



City of
LAUNCESTON

LATE COUNCIL ITEM AGENDA

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026
AT AGENDA ITEM 22 OF THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a LATE COUNCIL ITEM will be tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council will be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston:

Date: 3 September 2026

Time: At the Agenda Item 23 in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda

Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

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

1. A General Manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council, or a council committee, is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless -
 - (a) the General Manager certifies, in writing -
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) the General Manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the General Manager's certificate.

Certification

I certify that:

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



**Sam Johnson
Chief Executive Officer**

LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

At the City of Launceston, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas). For the avoidance of doubt, *Chief Executive Officer* means *General Manager* for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and all other legislation administered by or concerning Council.

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22. LATE ITEMS

22.1. Acceptance of a Late Item - Notice of Motion - Councillor Joe Pentridge - Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society Museum - 31 August 2026

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

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider accepting a late item regarding a Notice of Motion from Councillor Joe Pentridge.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. by absolute majority and pursuant to Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (Tas), determines to deal with this matter, being one that was not included in the published Agenda; and
2. notes the advice from the Chief Executive Officer in respect of the reason it was not possible to include this matter in the Agenda and that the matter is urgent, that advice having been provided to Councillors by email on 1 September 2026 and in the report attached to this Agenda Item.
3. 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*.

REPORT:

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Regulation 10(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* (the Regulation) provides that a council by absolute majority at an ordinary council meeting, may decide to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if -

- (a) the general manager has reported the reason for which it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) the general manager has reported that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) in a case where the matter requires the advice of a qualified person, the general manager has certified under section 65 of the Act that the advice has been obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council.

A late and urgent item has been submitted by Council officers to consider accepting a late and urgent item regarding a Notice of Motion from Councillor Joe Pentridge.

The reason for this late item was due to a notice of motion being flagged from Councillor Joe Pentridge but the official documentation was not signed and submitted before publishing of the Council Agenda on Friday 28 August 2026.

Qualified advice was not required for the consideration of this matter.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2025-2035

Not applicable:

Council's consideration of this matter meets a legislative requirement.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Chief Executive Officer has no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

22.2. Notice of Motion - Councillor Joe Pentridge - Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society Museum - 31 August 2026

AUTHOR: Vanessa Holloway (Executive Assistant - Councillor Rooms)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Pentridge regarding in-principle support for a Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society Museum at QVMAG Inveresk

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. provides in-principle support for the Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society (TAHS) to investigate and develop a proposal to lease a suitable shed or heritage building within the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG) Inveresk precinct for the establishment of a permanent exhibition and interpretive space celebrating Launceston and Tasmania's aviation history.
 2. notes that any future lease arrangement, building works, funding commitments or operational agreements would be subject to detailed assessment and approval by Council in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and governance processes.
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REPORT:

Launceston has played a significant role in the development of aviation in Tasmania and Australia, producing pioneering aviators and aviation entrepreneurs who helped shape commercial and civil aviation nationally. Despite this rich history, Tasmania remains the only Australian state without a dedicated aviation museum.

The Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society has developed expertise in researching, preserving and interpreting Tasmania's aviation story and has demonstrated its capability through a number of successful exhibitions, including the travelling exhibition *Flying by the Seat of their Pants*, which was previously displayed at QVMAG Inveresk.

The establishment of a permanent aviation heritage exhibition within the QVMAG precinct presents an opportunity to activate an existing heritage building while expanding the cultural, educational and tourism offer of the Inveresk site. Such a facility would complement, rather than duplicate, QVMAG's existing history collections and exhibitions by providing a specialised focus on aviation innovation, exploration, transport and industry.

The proposal aligns strongly with QVMAG's role as a place where Tasmania's stories are collected, preserved and shared. It would create meaningful synergies with existing exhibitions, encourage repeat visitation, provide opportunities for school and educational programming, and strengthen the Inveresk precinct as a destination for residents and visitors alike.

Importantly, a community-led model has the potential to deliver significant public benefit while leveraging the passion, expertise and volunteer capacity of the Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society. In-principle support from Council would enable the Society to progress planning, partnership development and fundraising activities necessary to bring the concept to fruition.

This initiative has the potential to preserve and celebrate an important part of Launceston's heritage while further enhancing the reputation of QVMAG and the Inveresk precinct as a leading cultural destination for Northern Tasmania.

RISK IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT:

Not considered relevant to this report.

STRATEGIC DOCUMENT REFERENCE:

City of Launceston Corporate Strategic Plan 2025-2035

Strategic Pillar 1 - Prosperity

Goal 1.1 Launceston is a premier visitor destination, celebrated for its natural beauty, creative and historic city centre, welcoming community, and rich food culture.

Objective 1.1(b)

Enhance Launceston's reputation nationally and internationally as a leading host city for events and festivals, while leveraging our history and natural beauty to encourage extended and expanded stays.

Strategic Pillar 3 - People

Goal 3.2 Participation in cultural and recreational activities is widespread across the community and promotes health and wellbeing at all ages while bridging social, cultural and geographical gaps.

Objective 3.2(b)

Broaden and increase participation in arts, cultural, and community events to foster community identity, leadership and capacity building, resilience, pride & a sense of belonging.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Not considered relevant to this report.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

The Chief Executive Officer has no interests to declare in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Doc ID 5414728 Notice of Motion Councillor Joe Pentridge Tasmania Aviation Heritage Society [22.2.1 - 2 pages]

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MEMORANDUM

FILE NO: SF5547/SF7960/SF7961
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DATE: 31 August 2026

TO: Sam Johnson OAM Chief Executive Officer
c.c. councilmeetings@launceston.tas.gov.au

FROM: Vanessa Holloway Councillor: Joe Pentridge

**Notice of Motion - Councillor Joe Pentridge - In-Principle Support for
a Tasmanian Aviation Heritage Society Museum at QVMAG Inveresk**

SUBJECT:

In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* please accept this Notice of Motion for placement on the agenda of the Meeting of Council to be held on 3 September 2026.

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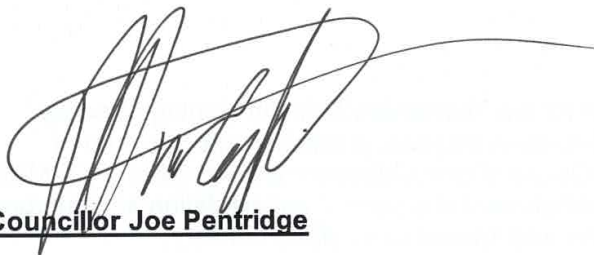
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Councillor Joe Pentridge