



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 5 MARCH 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: 5 March 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

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Background

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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.

Certification

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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:

Mayor Councillor M K Garwood
Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie
Councillor D C Gibson
Councillor A G Harris
Councillor T G Walker
Councillor J J Pentridge
Councillor A J Palmer
Councillor L M McMahon
Councillor S Cai
Councillor A J Britton
Councillor K M Preece
Councillor R A I Marsden

In Attendance:

Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)
Chelsea van Riet (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)
Zara Dawtrey (Senior Communications Officer)
Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)
Taylor Murphy (Procurement and Contracts Officer)
Fintan Langan-Clarke (Principal Strategic Land Use Planner) (Agenda Item 15.1)
Matthew Jordan (Senior Leader Community Place and Wellbeing) (Agenda Item 15.2)
Steven Tanchik (Team Leader Engineering) (Agenda Item 19.1)
Kieran Mann (Strategic Transport Advisor) (Agenda Item 19.1)
Lachlan Peterson (Coordinator Transport) (Agenda Item 19.1)
Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor) (Agenda Items 19.2 and 19.3)
Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) (Agenda Item 19.4)
Suzy Lawrence (Senior Strategic Land Use Planner) (Agenda Item 19.4)
Michelle Grey (Properties and Legal Officer) (Agenda Items 20.1 and 20.2)
Sarah McRobbie (Senior Leader Innovation and Performance) (Agenda Item 21.1)
Rosanna Coombes (Senior Leader Corporate Planning) (Agenda Item 21.2)

Apologies:

Nil

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

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

An audio visual recording is being made of the meeting.

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

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

2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood:

- noted the fire that caused the loss of Tamar Marine and acknowledged the emergency services that attended.
- noted the Clifford Craig International Women's Day lunch and acknowledged the incredible work that Clifford Craig do, including the work of the board and volunteers.
- Provided the following statement:

“I want to say a few words regarding the recent public discussion about the 4-day work week proposal. As the Mayor, it’s important to note that my role and our role as Councillors, is to represent the organisation and to engage openly with our community when issues attract significant public attention.

Throughout these discussions, it has always been my intent to provide context and to do my best to answer questions as they arise from the community. In this instance, it was also to defend the professionalism and commitment of our staff, whether those conversations were positive, negative or moved into criticism of Council.

However, I also want to acknowledge that the broader public debate may have caused concern or stress for some of our staff. If any part of that debate, whether on my platforms or elsewhere, disappointed any staff members, I want to be clear - I support you and I always will. I apologise if any of my actions were interpreted otherwise.

The people who work for the City of Launceston, we see it every day as Councillors and elected representatives, care deeply about the services they deliver for our community. Their work matters, and it deserves respect. I value being approachable and I welcome conversations with staff and the community in both formal and informal settings. I genuinely enjoy working alongside both.

It’s important now that our focus remains on working constructively together, ensuring our staff feel valued for the critical role they play in serving the Launceston community, and maintaining respectful and appropriate commentary as part of the decision-making environment we are privileged to be part of.”

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).

Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie declared an interest in Agenda Item 19.3 - Princess Theatre Auditorium Seats.

Councillor A J Britton declared an interest in Agenda Item 24.2 - Financial Assistance Request Relating to Dog Impound Fees.

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 19 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A J Palmer, seconded Councillor R A I Marsden.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 19 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

5.1. Council Workshop Report - 26 February 2026

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (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, pursuant to Regulation 10(3)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*, notes the Council Workshops conducted and attended since the last Council Meeting, for the purposes described:

1. Workshop conducted on 26 February 2026:

Local Government Gifts and Donations

Councillors had the opportunity to review the Local Government Association of Tasmania's draft submission to the Integrity Commission's Local Government Gifts and Donations Consultation Paper and to discuss feedback on the documents.

Ravenswood Community Centre

Councillors had the opportunity to discuss the Ravenswood Community Centre.

Wood Smoke Plan and Action Plan

Councillors received an update and participated in a discussion on the proposed actions to reduce wood smoke pollution.

Executive Leader Updates and General Business

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

St Leonards and Waverley Neighbourhood Plan and Infrastructure Funding Framework - Update

Councillors received an update on the St Leonards and Waverley Neighbourhood Plan and the associated Infrastructure Funding Framework.

Mobile Food Vendor Policy Update

This workshop item sought to inform Councillors of an updated Mobile Food Vendor Policy.

Lease and License Policy

Councillors had the opportunity to discuss the revised Lease and License Policy (12-Plx-002).

Councillors Connect

Councillors were provided the opportunity to raise and discuss matters of concern, share perspectives, and collectively work through issues that may benefit from group discussion

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Apologies: Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton and Councillor K M Preece

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor R A I Marsden, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

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CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

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

Councillors' Leave of Absence Applications will be considered in Closed Council at Agenda Item 24.3 - Application for Leave by a Councillor.

No 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 - Noel Christensen -
Whereabouts of Mannequin Pis - 19 February 2026**

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 19 February 2026 by Noel Christensen, has been answered by the Team Leader Facilities.

Question 1:

Where is Mannequin Pis, formerly of the John Hart Conservatory in City Park?

Response:

Thank you for your question, Mannequin Pis was returned to site on 18 February 2026.

8.1.2. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - James Carroll - Launceston Traffic Issues - 19 February 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 19 February 2026 by James Carroll, has been answered by the Team Leader Engineering.

Question 1:

[Regarding the previous questions asked at the 29 May 2025 Council Meeting].
What are Launceston City Council doing to improve traffic conditions?

Response:

As noted, please refer to the official response provided at the 29 May 2025 Council Meeting.

Response is provided below:

Question 1:

Are Councillors aware of the congestion caused by the reduction of speed limits in Bathurst and Wellington Streets and does the Launceston City Council review decisions made by the state that directly impact the city of Launceston because I'm gathering those two roads could come under state roads?

Response:

The City of Launceston and the Department of State Growth actively collaborate on all changes that affect the combined transport network in Launceston, including on the State-managed arterial road network, such as Bathurst Street and Wellington Street.

Question 2:

Was the speed reduction on Wellington and Bathurst Streets implemented by state or local government, or was it a combination of both? If so, what do you review?

Response:

The Launceston Speed Limit Review was first conceived by City of Launceston around ten years ago, when Bathurst Street and Wellington Street were managed by City of

Launceston (these roads were handed to the State in December 2019, although the State has always been responsible for all traffic signals). In 2023, the Department of State Growth extensively reviewed the proposal to reduce the speed limits on Bathurst Street and Wellington Street, before giving their consent to City of Launceston to include these roads in the broader package of speed limit reductions across Launceston. City of Launceston applied to the State Transport Commission for approval of the speed limit reductions, and then implemented the approved changes in October 2023.

Question 3:

Did the relevant government body undertake a TIA or a TIS and if so, was it reviewed by the Launceston City Council and are elected members part of that process?

Response:

A formal traffic impact assessment or traffic impact statement is not required for minor changes to the road network, such as speed limit changes. However, the traffic engineering teams from City of Launceston and the Department of State Growth were both satisfied that the impact on the transport network would be minimal. Elected members then endorsed seeking Transport Commission approval for the speed limit reductions, based on officer advice.

Prior to the speed limit reductions, the "green-wave" for the traffic signals on Bathurst Street and Wellington Street was already co-ordinated at less than 50km/h. Only minimal tweaks were made to the traffic signal operation as part of reducing the speed limit to 50km/h, so it was not anticipated to have a noticeable impact on traffic flow. The travel time data for Bathurst Street and Wellington Street before and after the speed limit reductions shows a consistent increase in night-time average travel-times of 10-20 seconds which would be attributable to the speed limit changes. However, during the day, average speeds were already well below 40km/h on these roads, so the majority of the increased travel-time cannot be attributed to a speed limit reduction from 60km/h to 50km/h.

The increased congestion and travel-time since 2023 would be largely due to the increased volume of traffic using the network, since congestion is a function of the amount of traffic trying to use the road. The arterial north-south route through Launceston has experienced significant growth in traffic volumes, with an average of 2.2% per year for the last five years. This equates to an 11% increase, or an extra 3,400 vehicles using the Bathurst / Wellington couplet every day.

Overall, the data suggests that while travel times on corridors like Bathurst Street and Wellington Street have increased, the speed limit reductions do not appear to have increased congestion. The increased congestion appears to simply be the result of more traffic on the road network, as congestion is a high number of vehicles in one place at one time. The traffic signals do adapt to the amount of traffic on the roads and balance flows and green time to be as efficient as possible, but there comes a point when there is just too much traffic. In the past this has been addressed by building more roads or additional lanes to increase capacity to cater for peak traffic flows. However, it is now internationally recognised that this is unsustainable and instead

road managers seek to manage the travel demand on their networks, such as through encouraging people to use another transport mode (walking, cycling, public transport) or travelling outside of peak times. This actually happens naturally as congestion creates friction and forces people to think about their travel habits.

Question 4:

Travelling over the highway bridge, the traffic gets congested at William Street and the traffic lights have not been adjusted to accommodate the changes. What are we going to do about it? It doesn't matter if it is a state problem, I think the City of Launceston should be involved.

Response:

The ongoing operation of the Launceston transport network is overseen by City of Launceston and Department of State Growth traffic engineering teams, who are happy to receive feedback and suggestions from the public.

The Transport Team is working closely with the State Government to update its Network Operating Plan, which will assist state and local Road Managers to ensure the network is fit for purpose and supports the City of Launceston's 2025 - 2035 Strategic Plan goals.

8.1.3. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Robin Smith - St John Street Bus Stop Relocation - 25 February 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 25 February 2026 by Robin Smith, have been answered by the Team Leader Governance and Information Services.

Question 1:

Has a study provided the level of granularity to identify the current number of bus passengers changing services at the 'interchange'?

Question 2:

What was the response to the latest option from (i) Department of State Growth (DSG) and (ii) Metro Tasmania and other operators?

Response:

In line with our Public Question Time Policy, receipt of the questions is acknowledged however, due to the short timeline between receiving the questions and the date for publishing the agenda for the 5 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, a comprehensive response cannot be provided.

Detailed responses to the questions will be published in the Agenda of the 19 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

8.1.4. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Robin Smith - Parking Data - Foo Fighters Concert - 25 February 2026

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 25 February 2026 by Robin Smith, have been answered by the Team Leader Governance and Information Services.

Question 1:

Would council be kind enough as to provide the number of vehicles exiting each of the 3 multi-storey car parks after the concert ended Saturday 24 January and before 10:00am on Sunday 25 January?

Question 2:

Please provide (a) details* in connection with the on-site security presence (i) the number of personnel present and (ii) hours worked and (b) any costs therein.

*May be provided *in camera*.

Response:

In line with our Public Question Time Policy, receipt of the questions is acknowledged however, due to the short timeline between receiving the questions and the date for publishing the agenda for the 5 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, a comprehensive response cannot be provided.

Detailed responses to the questions will be published in the Agenda of the 19 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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 - Victoria Wardlaw - Accessibility Around the City and New Residents Program - 5 March 2026

- 1. I am concerned about the accessibility of the City. I understand there has been a review of the Council Committees, one of them being the Access Committee - could you shine a light on what has happened there?**

The Chief Executive Officer, Sam Johnson OAM, advised that the question would be Taken on Notice and a response would be provided in the Council Agenda of 19 March 2026.

In addition, he noted that in relation to the accessibility of Council buildings, there is a separate piece of work that we are doing at the moment through our new dedicated Assets and Projects team. We have identified, through building a more robust asset management framework within the organisation, that a significant number of our buildings and assets are non-compliant. So a lot of our investment over the coming years will be prioritising much of our capital works program on Council buildings towards doing just that making compliant including things like public toilets.

- 2. With regards to the Albert Hall redevelopment, the distance from the car park to the access ramp is more than one hundred metres - can there be more community consultation regarding accessibility options in future projects?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response will be provided in the Council Agenda of 19 March 2026.

- 3. Before I moved to Launceston, I lived in Ballarat and the City of Ballarat Council had a New Residents Program that provided people who had just moved into the local area a book of vouchers and discounts from businesses that they could use within the first 12 months of moving into the municipality. Would Council consider implementing a similar program?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that the question would be Taken on Notice and a response will be provided in the Council Agenda of 19 March 2026.

8.2.2. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Rocelyn Ives - Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus Service and Gorgeous Walks Programme - 5 March 2026

- 1. Would Council consider a trial of two, hybrid hydrogen fuelled, 21 seater buses with hop on, hop off services, with routes spanning from the hospital to Inveresk, or Margaret Street to High Street?**
- 2. Tomorrow marks the beginnings of a Council heritage project about the Cataract Gorge. Would Council take the bold step of replicating the former successful Gorgeous Walks public programme? Maybe the opportunity for UTAS or another established group e.g Tamar NRM to partner with Council to re-create the program. Would Council consider re-establishing this highly valued and important Gorge discovery program?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and a response will be provided in the Council Agenda of 19 March 2026.

9. PETITIONS

No Petitions were identified as part of these Minutes.

10. DEPUTATIONS

No Deputations were identified as part of these Minutes.

11. PLANNING AUTHORITY

No Planning Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

No Items 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 A G Harris

Wednesday 11 February 2026

- Attended the NTCA 175th Anniversary of the first, first-class game on the NTCA ground

Saturday 22 February 2026

- Emceed at Soggy Bottom Regatta which was supported by the Council's community grants program

Tuesday 24 February 2026

- Attended the National Trust of Tasmania's Garden Party held at Franklin House which was also attended by the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC

Wednesday 25 February 2026

- Attended the Launceston Cup

Thursday 26 February 2026

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce's Pollies and Pizza night

Sunday 1 March 2026

- Commended everyone who took part in the Tweed Ride as part of bike week

Thursday 5 March 2026

- Met with Peter Frazer from the SARA Group about road safety

Councillor D H McKenzie

19 February 2026

- Attended the TasTAFE Network Chamber of Commerce networking evening. Discussed the 4-day working week with TasTAFE CEO regarding students and the future of employment

Tuesday 24 February 2026

- Attended the Business Events Tasmania Visionary Strategy launch at Du Cane. Welcomed the announcement of the funding for the Conference Centre and commended their narrative and vision

Thursday 26 February 2026

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce's Pollies and Pizza night

Wednesday 4 March 2026

- Attended an Emergency Services Meeting. Noted the new Municipal Emergency Management Plan due to be released by the 3 June 2026 and thanked staff for their work

Councillor L M McMahon

- Recognised Mitch and team at Almasts who lost their building in the recent fire

Councillor D C Gibson

- Spoke in recognition of Liz Lynch, Executive Assistant, Councillors Rooms who has been involved in the City of Launceston Council for close to 45 years. Liz will depart council following a career in local government, embodying the City of Launceston values. Starting in local government in 1981, Liz joined another Council that was then amalgamated into the City of Launceston.

Liz has worked across the organisation in the General Managers Office, Technical Services Division, Marketing Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Asset Management before joining the General Managers Division in 2004.

Former Mayors and Councillors including Tony Peck, Annette Waddle, Ted Sands and Ian Norton held her in high regard and maintained strong personal connections with her. Praised for managing sensitive matters discreetly and supporting Councillors and staff through difficult periods.

Following Councillor Gibson's acknowledgment, Councillors, staff and meeting attendees gave a standing ovation in recognition of Liz's achievements.

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 Councillors - Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie
- Display Boards for Citizenship Award Recipients, South Prospect Traffic
and Future Use of Margaret Street Sewer Station Site - 19 February 2026**

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 19 February 2026 by Councillor D H McKenzie, have been answered by the Team Leader Executive Support and Team Leader Engineering.

Question 1:

Can officers investigate having display boards or digital options to show the historical record of Citizenship Award recipients?

Response:

Council Officers are currently investigating this request and will provide a report to a future Council meeting, inclusive of available options and other considerations such as privacy issues.

Question 2:

There are highway renovations happening into the city close to South Prospect. Are there any opportunities for us to look the work being done to see if we can integrate improvements that will help with South Prospect?

Response:

The upcoming Kings Meadows Connector Link Safety Upgrades project and scopes are wholly located on the eastern side of the Midland Highway. Funding for the safety upgrades is limited and sourced via the State Government Road Safety Program. The State has already progressed to detail engineering design. Other funding sources would be required to facilitate South Prospect integration, which are not approved at this time.

Question 3:

Can we reach out to TasWater regarding the Margaret Street Sewer Station site near the TRC Hotel, to see what the land will be used for and if there is a possibility that it can be used for car parking or a community purpose?

Response:

The Tamar Estuary River Health Action Plan (TERHAP) works by TasWater at the Margaret Street sewer pump station required a large hard stand staging area for drilling the new pipeline under the Tamar River to the West Tamar Silt Ponds within the exiting pumpstation compound.

TasWater will reinstate the surrounding Kings Park area as an existing condition of this work.

The reinstatement planning will see a continuation of the existing landscape mounding along Paterson St frontage and replacement plantings prior to reopening the space as parkland.

This will be activated once the pump station alterations and associated pipeline connections are completed in Autumn 2026.

**14.1.2. Questions on Notice by Councillors - Councillor J J Pentridge - Fire Concerns
Ti-Tree Bend - 19 February 2026**

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 19 February 2026 by Councillor J J Pentridge, has been answered by the Senior Leader Health and Regulations.

Question 1:

Ti-Tree Bend seems to be the new place to set cars on fire. What can Council do about this and can the CEO talk to someone about options?

Response:

Council Officers actively participate in the Launceston Fire Management Stakeholders Working Group, which brings together relevant agencies to share information and coordinate responses to fire risks across the municipality.

Council Officers can raise the reported incidents at Ti-Tree Bend through this forum to support a coordinated approach to investigating the matter and identifying appropriate prevention and response actions. This includes working with Tasmania Police, Tasmania Fire Service and relevant land or property managers to understand the circumstances and consider options to reduce risk.

Engagement with relevant agencies will occur through established inter-agency arrangements and appropriate Council Officers, with matters escalated as required.

**14.1.3. Questions on Notice by Councillors - Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie
- Traffic Concerns Raised by Mr Carroll and Line Marking Level of Service - 19
February 2026**

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 19 February 2026 by Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie, have been answered by the Team Leader Engineering.

Question 1:

In response to Mr Carrolls concerns, what are we doing about traffic?

Response:

Please refer to 29 May Council Meeting response.

In addition to this, despite recent Traffic Engineering vacancies, the Transport Team is working closely with the State Government to update its Network Operating Plan, which will assist State and local road managers to ensure the network is fit for purpose and supports the City of Launceston's 2025 - 2035 Strategic Plan goals and priorities.

Question 2:

Where are we at with linemarking? The level of service for line marking is appalling from the State Government.

Response:

The City of Launceston Transport Team currently works with the Department of State Growth – Periodic Maintenance Team by nominating sites within the Local Government Area (LGA) for remarking under the State's annual Linemarking Program. The program's value is not disclosed to the LGA's and only a proportion of line marking nominated is completed each year.

Council opened negotiations with the State Government late 2024 –2025 to renegotiate funding and program allocations. Following negotiations with the State, it was indicated they were unwilling to alter the existing programs or directly provide funds to the City of Launceston for internal facilitation of a line marking program. This financial year, Council has allocated \$150,000 of internal operational funds to a dedicated internal line marking

renewal program to ensure linemarking levels of service within our LGA are raised. This program of works has recently been awarded and commences in March. Future programs are proposed and awaiting funding approval.

14.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillors

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 34

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

15. WRITTEN NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 19

15.1. Notice of Motion - Councillor D C Gibson - Sandhill Lane - 25 February 2026

FILE NO: SF5547 SF5547, SF5964

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D C Gibson regarding Sandhill Lane, South Launceston.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - Regulation 19

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes Sandhill Lane, a 260-metre laneway off Effingham Street, South Launceston, was named by Council in 2012 and is currently in private ownership, providing secondary access to several properties; and
2. resolves to investigate the ownership, management and transfer of Sandhill Lane to Council ownership, with any implications to be considered as part of a future report to Council.

Fintan Langan-Clarke (Principal Strategic Land Use Planner) was attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor D C Gibson, seconded Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie.

That Council:

1. notes Sandhill Lane, a 260 metre laneway off Effingham Street, South Launceston, was named by Council in 2012 and is currently in private ownership, providing secondary access to several properties; and
2. resolves to investigate the ownership, management and transfer of Sandhill Lane to Council ownership, with any implications to be considered as part of a future report to Council.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor A G Harris	Will the report that comes back to identify the drainage remediation and who will pay for that - will it be Council or will it be the existing owners of the lane?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>We are looking at this laneway as a broader piece of work in the housing plan and consideration would be on a case by case basis. If there is development in an area, the developer might contribute, but there is also an onus on current owners to contribute. These are fraught issues, often people do not understand their obligations around shared laneways or roads that are private, so we would have to negotiate that. It may mean that Council will be footing the bill for remediation works if they were to become Council owned assets, but at this point in time it would be premature to comment on what may or may not be the case for Sandhill lane.</i>

15.2. Notice of Motion - Councillor D C Gibson - Workers' Commemorative Park - 25 February 2026

FILE NO: SF5547, SF4240, SF5249

AUTHOR: Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D C Gibson regarding the Workers' Commemorative Park.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - Regulation 19

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. acknowledges the advocacy and persistence of Mr Guy Hudson in realising the Workers' Commemorative Park - a solemn and significant space dedicated to Tasmanians who have lost their lives at work; and
 2. provides in-principle support for land to be made available for the purpose of installing a public toilet and BBQ facility within the Park precinct.
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Matthew Jordan (Senior Leader Community Place and Wellbeing) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

Guy Hudson spoke for the Recommendation.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor D C Gibson, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council:

- 1. acknowledges the advocacy and persistence of Mr Guy Hudson in realising the Workers' Commemorative Park - a solemn and significant space dedicated to Tasmanians who have lost their lives at work; and**
- 2. provides in-principle support for land to be made available for the purpose of installing a public toilet and BBQ facility within the Park precinct.**

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports were identified as part of these Minutes.

17. CONNECTIONS AND LIVEABILITY

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

18. QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY (QVMAG)

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

19. COMMUNITY ASSETS AND DESIGN

19.1. Launceston CBD Bus Interchange

FILE NO: SF0622, SF4912, SF6519, SF6729

AUTHOR: Kieran Mann (Strategic Transport Advisor)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To endorse location options allowing officers to seek architectural concepts for the Launceston CBD bus interchange redevelopment.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Transport Act 1981

Road Rules 2019

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop – 10 April 2017 – St John Street Redevelopment

Council – 24 April 2017 – Agenda Item 19.1 – St John Street Redevelopment Plan

Workshop – 3 July 2017 – St John Street Bus Stop

Council – 21 August 2017 – Agenda Item 14.1 – Rescission Motion placing the relocation of the St John Street Bus Stop on hold

Workshop – 18 December 2017 – CBD Bus Stop Investigations

Workshop – 28 May 2018 – Bus Stops – St John Street

Workshop – 20 August 2018 – St John Street Bus Stops

Workshop – 29 November 2018 – City Heart – Future Works, St John Street and Public Transport Infrastructure

Workshop – 28 March 2019 – Review of City Heart Projects

Workshop – 4 July 2019 – Launceston CBD Bus Interchange

Workshop – 24 October 2019 – Launceston CBD Bus Interchange

Council – 31 October 2019 – Agenda Item 22.2 – Launceston CBD Bus Interchange

Council – 5 March 2020 – Agenda Item 22.3 – Launceston CBD Bus Interchange

Workshop – 10 December 2020 – Launceston City Heart Stage 2 – St John Street and Paterson Street functional brief

Workshop – 4 February 2021 – St John Street and Paterson Street Redevelopment Design and Indicative Costings Update

Workshop – 22 July 2021 – St John Street and Paterson Street design development updates

Workshop – 30 September 2021 – Review of community consultation on the design of Paterson Street and St John Street

Workshop – 12 May 2022 – CBD Bus Interchange update provided to Councillors

Workshop – 19 January 2023 – City Heart Project – only feasible options for the bus interchange: retain on St John Street, or pursue Dechaineux Way with a significant cost for land

Council – 15 June 2023 – Agenda Item 14.6 – Two-way traffic on hold until Stage Two City Heart commences pending negotiations regarding the bus interchange
Council – 4 April 2024 – Agenda Item 8.2.2 (Public Questions) – Launceston CBD Bus Interchange
Council – 18 April 2024 – Agenda Item 14.3 – Launceston CBD Bus Interchange
Workshop – 29 February 2026 – CBD Bus Interchange

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. per the *Launceston CBD Bus Interchange Study 2026* report (ECM Doc Set ID 5325744):
 - a. notes Option 1 (St John Street South) - retention of bus stop locations on St John Street between Paterson and York Streets, in a slightly adjusted location - is the preferred option based on the multi-criteria assessment and input from the Department of State Growth; and
 - b. notes Option 6 (St John Street North) - relocation of the northbound bus stops from outside 74-92 St John Street to approximately 36 St John Street – is a viable alternative based on the multi-criteria assessment and input from the Department of State Growth.
2. endorses officers to seek architectural concepts for St John Street South and North sites to be presented to Council for determination of the CBD Bus Interchange location at a future Council Meeting;
3. endorses reconstruction of St John Street between Cimitiere Street and Elizabeth Street in line with asset renewal requirements;
4. notes that further workshops and reports will occur after determination of the bus interchange location, to progress design development and confirm budgetary requirements; and
5. notes that the community and key stakeholders will be engaged during the design and construction phases to manage project impacts.

Steve Tanchik (Team Leader Engineering), Kieran Mann (Strategic Transport Advisor) and Lachlan Peterson (Coordinator Transport) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.

**Allan Barr spoke for the Recommendation.
Robin Smith spoke to the Recommendation.**

**Councillor R A I Marsden withdrew from the Meeting at 2:21 pm
Councillor R A I Marsden re-attended the Meeting at 2:22 pm**

Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, handed the Chair to Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie at 2.51 pm

The Mayor resumed the Chair at 2.55 pm

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor T G Walker, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That Council:

1. per the Launceston CBD Bus Interchange Study 2026 report (ECM Doc Set ID 5325744):
 - a. notes Option 1 (St John Street South) - retention of bus stop locations on St John Street between Paterson and York Streets, in a slightly adjusted location - is the preferred option based on the multi-criteria assessment and input from the Department of State Growth; and
 - b. notes Option 6 (St John Street North) - relocation of the northbound bus stops from outside 74-92 St John Street to approximately 36 St John Street – is a viable alternative based on the multi-criteria assessment and input from the Department of State Growth.
 - c. Notes a further option (Civic Square) - the relocation of bus stops to a Civic Square Transport Hub, the northbound stop approximately at 36 St John Street, and the south bound in Charles Street between Cimitiere and Cameron Streets, and endorses officers to investigate the potential for this location to integrate bus stops with a wide range of complimentary options in Civic Square, such as bike racks, scooter hire and change facilities, assisting the activation of Cameron Street as an alternative transport axis from City Park to Royal Park.
2. endorses officers to seek architectural concepts for St John Street South and North sites, (and Civic Square area if applicable), to be presented to Council for determination of the CBD Bus Interchange location at a future Council Meeting;
3. endorses reconstruction of St John Street between Cimitiere Street and Elizabeth Street (and Charles Street between Cameron and Cimitiere Street if applicable) in line with asset renewal requirements;

4. notes that further workshops and reports will occur after determination of the bus interchange location, to progress design development and confirm budgetary requirements; and
5. endorses the immediate provision by council of a security presence at existing bus stops in St John Street during peak customer times, in consultation with businesses in the vicinity, and to seek state government support of this service.

CARRIED 7:5

FOR VOTE: Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor S Cai, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor A J Britton

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood	What implications might this amendment have?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>I am sure all Councillors are aware the State Government is going through machinery government changes. There is an element of uncertainty around who will be dealing with it, whether it is State Growth or Building Tasmania moving forward. This option is not one that was considered through the previous bodies of work that were done. We do not have an existing application of a multi-criteria analysis to this particular option. That will require us to go away and investigate this with stakeholders as well as have a consultant undertake further technical work to determine whether this is possible and/or suitable. I believe that process could add up to 12 months to this before we then seek to do concepts for options one and two as per the paper.</i>

<p>Councillor D C Gibson</p>	<p>My question concerns the words "endorses the immediate provision by Council of a security presence at existing bus stops in St John Street during peak times." It seems that regardless of the cost, and regardless of who is going to pay, we are still going to endorse the immediate provision of the service... Is that the case?</p>	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design <i>I can speak to options around costing of security and I have asked for a quote to Councillor Gibson's point. We do have some security during winter months in Civic Square for our own staff. So we are looking at the cost of that. We have a threshold in the regulations that anything over \$250,000 has to go to open tender. I think, what might be more prudent to your points, would be a trial for a period over winter and then we can evaluate whether it has a positive, negative or no impact on safety and security around those spaces. To the point around seeking State Government support, it is my view that it would be a political matter, not operational.</i></p>
<p>Councillor A J Britton</p>	<p>Ultimately, who makes the decision where we can put the bus stops?</p>	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design <i>There are a number of stakeholders. Council owns the bus infrastructure: the stops are our responsibility, we have the road, we need to reconstruct St John Street. Metro drive the buses. The Department of State Growth is responsible for timetabling and paying Metro to do that job. That is the three major stakeholders involved. Part of what is appealing about the options on the table is that they have DSG endorsement.</i></p> <p><i>The option that has been included in the Recommendation by Councillor Walker would be unlikely to be supported by Department of State growth. They prefer buses on one street rather than having a bus stop on one street and another on the other street.</i></p>
<p>Councillor A J Britton</p>	<p>So, if DSG do not want the bus stops there, they have the final say?</p>	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design <i>DSG are the ones that control where the buses go and when and it could become a political matter. At this point in time, we have State Government support for points one and two. When I say State Government, I mean the agency officer-level support. At this point in time I have no confirmed position of Department of State Growth on the option being put forth by Councillor</i></p>

		<i>Walker because it is a new option. We would need to do the work as part of that 6 to 12 month process to ascertain whether DSG could or would support that.</i>
Councillor A J Britton	Are there any other possible sites that are already endorsed by DSG other than these two?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>It is only these two.</i>
Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood	Does that mean that it is only these two sites that DSG have endorsed?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>Yes, that is right.</i>
Councillor A J Britton	What is the reason for the 12 month it would take?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>We need to run the same multi-criteria analysis used for the 2014 options, including engaging all relevant stakeholders and assessing the alternate option in the same way. It is not practical to pay an architect to produce concepts and then add more later and is smoother to brief them once, with two or three locations together, rather than running separate procurement processes. While concurrent work is noted, the cleanest approach is to complete the alternate analysis first, then commission concepts for all shortlisted sites at the same time so Council can consider them together.</i> <i>Team Leader Engineering</i> <i>We also need to recognise that while some business owners are here today and their concerns are valid, there are others who haven't yet been engaged. This means we could find ourselves in the same situation in 12 months' time, with different business owners raising the same issues. No matter where the bus interchange is located, new stakeholders will continue to emerge, and we must take that into account.</i>
Councillor K M Preece	In relation to bus security, what powers would they have?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>We need to explore that further. My understanding is that private security staff would not have police powers. However, some councils around the country employ</i>

		<p><i>community safety officers. They sometimes have certain powers, but only those provided to them under a relevant Act. So I believe they would mainly serve as a visual deterrent, and I certainly would not expect them to be physically engaging.</i></p>
<p>Councillor A J Britton</p>	<p>Why can't we okay the architectural designs to be done on all three in conjunction with the work to look into the Civic Square site? I don't really understand why there has to be such a wait again and if there's a way to change that?</p>	<p><i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>We need to be careful that we don't oversimplify how architectural concepts get done. There is a lot of behind the scenes technical work that supports making sure those concepts are actually feasible.</i></p> <p><i>Team Leader Engineering</i> <i>We have quite a detailed knowledge and understanding of the bus routes as they stand now. We have worked with the DSG on that, and we also understand their routes and the swept paths at every intersection along those routes. That has not been considered in any way for Charles Street. So, we need to go back to first principles from a traffic-engineering perspective and understand what that route would look like, because the flow-on effects could extend two, three, four, even five blocks away. We can't jump straight into architectural designs now because we need to understand how the entire network would be affected.</i></p>
<p>Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>Can we get some clarity around endorsing the three options?</p>	<p><i>We can't simply amend our architectural scopes now, because we might end up in a situation where something looks fine on paper but only works within a one- or two-block radius, and then we're back where we started, with traffic flow breaking down a couple of blocks away. There's a bigger operational picture we need to consider.</i></p>

<p>Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood</p>	<p>For some clarification, in Councillor Britton's question, that amount of work even to get to an architectural state would still require time. It couldn't or it wouldn't be feasible to do it still saying to the architects go and propose these spots we want to do it here?</p>	<p>Team Leader Engineering <i>The architects or the visual designers would come back and say we don't have enough detail to give it to a visual designer now, but we would also have to look at what prioritisation looks like internally for our work and our officers because we'll be essentially starting from first principles for this choice. We have to undertake all that leg work first before we can then go to the architects. At this point in time, we're preparing briefs for the architects for options that are on the table today. But we have to step back from that, re-prioritise our internal resources, our operational resources and our engineers to refocus on that, equip again and then step forward again. That is where the 12 months comes from.</i></p>
<p>Councillor A J Britton</p>	<p>Can we change this so that we still do the architectural designs of where we were initially and still investigate Civic Square?</p>	<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design <i>We could do them at the same time, yes, but what we would end up with is two concept designs for two locations that are re-endorsed, and probably a paper that outlines the constraints and opportunities associated with the third option, but with no visuals.</i></p> <p><i>So, at that point, you might say that on paper, without any visuals, option three sounds workable, and ask, "Can you go to architectural concept?" Well, then we would do that work, which would take another few months, and we would keep the two architectural concepts for options one and two on ice until you get a concept for option three, if you like the sound of it. You are adding time at some point.</i></p> <p><i>We can start that work for that site, but you will still end up with things progressing at different times, and we'll either wait now, or we will wait later. Once you have concepts for two of them, people are visual creatures, the things we are talking about now are hard to conceptualize without imagery or renders. Then you'll have a paper with no pictures for option three, and two options with pictures. I imagine that if option three sounds good on</i></p>

		<p><i>paper, we will still end up waiting for concepts, and I can't speak to the time frames for that, unfortunately.</i></p>
<p>Councillor A G Harris</p>	<p>Where are we at with the introduction of two-way streets for Paterson and Charles Street because obviously if we were to put buses coming up Charles Street as it currently sits to get to the end of Civic Square whether there is a two-lane at a two-way street down Charles Street to then turn right into York could well change the route very significantly?</p>	<p><i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i></p> <p><i>Two-way streets has been pushed out in the four-year delivery plan because we need a resolution on where the bus is going. St John Street cannot be rebuilt until we know where the buses are going. So we need to resolve the bus interchange location so we can rebuild, or reconstruct St John Street between Cimitiere and Elizabeth, and only then will we attempt two-way streets.</i></p>
<p>Councillor K M Preece</p>	<p>In regard to the security officer, can we investigate the difference between a security and a safety officer, given that one potentially could have more power than the other before it's implemented?</p>	<p><i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i></p> <p><i>I'm happy to speak to you directly Councillor Preece as I am not familiar with what powers a safety officer and a community safety officer will have under the act.</i></p>

**Council adjourned for a break at 3.01 pm.
Council resumed the meeting at 3.12 pm.**

19.2. Albert Hall Redevelopment Update

FILE NO: SF6109

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

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive an update on the status of the Albert Hall additional works to the Great Hall and other areas of the original building as approved by Council in March 2025.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 20 January 2022 - Albert Hall Update

Workshop - 31 March 2022 - Albert Hall Conservation Management Plan

Council - 28 July 2022 - Agenda Item 16.1 - Albert Hall Conservation Management Plan

Workshop - 2 February 2023 - Agenda Item 1.1 - Albert Hall Update

Workshop - 30 March 2023 - Agenda Item 1.5 - Albert Hall

Council - 4 May 2023 - Agenda Item 15.1 - Albert Hall Renewal Project

Pre-Council Workshop - 15 June 2023 - Agenda Item 1.2 - Albert Hall Project Update

Closed Council - 29 June 2023 - Agenda Item 18.2 - Albert Hall Renewal Project

Workshop - 20 July 2023 - Agenda Item 1.4 - Albert Hall Renewal Project -
Governance and Management

Pre-Council Workshop - 2 May 2024 - Agenda Item 1.1 - Albert Hall Site Visit and Project
Update

Workshop – 8 August 2024 – Leases – Albert Hall Cafe, Gorge Restaurant and Cafe.

Council - 22 August 2024 - Agenda Item 19.1 - Albert Hall Project Update and
Booking arrangements.

Workshop - 12 September 2024 - Agenda Item 1.1 - Albert Hall Site Visit

Council – 12 December 2024 - 20.9 - Intention to Lease Four Hospitality

Venues at Launceston Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Gorge Reserve and Albert
Hall Cafe.

Workshop - 20 February 2025 - Agenda Item 1.7 - Albert Hall Redevelopment

Closed Council - 6 March 2025 – Agenda Item 24.3 - Albert Hall Redevelopment Project

Council – 17 April 2025 – Agenda Item 19.4 - Albert Hall Redevelopment Update

Council – 29 May 2025 – Agenda Item 19.3 – Albert Hall Redevelopment Update

Closed Council – 29 May 2025 – Agenda Item 24.2 Tender – Albert Hall Audio Visual
System Upgrade

Council – 10 July 2025 – Agenda Item 20.2 Albert Hall Cafe Update

Workshop – 24 July 2025 – Agenda Item 1.2 - Executive Leaders update (Cafe)

Council – 31 July 2025 – Agenda Item 19.7 - Albert Hall Redevelopment Update

Workshop – 16 October 2025 – Executive Leaders update (Cafe).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives an update on the status of the Albert Hall additional works to the Great Hall, and other areas of the original building as detailed in the report below; and
 2. receives an update on the status of the Cafe.
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Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That Council:

1. receives an update on the status of the Albert Hall additional works to the Great Hall, and other areas of the original building as detailed in the report below; and
2. receives an update on the status of the Cafe.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor A G Harris	Has the installation of the fire curtain occurred?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> Yes.
Councillor A G Harris	With the kitchen fit-out, has there been any change to the doorway that was opposite the toilets? Has that been included in the changes?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>It is only the fit-out of the catering kitchen.</i>
Councillor T G Walker	I don't see listed there, and I'm not sure if it is a priority, but the loading bay door and access to it, is that something that we will address uh in any iteration of these building works?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>I'm not aware of any issues related to the loading zone. So, I'd be happy to have an email from you to clarify the question.</i>

19.3. Princess Theatre Auditorium Seats

FILE NO: SF0301

AUTHOR: Michael Newby (Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider options for the seating in the Princess Theatre auditorium.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 16 October 2025 - Item 1.4 - Princess Theatre Redevelopment Project - Auditorium Seats

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. approves the implementation of a seating reuse scheme for the auditorium, whereby existing seats are reused and re-spaced.
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Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.

Due to a Declaration of Interest, Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie, withdrew from the meeting at 3:19 pm.

**Councillor S Cai withdrew from the Meeting at 3:43 pm
Councillor S Cai re-attended the Meeting at 3:44 pm**

MOTION 1

Moved Councillor R A I Marsden, seconded Councillor T G Walker.

That Council:

1. resolves, as an alternative to the proposed seating reuse scheme, to approve in principle the purchase of new auditorium seating; and
2. requests further investigation and stakeholder engagement, including assessment of seating options, comparative costs, seating capacity outcomes, and patron comfort, with a report to be presented to Council for review and approval within 3 months.

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN AS AN AMENDMENT WAS PUT

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION 2

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That the Motion be amended to include a third point as follows:

3. investigates the installation of a hydraulic orchestra pit with a report to come to Council for review.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT DUE TO A DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie

THE MOTION AS AMENDED IS THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION 3

Moved Councillor T G Walker, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That Motion 2 be put.

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT DUE TO A DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION 4

Moved Councillor R A I Marsden, seconded Councillor T G Walker.

That Council:

- 1. resolves, as an alternative to the proposed seating reuse scheme, to approve in principle the purchase of new auditorium seating; and**
- 2. requests further investigation and stakeholder engagement, including assessment of seating options, comparative costs, seating capacity outcomes, and patron comfort, with a report to be presented to Council for review and approval within 3 months; and**
- 3. investigates the installation of a hydraulic orchestra pit with a report to come to Council for review.**

CARRIED 11:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

ABSENT DUE TO A DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION 5

Moved Councillor A J Britton, seconded Councillor T G Walker.

That Motion 4 be put.

CARRIED 7:4

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor A J Britton and Councillor K M Preece

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor S Cai and Councillor R A I Marsden

ABSENT DUE TO A DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood	Can we get some clarification from the officers around time implications, budgetary implications and also around the phrasing for part two and how that impacts those discussions? What does consultation what might it look like? If this is approved, what does that look like? What's required?	<p>Senior Major Projects Advisor <i>The necessity is to make sure that we do the stakeholder engagement correctly. We do not want to be back here again accused of making the wrong decision in terms of the seats new versus old.</i></p> <p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design <i>Unable to provide definitive time frames on the proposal overall. Will provide update at the three month mark as i am doubtful the full results of stakeholder consultation, quotation and tender process can be completed within three months.</i></p>
Councillor T G Walker	There is no mention of re-purposing the seats. Can they be considered for the Earl Arts Centre?	<p>Senior Major Projects Advisor <i>The seats can be re-purposed in some way but it may not be for the Earl Arts Centre.</i></p>

**19.4. Council Endorsed Submission to Homes Tasmania - 102 - 106 Lilydale Road
Rocherlea Masterplan**

FILE NO: SF7872

AUTHOR: Suzy Lawrence (Senior Strategic Land Use Planner)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To endorse the submission (attached) to Homes Tasmania on the draft masterplan for 102-106 Lilydale Road, Rocherlea.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Housing Land Supply Act 2018

Homes Tasmania Act 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. endorses the submission draft (ECM Doc Set ID 5339143) on the draft masterplan for 102-106 Lilydale Road, as attached, for lodgement with Homes Tasmania by 11 March 2026; and
 2. continues to seek collaboration opportunities with Homes Tasmania to deliver quality housing outcomes, particularly in the northern suburbs.
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Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) and Suzy Lawrence (Senior Strategic Land Use Planner) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.

Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie re-attended the Meeting at 3:51 pm

Councillor A J Palmer withdrew from the Meeting at 3:52 pm

Councillor A J Palmer re-attended the Meeting at 3:55 pm

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That Council:

1. endorses the submission draft (ECM Doc Set ID 5339143) on the draft masterplan for 102-106 Lilydale Road, as attached, for lodgement with Homes Tasmania by 11 March 2026; and
2. continues to seek collaboration opportunities with Homes Tasmania to deliver quality housing outcomes, particularly in the northern suburbs.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahan, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor A J Britton	Will this be the first substantial meeting we have had with Tasmania Homes, or do we meet with them a lot?	<i>Senior Leader City Development</i> <i>Met with Tasmania Homes previously on dealing with the plans and technical issues. They have not had meeting specifically on collaboration and funding.</i>
Councillor S Cai	When Homes Tasmania becomes Building Tasmania will that have any effect on what we are doing?	<i>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</i> <i>We will continue to collaborate with the state government officers that have carriage of this.</i>

20. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE

20.1. Delegation under the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

FILE NO: SF0113

AUTHOR: Duncan Campbell (Team Leader Legal Services)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider delegation of functions and powers under the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas).

This decision requires an absolute majority of Council.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government (Highways) Act 1982 (Tas)

Acts Interpretation Act 1931 (Tas)

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 22(4)

Local Government (Meeting Procedure) Regulations 2025 (Tas) – regulation 22

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 23 January 2025 - Agenda Item 20.4 - Delegation under the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

Council - 13 February 2025 - Agenda Item 20.4 - Delegation under the Local Government (Highways) Act 1982

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas):
 - (a) revokes any previous delegation made by Council in respect of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas).
 - (b) delegates to the holders of the positions in Column One of the Schedule listed at Recommendation 3, the powers and functions under the sections of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas) specified in Column Two of that Schedule, subject to any restrictions referred to in Column Three of that Schedule.
 2. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act* (Tas), authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made by this decision, by signing an instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations.
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3. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 1.

The Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Position	Extent of delegation	Restrictions
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Sections 7(2), 10, 11, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 55, 95, 96, 99, 104, 107, 109, 110, 112	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.
Executive Leader Community Assets and Design	Sections 7(2), 10, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 50, 52, 54, 95, 96, 99, 104, 109, 110, 112	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.
Senior Leader City Operations	Sections 27, 30, 34, 39, 42, 44, 54, 104	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.
Senior Leader City Infrastructure	Sections 10, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 54, 95, 96, 104	Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.

<p>Team Leader Engineering Coordinator - Transport</p>	<p>Sections 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 34, 39, 44, 54, 95, 96, 104</p>	<p>Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.</p>
<p>Executive Leader Performance and Delivery</p>	<p>Sections 45, 55(1), 104, 107, 109</p>	<p>Section 55(1) may only be exercised to allot a number and cannot be used to have a building marked with a number.</p>
<p>Senior Leader Health and Regulations Team Leader Parking and Regulations</p>	<p>Sections 45, 104, 107</p>	
<p>Team Leader Environmental Health Regulations Officer Coordinator Administration Coordinator Regulation Services Administration and Technical Officer</p>	<p>Section 45</p>	
<p>Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy Team Leader GIS GIS Systems Architect GIS Officer Spatial Data Officer – Property Spatial Analytics Officer</p>	<p>Section 55(1)</p>	<p>Section 55(1) may only be exercised to allot a number and cannot be used to have a building marked with a number.</p>

4. notes that Chief Executive Officer means the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

Michelle Grey (Properties and Legal Officer) 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: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor K M Preece.

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 124 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas):
 - (a) revokes any previous delegation made by Council in respect of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas).
 - (b) delegates to the holders of the positions in Column One of the Schedule listed at Recommendation 3, the powers and functions under the sections of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982* (Tas) specified in Column Two of that Schedule, subject to any restrictions referred to in Column Three of that Schedule.
2. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act* (Tas), authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegations made by this decision, by signing an instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations.
3. notes that the following table is the schedule referred to at Recommendation 1

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<p>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</p>	<p>Sections 7(2), 10, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 50, 52, 54, 95, 96, 99, 104, 109, 110, 112</p>	<p>Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.</p>
<p>Senior Leader City Operations</p>	<p>Sections 27, 30, 34, 39, 42, 44, 54, 104</p>	<p>Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.</p>
<p>Senior Leader City Infrastructure</p>	<p>Sections 10, 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 54, 95, 96, 104</p>	<p>Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.</p>
<p>Team Leader Engineering Coordinator - Transport</p>	<p>Sections 19, 20, 27, 30, 31, 34, 39, 44, 54, 95, 96, 104</p>	<p>Except in the case of an emergency, section 27 may only be exercised with the CEO's approval and with 14 days' written notice to the landowner. Section 39(9) may only be exercised with permission of the CEO. Section 54 may only be exercised with the permission of the landowner.</p>

<p>Executive Leader Performance and Delivery</p>	<p>Sections 45, 55(1), 104, 107, 109</p>	<p>Section 55(1) may only be exercised to allot a number and cannot be used to have a building marked with a number.</p>
<p>Senior Leader Health and Regulations</p> <p>Team Leader Parking and Regulations</p>	<p>Sections 45, 104, 107</p>	
<p>Team Leader Environmental Health Regulations Officer</p> <p>Coordinator Administration</p> <p>Coordinator Regulation Services</p> <p>Administration and Technical Officer</p>	<p>Section 45</p>	
<p>Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation</p> <p>Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy</p> <p>Team Leader GIS</p> <p>GIS Systems Architect</p> <p>GIS Officer</p> <p>Spatial Data Officer – Property</p> <p>Spatial Analytics Officer</p>	<p>Section 55(1)</p>	<p>Section 55(1) may only be exercised to allot a number and cannot be used to have a building marked with a number.</p>

4. notes that Chief Executive Officer means the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Deputy Mayor, Councillor	Councillor Harris summarised that we are only changing the delegations [to roles] with no other changes, can you please confirm that is correct?	<i>Properties and Legal Officer</i> <i>That is correct.</i>

20.2. Delegation from Council to Chief Executive Officer - Burial and Cremation Regulations 2025 (Tas)

FILE NO: SF0113

AUTHOR: Lucas Lim (Governance and Legal Officer)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the delegation of functions and powers under the *Burial and Cremation Regulations 2025*.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Burial and Cremation Act 2019 (Tas)
Acts Interpretation Act 1931 (Tas)
Burial and Cremation Regulations 2025 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council - 10 December 2020 - Item No. 19.2 - Delegation from Council to Chief Executive Officer - *Burial and Cremation Act 2019* (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) (LGA), delegates all of its functions and powers as cemetery manager under the *Burial and Cremation Regulations 2025* to the position of Chief Executive Officer.
2. pursuant to section 64(1)(b) of the LGA, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate the functions and powers to an employee or employees of the Council;
3. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* (Tas), authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegation made by this decision, by signing and instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations.
4. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the LGA.

Michelle Grey (Properties and Legal Officer) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That Council:

- 1. pursuant to section 22 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) (LGA)*, delegates all of its functions and powers as cemetery manager under the *Burial and Cremation Regulations 2025* to the position of Chief Executive Officer.**
- 2. pursuant to section 64(1)(b) of the LGA, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to delegate the functions and powers to an employee or employees of the Council;**
- 3. pursuant to section 23AA(2)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931 (Tas)*, authorises the Mayor to evidence the delegation made by this decision, by signing and instrument of delegation referring to this decision and replicating, either exactly or in substance, the terms of the delegations effected by these Recommendations.**
- 4. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that the term Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the LGA.**

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

21. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

21.1. Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd. (NTDC) Annual Report 2024/2025 and Quarter 2 Report - FY 2025/2026

FILE NO: SF0793

AUTHOR: Sarah McRobbie (Senior Leader Innovation and Performance)

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd. (NTDC) Annual Report for the financial year 2024/2025, and Quarter 2 Report for the financial year 2025/2026.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council Meeting - 23 March 2023 – Agenda Item 19.2 - Northern Tasmania Development Corporation

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC) Annual Report for the financial year 2024/2025; and
 2. receives the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC) Report for Quarter 2, October - December 2025 for the financial year 2025/2026.
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Sarah McRobbie (Senior Leader Innovation and Performance) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor T G Walker.

That Council:

1. receives the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC) Annual Report for the financial year 2024/2025; and
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2. receives the Northern Tasmania Development Corporation Ltd (NTDC) Report for Quarter 2, October - December 2025 for the financial year 2025/2026.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

21.2. Kanamaluka/Tamar Infrastructure and Amenities Master Plan

FILE NO: SF6649/SF7725

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

APPROVER: Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the report on the launch of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Infrastructure Amenities Master Plan.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report on the launch of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Infrastructure and Amenities Master Plan for information (ECM Doc Set ID 5339067); and
 2. continues to support and collaborate with all levels of government and key stakeholders to advance the next stages of this project.
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Rosanna Coombes (Senior Leader Corporate Planning) 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 A J Britton withdrew from the Meeting at 4:13 pm
Councillor A J Britton re-attended the Meeting at 4:15 pm**

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor T G Walker.

That Council:

1. receives the report on the launch of the Kanamaluka/Tamar Infrastructure and Amenities Master Plan for information (ECM Doc Set ID 5339067); and
2. continues to support and collaborate with all levels of government and key stakeholders to advance the next stages of this project.

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahan, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie	On page 14 we talk about flood risk and future projections. I just want to make sure that we are not missing the interface with flood mitigation studies that are going on at the moment?	<i>Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation</i> <i>I can assure you that it that is integral to the discussions and particularly the forum has been through the wetlands committee that is working on this.</i> <i>Senior Leader Corporate Planning</i> <i>It is part of the process and our flood staff have been involved with the development of the master plan. So they have had their eyes across it and of course the master plan is really a high level document and it will obviously rise to the surface, excuse the pun, when the detailed design plans are done for any of the particular projects that are being contemplated.</i>

22. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

22.1. Representation at the Australian Local Government Association's 2026 National General Assembly

FILE NO: SF0121 / SF0325

AUTHOR: Liz Lynch (Executive Assistant - Councillor Rooms)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the attendance of Mayor Matthew Garwood, Councillor Susie Cai, Councillor Krista Preece and Councillor Ross Marsden at the Australian Local Government Association 2026 National General Assembly and Regional Forum in Canberra 23 - 25 June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. approve the attendance of:
 - Mayor Matthew Garwood
 - Councillor Susie Cai
 - Councillor Krista Preece and
 - Councillor Ross Marsdenat the Australian Local Government Association 2026 National General Assembly and Regional Forum in Canberra 23 - 25 June 2026.
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DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor T G Walker.

That Council:

- 1. approve the attendance of:**
 - Mayor Matthew Garwood**
 - Councillor Susie Cai**
 - Councillor Krista Preece and**
 - Councillor Ross Marsden****at the Australian Local Government Association 2026 National General Assembly and Regional Forum in Canberra 23 - 25 June 2026.**

CARRIED 11:1

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Councillor L M McMahan

22.2. Representation at the City Nation Place X Mainstreet Australia Conference - 6-7 August 2026

FILE NO: SF0121

AUTHOR: Liz Bowerman (Executive Assistant - Office of the Mayor)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the attendance of Mayor Matthew Garwood at the City Nation Place X Mainstreet Australia Conference, in Queensland on 6 and 7 August 2026.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. approve the attendance of Mayor Matthew Garwood at the City Nation Place x Mainstreet Australia Conference, to be held from 6 - 7 August 2026 at the Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach, Queensland.
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A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A J Britton.

That Council:

1. **approve the attendance of Mayor Matthew Garwood at the City Nation Place x Mainstreet Australia Conference, to be held from 6 - 7 August 2026 at the Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach, Queensland.**

CARRIED 7:5

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge and Councillor L M McMahon

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor T G Walker	Does Council administration intend sending any staff to this event?	Chief Executive Officer <i>The Executive Leader of Connections and Liveability will likely attend and I am aware Launceston Central will also be attending. It is important to note that there was an email from the Office of the Mayor for if any other Councillors wanted to attend also.</i>

23. LATE ITEMS

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

No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.

24. CLOSED COUNCIL

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

24.1. 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.

24.2. Financial Assistance Request Relating to Dog Impound Fees

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

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

- (h) information that is –
 - (i) of a personal and confidential nature; or
 - (ii) provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential.
- (l) the personal hardship of any person who is resident in, or is a ratepayer in, the relevant municipal area.

24.3. Application for Leave by a Councillor - Councillor D C Gibson

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

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

- (i) requests by councillors for leave of absence.

24.4. End of Closed Session

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.

That Council moves into Closed Session.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

**Council moved into Closed Session at 4.24 pm.
Council returned to Open Session at 4.50 pm.**

24.4. End of Closed Session

DECISION: 5 March 2026

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor L M McMahon.

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
24.1	<i>Closed Council Minutes - 19 February 2026</i>	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 19 February 2026.</i>
24.2	<i>Financial Assistance Request Relating to Dog Impound Fees</i>	<i>Council considered a request for financial assistance regarding dog impound fees.</i>
24.3	<i>Application for Leave by a Councillor</i>	<i>Council considered a Leave of Absence Application for Councillor D C Gibson.</i>

CARRIED 12:0

FOR VOTE: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

25. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 19 March 2026 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.

26. MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, closed the Meeting at 4.51pm.