiency Dividends Report covering the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025/26.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

21. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

21.1. Quarterly Report - Office of the Chief Executive Officer - 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026

FILE NO: SF0008

AUTHOR: Lorraine Wyatt (Team Leader Executive Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider and note a quarterly update on key strategic matters and major initiatives progressed through the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, including engagement on the Boags Brewery site, collaboration with the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation, regional shared services opportunities and other city-shaping initiatives advanced during the period 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council has previously considered matters relating to regional collaboration, strategic advocacy, NTDC membership and governance, major city-shaping opportunities and the ongoing delivery of Council's strategic priorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the update on key initiatives progressed through the Office of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026.
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DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council:

- 1. notes the update on key initiatives progressed through the Office of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026.**

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

21.2. Correspondence - Minister Ellis - CBD Bus Interchange Security Trial

FILE NO: SF4912

AUTHOR: Daniel Gray (Governance Officer)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To note the correspondence from the Hon Felix Ellis MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management regarding the Bus Interchange Security Trial

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the correspondence from the Hon Felix Ellis MP dated 10 August 2026 regarding the Bus Interchange Security Trial (ECM Doc Set ID: 5406518).

During this item Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised that the security report had not been provided to Minister Ellis.

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Tim Walker, seconded Councillor Alan Harris.

That Council:

1. notes the correspondence from the Hon Felix Ellis MP dated 10 August 2026 regarding the Bus Interchange Security Trial (ECM Doc Set ID: 5406518).

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

22. LATE ITEMS

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

No Items have been identified as part of this Agenda

23. CLOSED COUNCIL

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council moves into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

23.1. Confirmation of the Minutes

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

Regulation 40(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* states that at the next closed meeting, the minutes of a closed meeting, after any necessary correction, are to be confirmed as the true record by the council or council committee and signed by the chairperson of the closed meeting.

23.2. Tender - Launceston City Heart - Cameron Street Greening CD076/2025

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with regulation 17(2)(e) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

23.3. End of Closed Session

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Alan Harris, seconded Councillor Andrew Palmer.

That Council moves into Closed Session.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

Council moved into Closed Session at 4.07 pm.
Council returned to Open Session at 4.31 pm.

23.3. End of Closed Session

DECISION: 20 August 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor Andrew Palmer, seconded Councillor Alex Britton.

That Council:

1. pursuant to regulation 40(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, resolves to report in Open Session that it has considered the following matters in Closed Session:

Minutes Item	Matter	Brief Description
23.1	<i>Closed Council Minutes - 6 August 2026</i>	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 6 August 2026.</i>
23.2	<i>Tender - Launceston City Heart - Cameron Street Greening CD076/2025</i>	<i>Council awarded a Tender for Contract No. CD076/2025 - Launceston City Heart - Cameron Street Greening. Names of successful tenderers will be published to www.launceston.tas.gov.au once the successful and unsuccessful tenderers have been notified of the decision.</i>

2. moves out of Closed Session.

CARRIED 8:0

FOR VOTE: Councillor Alan Harris, Councillor Tim Walker, Councillor Joe Pentridge, Councillor Andrew Palmer, Councillor Lindi McMahon, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Alex Britton and Councillor Krista Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

24. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 3 September 2026 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.

25. MEETING CLOSURE

The Acting Chair, Councillor Lindi McMahon, closed the Meeting at 4.32pm.