



City of
LAUNCESTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

**COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025
10:30 AM**

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

Date: 2 October 2025

Time: 10:30 am

Certificate of Qualified Advice

Background

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

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

Certification

I certify that:

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



Sam Johnson OAM
Chief Executive Officer

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- You may speak for up to two minutes, either for or against the Recommendation.
- You may not ask questions or enter into debate with Councillors or Council Officers.
- Your statement is not to be defamatory, inappropriate or abusive, or be intended to embarrass any person, including Councillors or Council Officers.
- The Chair may direct you to stop speaking if you do not follow these rules, or if your statement repeats points that have already been made.
- Audio from our Council Meetings is streamed live via YouTube.

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LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER

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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 (retired 2.33pm)
Councillor L M McMahon
Councillor S Cai
Councillor A J Britton
Councillor K M Preece
Councillor R A I Marsden

In Attendance:

Jane Lewis (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)
Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)
Dean Edsall (Acting Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)
Zara Dawtreay (Senior Communications Officer)
Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)
Lucas Lim (Governance and Legal Officer)
Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)
Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) (Agenda Item 11.1)
Duncan Payton (Town Planner) (Agenda Item 11.1)
Matt Morgan (Team Leader Procurement) (Agenda Item 19.1, 24.2 and 24.3)
Karen Heathcote (Project Manager Design and Construction) (Agenda Item 19.1)
Derek Lynch (Senior Leader Project Design and Delivery) (Agenda Item 19.1, 24.2)
Michael Newby (Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning) (Agenda Item 19.2)
Leanne Purchase (Senior Leader Governance) (Agenda Item 20.1)

Apologies:

Councillor A J Palmer
Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)
Chelsea van Riet (Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)

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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 10.30am and provided the following statement:

An audio visual recording is being made of the meeting.

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

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

Following the statement the Mayor noted apologies from Councillor A J Palmer and Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer).

2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, acknowledged and congratulated the Council Officers and community partners who have contributed to Launceston's growing reputation as one of Australia's top retirement destinations.

Recently, Launceston was recognised nationally for excellence in retirement living, with Cadorna House in Riverside receiving the Excellence (Organisation) Award at the 2025 *You Are ACE! Awards*. This award celebrates outstanding contributions to aged care, retirement living, and seniors housing across the country and to be selected from over 500 nominations a remarkable achievement.

It's a testament to the work of our Council Officers, aged care providers, and community organisations who continue to prioritise dignity, well being and innovation in retirement living. As Mayor, I am proud to see Launceston recognised on the national stage for the care and quality we offer senior members of our community.

Congratulations to everyone involved - your work is making a real difference in people's lives and helping position Launceston as a leading place to retire.

The Mayor also acknowledged Launceston Central and their partners on receiving national recognition at the 2025 *Mainstreet Australia Awards*.

Launceston Central's *The Lounge* was awarded Best Main Street Place Activation - Trader Association with Levy (under \$100K). This award recognises innovative activations that bring people together, enhance local vibrancy and support economic growth.

This achievement reflects the collaborative efforts of Council, local business, community partners, and stakeholders who continue to invest in making our city centre a place where people want to live, work, and spend time. It is fantastic to see Launceston again recognised on the national stage for creativity and community-driven outcomes.

Congratulations to all involved - your efforts are strengthening our City's vibrancy and helping showcase Launceston as one of Australia's most livable regional centres.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - section 48

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

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

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

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 11 September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 11 September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 10:1

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

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor D C Gibson	The new meeting procedures and regulations have determined that all questions asked now need to be recorded and the answers provided. Can we have an understanding of how the questions are being paraphrased and how decisions are being made with regard to sometimes people ask long-winded questions two or three questions contained. Sometimes members of the public ask three specific questions and then a response is provided as an overall response. So how are we, as a Council, managing that?	Acting Chief Executive Officer <i>Questions asked at the meeting, in so far as a practical, need to be concise, need to be clear, and must not to be a statement. That is the key information that the staff take in to account when minuting the question and the response.</i>
	When multiple questions are asked that are clear or concise, are they all recorded or is it just a general overview of what the question has put forward?	Acting Chief Executive Officer <i>The aim is to capture all of those questions and to respond to them separately.</i>

5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

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

5.1. Council Workshops Report - 18 September 2025 and 25 September 2025

FILE NO: SF4401

AUTHOR: Lorraine Wyatt (Team Leader Executive Support)

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. Council Workshop conducted on 18 September 2025:

St Leonards and Waverley Neighbourhood Plan - Project Update

Councillors received an update from the project team on the St Leonards and Waverley Neighbourhood Plan project.

Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex Redevelopment Project Update

Councillors received an update regarding the Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex – Redevelopment Project.

TasWater Update

TasWater representative Matt Derbyshire, General Manager Sustainable Infrastructure Services and Craig Perkins, Stakeholder Relations Lead provided an update of the proposed Price and Service Plan 5 including an overview of planned future works in Launceston.

Sister City Delegation to Ikeda Japan October 2025

Councillors discussed and agreed on the members of the delegation following the 11 September 2025 decision of Council – Item 21.1 Sister City Delegation to Ikeda Japan October 2025.

Executive Leaders Updates and General Business

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

Councillors Connect

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

In Attendance: Mayor Councillor M K Garwood, Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, Councillor D C Gibson, Councillor A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor Prof G Razay, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K Preece and Councillor R Marsden.

2. Workshop conducted on 25 September 2025:

Launceston City Mission

Councillors received a presentation from Jo Fearman, Chief Executive Officer, Launceston City Mission about a project to provide much needed and improved support for vulnerable people in the Launceston area.

City of Launceston Landfill Planning

Councillors received a presentation about the Launceston Waste Centre, existing plans and future opportunities.

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Councillors undertook a site visit to 213-215 and 217-229 Wellington Street, South Launceston.

Proposed Committee Structure

Councillors received a presentation about the proposed new committee structure to support delivery of the Strategic Plan 2025-2035.

Mobile LED Screen

Councillors were provided the opportunity to address the recommendations outlined in Mayor Councillor M K Garwood's Notice of Motion – Mobile LED Screen from Council's Ordinary Meeting on 12 December 2024.

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Apologies: Councillor D C Gibson and Councillor L M McMahon

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

Moved Councillor R A I Marsden, seconded Councillor L M McMahon.

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Apologies: Councillor D C Gibson and Councillor L M McMahon

CARRIED 11:0

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 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 session at Item 24.5 Application for Leave of Absence by Councillor - Councillor R A I Marsden and Item 24.6. Application for Leave of Absence by Councillor - Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood.

No Parental Leave Notifications were identified as part of these Minutes.

7. COMMUNITY REPORTS

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

7.1. Lisa Wright - Tasmanian Poetry Festival

FILE NO: SF6368

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

Lisa Wright, the President of the Tasmanian Poetry Festival presented a brief history of the festival, as well as current activities collaboration and lead -in events for festival 2025 and plan for the festival looking into the future.

The Tasmanian Poetry Festival is in its 41st year. This year the festival is being held between October 10-12, 2025 with a Launch on the 10th at Sporties Hotel Launceston and the festival proper on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October at QVMAG, Inveresk. The much loved Launceston Poetry Cup is also part of the festival and takes place at St John Craft Beer Bar function room on the Saturday evening.

The Tasmanian Poetry Festival was established by the late Tim Thorne, one of Tasmania's most well regarded poets, and political activist. Tim has the highest award in Tasmanian Poetry named after him via the annual Tim Thorne Poetry Prize for a newly published book of poetry by a Tasmanian.

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 - Malcolm Cowan - Bike Cages
Paterson St East Car Park - 8 September 2025**

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 8 September 2025 by Malcolm Cowan, have been answered by the Team Leader Building Asset Management.

Question 1:

[Regarding the bike cages in Paterson Street East Car Park] Were council staff consulted by specialists on the availability and standard of bike parking for the hub?

Response:

We are unable to confirm if that level of consultation occurred at the time of construction.

Question 2:

When will the cages be upgraded with adequate lighting and security and re-open?

Response:

Considerations are currently being given to the suitability of the assets before undertaking repair and reinstatement.

8.1.2. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Ian Goninon - Flood Report Update - 11 September 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 11 September 2025 by Ian Goninon, has been answered by the Senior Leader Infrastructure and Engineering.

Question 1:

Are there any updates on the Council's Flood Report as I have not seen anything on the website or in the newspaper?

Response:

The Flood Mitigation Plan Project is currently progressing. Recruitment is underway for a dedicated Project Officer to support delivery of the project, with finalisation of this process anticipated by the end of September 2025.

In parallel, Council has submitted a funding application to the National Emergency Management Agency under the Disaster Ready Fund. The outcome of this application is pending.

8.1.3. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Nancy Ann Serisier - Quorum and Special Meeting Procedures - 11 September 2025

FILE NO: SF6381

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 11 September 2025 by Nancy Ann Serisier, have been answered by the Team Leader Governance.

Question 1:

[Regarding Agenda Item 11.2] Did the General Manager seek permission from the Minister (for Local Council) for Councillor Cai to stay in the meeting and not speak or vote, so as to retain a quorum?

Response:

Councillor Cai submitted a conflict of interest form to the Chief Executive Officer on 20 August 2025 for agenda item 11.2 DA0088/2025 - 76 Cimitiere Street Launceston - Visitor Accommodation - Construction of a Hotel listed in the agenda for the 21 August 2025 Council Meeting. The interest was not pecuniary. Non-pecuniary conflicts are managed under Part 2 of the Local Government (Code of Conduct) Order 2025.

At the time of the declaration, there were two vacancies on Council due to the resignations of Professor George Razay and Andrea Dawkins and two known apologies from Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie and Councillor J J Pentridge. A request was not made to the Minister of Local Government as the interest was not pecuniary and the quorum requirements were still being met.

An apology was received from Councillor D C Gibson on the morning of the Council Meeting which meant that a quorum would not be present for this item.

Question 2:

What are the procedures needed to request a Special Meeting and was Councillor Walker informed of these procedures after he verbally expressed the possibility of a Special meeting being held?

Response:

Procedures to convene ordinary and special meetings are legislated in regulation 5 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025:

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

5. Convening council meetings

(1) In this regulation –

majority, of councillors at a meeting, means a majority of councillors other than –

- (a) the mayor; or*
 - (b) in the absence of the mayor, the deputy mayor acting as the mayor.*
- (2) The mayor of a council may convene –*
- (a) an ordinary meeting of the council; and*
 - (b) a special meeting of the council.*
- (3) The general manager of an existing council is to convene the first ordinary meeting of the council following an ordinary election.*
- (4) The Minister is to convene the first ordinary meeting of a newly established council.*
- (5) An ordinary meeting of a council is to be held at least once in each month.*
- (6) The general manager is to convene an ordinary meeting of a council if the mayor has not convened such a meeting in the previous calendar month.*
- (7) The mayor of a council, or the general manager if the mayor has not done so, must convene a special meeting of the council –*
- (a) at the request of a majority of councillors; or*
 - (b) if the council so determines.*
- (8) A request for a special meeting of a council must –*
- (a) be in writing and signed by the councillors making the request; and*
 - (b) include details of the subject matter and any motion to be dealt with by the meeting; and*
 - (c) be lodged with the mayor*

Councillors have access to a locally stored copy of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025.

Councillor Walker was not specifically advised of the process until after a second special meeting was proposed to be convened.

8.1.4. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Arthur Balado - Erica Lusitanica (Spanish Heath) Eradication - 11 September 2025

FILE NO: SF0037

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 11 September 2025 by Arthur Balado, have been answered by the Parks Planning Officer.

Question 1:

What are the procedures in place to eradicate Erica Lusitanica (also known as "Spanish Heath")?

Response:

Council's weed management approach is guided by the Tamar Valley Weed Management Strategic Plan, which sets a regional framework for coordinated action through community engagement, cross-tenure collaboration, and integrated control methods. For Council, this means notifying landowners when weeds are present on their property, compelling management where required, and treating weeds on Council-managed land, while also working with State agencies, community groups and Tamar Natural Resource Management (Tamar NRM) on initiatives such as weed blitz working bees. Control methods combine manual, chemical, and biological approaches to achieve long-term suppression and eradication. Where landholders fail to meet their obligations under the Weed Management Act 1999 (Tas), the matter is referred to Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania, which can issue fines, requirement notices, or enforce works at the landholder's expense.

While Spanish Heath is not a Weed of National Significance, it is a declared weed in Tasmania and, although not currently listed as a key species in the Tamar Valley Weed Management Strategic Plan (unlike the related Erica scoparia, Besom Heath), it is often managed alongside other Erica species due to its invasive potential.

Question 2:

How does eradication take place?

Response:

Eradication of Spanish Heath depends on site conditions and the scale of infestation and typically requires a combination of methods applied consistently over several years. This includes:

- Manual removal is effective for seedlings and small plants, provided the roots are fully removed, while the cut-and-paint method - cutting stems close to ground level and applying herbicide such as Glyphosate or Triclopyr to exposed sapwood - can be particularly effective, especially if bark is peeled back to improve uptake.*
- Chemical control through targeted herbicide spraying is used for regrowth or dense infestations, in line with the Code of Practice for Spraying in Public Places.*
- Ecological approaches, such as encouraging native vegetation regeneration through replanting and habitat restoration, are also important for providing competition against re-establishment.*
- Other measures, such as slashing in autumn or early winter before flowering, can reduce seed set, though grazing has only limited effectiveness on young plants.*

Spanish Heath is especially challenging to manage because it resprouts, layers, and produces vast numbers of long-lived seeds, making follow-up treatments essential. For this reason, integrated and sustained management over time is the only effective pathway to eradication.

Question 3:

Is Council aware of the devastation?

Response:

Yes, Council is aware of the ecological and agricultural impacts of Spanish Heath and recognises it as a serious invasive species in Tasmania. It poses a major threat to native ecosystems, invading heathlands, grassy woodlands, moist forests and riparian areas where it displaces native shrubs and prevents regeneration.

In highly sensitive areas such as the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, it has the potential to significantly alter natural plant communities. In agricultural settings, dense infestations in pastures and roadsides exclude other vegetation, increase fuel loads and elevate fire risks. The species spreads rapidly, with individual plants producing up to nine million tiny seeds each year that remain viable for at least four years. These seeds are easily dispersed by wind, water, vehicles, machinery, and soil movement, with roadsides acting as a major corridor for spread.

Originally native to Europe, Spanish Heath was most likely introduced as a garden plant and was first recorded naturalised in Australia in 1916 and in Tasmania by 1944. Although widespread across the state, including in conservation areas, Spanish Heath remains under active management. Council, in collaboration with Tamar NRM, State agencies, and the community, continues to prioritise its control through targeted projects, integrated management practices and long-term coordinated planning.

If further assistance in this matter is required, please contact Council through our Customer Service channels and this request will be assigned to an appropriate officer to respond.

8.2. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 37

8.2.1. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Rocelyn Ives - Cataract Gorge Peacock Population and Sustainable Transport Options - 2 October 2025

- 1. Do ground staff and the Parks and Wildlife Officer meet regularly to discuss priorities issues re safety management of flora and fauna preservation of his natural values as well as visitor facility and information needs?**
- 2. Are there specialist ecologists, wildlife experts, tree arborists and technically skilled artisans employed or consulted to make decisions affecting the gorgeous maintenance?**
- 3. Is culling of peacocks used as a maintenance tool for a balanced ecology?**
- 4. Would Council be able to provide more signage to deter the feeding of wildlife?**
- 5. Is it possible for it to be made an offence with a penalty given if caught?**
- 6. Is it possible for Council to provide educational information through a public information campaign about not feeding wildlife?**
- 7. Would Council review their transport policy and look at a sustainable and innovative option such as a hop on hop off electric bus service?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that these questions will be Taken on Notice and a response will be given in the Council Agenda of 23 October 2025.

8.2.2. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Ian Goninon - Ikeda Itinerary, Solar Panel Recycling and QVMAG - 2 October 2025

1. I would like to know the itinerary for the trip to Ikeda. I would also like to see a report after you have been there to see the outcome.

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, responded by say that as the schedule gets locked in, the Council will release the itinerary to the media. A report detailing the outcomes of the trip was included as part of the Recommendation, and that report will be presented to Council when the delegation returns.

2. What is the City of Launceston doing regarding recycling of solar panels and electric car batteries? I propose that a motion is taken to the Local Government of Australia (LGAT) to encourage the State and Federal Governments look into the end of life of these items and how they will be recycled in the future.

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, responded by saying that the question is not about what Council are doing at the moment, but what Council can do into the future. There are some mainland companies that Council are conversing with around recycling processes. The question will be Taken on Notice and a more information will be provided in the Council Agenda of 23 October 2025.

3. Since 2022, what has Launceston City Council done as far as transferring the Queen Victoria Muesum and Art Gallery to another body where it could receive State Government Funding?

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, responded by saying that Council has been prioritising these kinds of conversations. An example of this is UTAS Stadium being handed back to the State Government. We do receive some money from the State Government for the running of QVMAG. The question will be Taken on Notice and more information will be provided in the Council Agenda of 23 October 2025.

8.2.3. Questions Without Notice by Members of the Public - Timothy Grigg - DA0394/2023 - 2 October 2025

- 1. How do I progress DA0394/2023 when the planners have said no? The reason I want the crossover is because West Street is such a tight street.**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, responded by saying that the question would be Taken on Notice and a response would be provided in the Council Agenda of 23 October 2025.

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

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, announced that under the provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, Council acts as a Planning Authority in regard to items included in Agenda Item 11 - Planning Authority.

11.1. PSA-LLP0028 and DA0380/2024 - 213-215 and 217-229 Wellington Street, South Launceston Combined Planning Scheme amendment and Hospital Services - construction of a new hospital at 213-215 and 217-229 Wellington Street (DA0380/2024 & PSA-LLP0028)

FILE NO: PSA-LLP0028 and DA0380/2024

AUTHOR: Duncan Payton (Town Planner)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To decide whether to reject or initiate and exhibit Combined Scheme Amendment DA0380/2024 (PSA-LLP0028) to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Applicant:	6ty° Pty Ltd
Property:	213-215 and 217-229 Wellington Street, Launceston
Existing Zone:	Commercial zone
Existing Use:	Multiple: Business and professional services, General retail and Hire, Service Industry

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pursuant to:

1. sections 37, 38, and 40T of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, agrees to, and initiates scheme amendment PSA-LLP0028 to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule to:
 - a. Insert a Site Specific Qualification into LAU-Site-Specific Qualifications table within the Local Provisions Schedule to amend the use table of the Commercial zone to allow the use class Hospital Services as a discretionary use at 217-229 Wellington Street, Launceston.
 2. section 40F of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, certifies Draft Amendment PSA-LLP0028 identified in Attachment 3.
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3. sections 40G and 40H of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, determines the period for public exhibition be 28 days.
4. section 40Y of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, approve DA0380/2024 - Hospital Services - demolition of existing buildings and construction of a new multi-storey private hospital at 213-215 and 217-229 Wellington Street, Launceston, subject to the following conditions:

1. ENDORSED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

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

- a. Cover Sheet, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA000, dated 22/11/2024
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- q. Gross Floor Area (GFA), prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA017, dated 22/11/2024
- r. Perspective Views, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA018, dated 22/11/2024
- s. Photomontages & Interior Views, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA019, dated 22/11/2024
- t. Materials Board Sheet, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA020, dated 22/11/2024
- u. Signage, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA021, dated 22/11/2024
- v. Frankland Street Rooftop Plant Space Visibility Diagram, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA022, dated 22/11/2024
- w. Design Statement, prepared by SKAr, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, dated 26/08/2024
- x. Traffic Impact Assessment, prepared by GHD, project no. 12636211, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, revision A, dated 27/06/2024
- y. Letter - response to RFI re. traffic, prepared by GHD, project no. 12636211, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, dated 04/12/2024
- z. Preliminary Site Investigation (Stage 1 & 3), prepared by ES&D Consulting, job no. 9142C, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue Final, dated 11/05/2024
- aa. Preliminary Site Investigation (Stage 2 & 3), prepared by ES&D Consulting, job no. 9142C, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue Final, dated 08/05/2024
- ab. Environmental Review and Advice, prepared by Abacus Environmental, Launceston Private Hospital, 213-215 Wellington Street, Launceston, dated 18/11/2024

2. LEGAL TITLE

All development and use associated with the proposal must be confined to the legal title of the subject land except construction of access from the street.

3. TASWATER

The development must comply with the requirements of TasWater as detailed in the form Submission to Planning Authority Notice, Reference No. TWDA 2024/01068-LCC, dated 27/08/2025 and attached to the permit.

4. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION

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

5. SIGN MAINTENANCE (STATIC)

The signs must be constructed and maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Council.

6. SIGN ILLUMINATION (STATIC)

The illuminated signs permitted by this permit must have a maximum luminance level of 1200 nit and must only be illuminated during the operating hours of the business.

Flashing or intermittent lighting must not be used in the signs permitted by this permit.

7. REQUIREMENT FOR OFFSITE PARKING PROVISION TO BE MAINTAINED

In the event that off-site parking for the Launceston Health Hub within No. 213-215 Wellington Street is made unavailable during construction for a cumulative period of longer than 6 months, additional private car parking shall be secured by the applicant for use by Launceston Health Hub staff. The additional parking shall:

- Be located within a 200m radius of the Launceston Health Hub,
- Be made available for use by Launceston Health Hub staff until such a time as parking for Launceston Health Hub staff is made available within this development,
- Increase the off-site staff car parking for Launceston Health Hub to no fewer than 34 parking spaces or other arrangements to the satisfaction of the Senior Leader City Development.

Evidence of an agreement for the provision of the parking must be provided to the Senior Leader City Development prior to the parking within No. 213-215 Wellington Street becoming unavailable.

8. CONDITION DAMAGE TO COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE

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

9. WORKS WITHIN/OCCUPATION OF THE ROAD RESERVE

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

The explicit permission of Executive Leader Community Assets and Design is required prior to undertaking works where the works:

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

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

10. OCCUPATION OF ROAD RESERVE (COMPLEX)

Any works in the road reserve, or requiring the occupation of the road reserve, must be undertaken by, or under the supervision of an appropriately qualified tradesman/contractor.

Where it is necessary for works to occur within the road reserve or for the occupation of the road reserve, the express written permission of the General Manager, Infrastructure & Assets Network is required. Application for the occupation of Wellington Street must be made 14 days prior to date of the scheduled occupation or works and detailing (but not limited to);

- a. The nature, dates and duration of the occupation and/or works,
- b. The contractor/s undertaking the works,
- c. The traffic management works that are employed to provide for the continued safe use of the road reserve by pedestrians and vehicles,
- d. Any alternative pedestrian routes to be provided where the existing footpath in Wellington Street is unavailable for use due to the works and/or occupation,
- e. Any temporary works required to maintain the serviceability of the road or footpath.

A permission issued for any occupation and/or works may be subject to conditions specifying or limiting any of the above listed matters.

Inspections must be arranged for prior to the commencement of the occupation and at the completion of the works.

11. FACILITIES AND HIGHWAYS BY-LAW

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

12. AMENITY COMMERCIAL USE – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (EMPCA)

The activity must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* and regulations thereunder. The construction phase and on-going use on this site must not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbouring properties and the general locality by reason of the processes carried on; the transportation of materials, goods or commodities to or from the subject land; the works or materials; the emission of noise, artificial light, glare, vibration, odour, smoke, dust, waste water, waste products, oil or any other source of nuisance.

13. EXTERIOR AND SECURITY LIGHTING

Exterior lighting and security lighting is to comply with the Australian Standard AS4282 'Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting' or any subsequent versions.

14. NO BURNING OF WASTE

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

15. CONTAMINATED LAND

The developer must comply with the Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) report prepared by Rod Cooper (08/05/2024 ES&D) following all management measures outlined in this report.

Any new information which comes to light during remediation, demolition or construction works which has the potential to alter previous conclusions about site contamination and remediation must be notified to Council (and the Environmental Protection Authority if relevant) immediately upon discovery.

16. OUT OF HOURS CONCRETE POURING

In the event that an out of hours concrete pour is required, the Senior Leader Health and Compliance must be notified in writing no fewer than seven business days prior to the pour.

All other concrete pours must comply with the permitted hours of construction.

At least seven days prior to scheduled out of hours concrete pours, the applicant must:

- 1) Notify, via a letterbox drop, all neighbouring properties that fall wholly or partially within 300m of the development site of the date and time of the planned concrete pour. This notification must provide a direct phone number of the responsible person that complainants can contact regarding noise issues; and
- 2) Provide a copy of the letterbox notification to Council for each planned concrete pour; and
- 3) Keep a register of complaints received regarding concrete pours.

17. BUILDING ACT 2016 REQUIREMENTS

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

Notes

A. General

This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA0380/2024 & PSA-LLP0028. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Council's planning staff can be contacted on 03 6323 3000.

This permit takes effect after:

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

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

B. Restrictive Covenants

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

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

C. Appeal Provisions

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

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

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

D. Permit Commencement

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

E. Storage of Dangerous Goods

Dangerous goods/materials must be stored in accordance with the Work Health & Safety Regulations 2012 or any subsequent versions of the document.

F. Fixed Equipment Use

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

G. Cooling Towers

The owner of a cooling tower or warm water system is required to obtain registration with council in accordance with the Public Health Act 1997 and comply with the 'Guidelines for the Control of Legionella in Regulated Systems' or any subsequent versions of the document.

Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) and Duncan Payton (Town Planner) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is provided after the decision.

George Walker (6tyº) spoke for the Recommendation.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

Moved Councillor D C Gibson, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That Council pursuant to:

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- o. Sections, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA015, dated 22/11/2024
- p. Shadow Diagram, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA016, dated 22/11/2024

- q. Gross Floor Area (GFA), prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA017, dated 22/11/2024
- r. Perspective Views, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA018, dated 22/11/2024
- s. Photomontages & Interior Views, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA019, dated 22/11/2024
- t. Materials Board Sheet, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA020, dated 22/11/2024
- u. Signage, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA021, dated 22/11/2024
- v. Frankland Street Rooftop Plant Space Visibility Diagram, prepared by SKAr, job no. 23-005b, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue 2, page DA022, dated 22/11/2024
- w. Design Statement, prepared by SKAr, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, dated 26/08/2024
- x. Traffic Impact Assessment, prepared by GHD, project no. 12636211, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, revision A, dated 27/06/2024
- y. Letter - response to RFI re. traffic, prepared by GHD, project no. 12636211, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, dated 04/12/2024
- z. Preliminary Site Investigation (Stage 1 & 3), prepared by ES&D Consulting, job no. 9142C, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue Final, dated 11/05/2024
- aa. Preliminary Site Investigation (Stage 2 & 3), prepared by ES&D Consulting, job no. 9142C, Launceston Private Hospital, 215 & 217-219 Wellington Street, Launceston, issue Final, dated 08/05/2024
- ab. Environmental Review and Advice, prepared by Abacus Environmental, Launceston Private Hospital, 213-215 Wellington Street, Launceston, dated 18/11/2024

2. LEGAL TITLE

All development and use associated with the proposal must be confined to the legal title of the subject land except construction of access from the street.

3. TASWATER

The development must comply with the requirements of TasWater as detailed in the form Submission to Planning Authority Notice, Reference No. TWDA 2024/01068-LCC, dated 27/08/2025 and attached to the permit.

4. HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION

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

5. SIGN MAINTENANCE (STATIC)

The signs must be constructed and maintained in good condition to the satisfaction of the Council.

6. SIGN ILLUMINATION (STATIC)

The illuminated signs permitted by this permit must have a maximum luminance level of 1200 nit and must only be illuminated during the operating hours of the business.

Flashing or intermittent lighting must not be used in the signs permitted by this permit.

7. REQUIREMENT FOR OFFSITE PARKING PROVISION TO BE MAINTAINED

In the event that off-site parking for the Launceston Health Hub within No. 213-215 Wellington Street is made unavailable during construction for a cumulative period of longer than 6 months, additional private car parking shall be secured by the applicant for use by Launceston Health Hub staff. The additional parking shall:

- Be located within a 200m radius of the Launceston Health Hub,
- Be made available for use by Launceston Health Hub staff until such a time as parking for Launceston Health Hub staff is made available within this development,
- Increase the off-site staff car parking for Launceston Health Hub to no fewer than 34 parking spaces or other arrangements to the satisfaction of the Senior Leader City Development.

Evidence of an agreement for the provision of the parking must be provided to the Senior Leader City Development prior to the parking within No. 213-215 Wellington Street becoming unavailable.

8. CONDITION DAMAGE TO COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE

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

9. WORKS WITHIN/OCCUPATION OF THE ROAD RESERVE

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

The explicit permission of Executive Leader Community Assets and Design is required prior to undertaking works where the works:

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

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

10. OCCUPATION OF ROAD RESERVE (COMPLEX)

Any works in the road reserve, or requiring the occupation of the road reserve, must be undertaken by, or under the supervision of an appropriately qualified tradesman/contractor.

Where it is necessary for works to occur within the road reserve or for the occupation of the road reserve, the express written permission of the General Manager, Infrastructure & Assets Network is required. Application for the occupation of Wellington Street must be made 14 days prior to date of the scheduled occupation or works and detailing (but not limited to);

- a. The nature, dates and duration of the occupation and/or works,
- b. The contractor/s undertaking the works,
- c. The traffic management works that are employed to provide for the continued safe use of the road reserve by pedestrians and vehicles,
- d. Any alternative pedestrian routes to be provided where the existing footpath in Wellington Street is unavailable for use due to the works and/or occupation,
- e. Any temporary works required to maintain the serviceability of the road or footpath.

A permission issued for any occupation and/or works may be subject to conditions specifying or limiting any of the above listed matters.

Inspections must be arranged for prior to the commencement of the occupation and at the completion of the works.

11. FACILITIES AND HIGHWAYS BY-LAW

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

12. AMENITY COMMERCIAL USE – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (EMPCA)

The activity must be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* and regulations thereunder. The construction phase and on-going use on this site must not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbouring properties and the general locality by reason of the processes carried on; the transportation of materials, goods or commodities to or from the subject land; the works or materials; the emission of noise, artificial light, glare, vibration, odour, smoke, dust, waste water, waste products, oil or any other source of nuisance.

13. EXTERIOR AND SECURITY LIGHTING

Exterior lighting and security lighting is to comply with the Australian Standard AS4282 'Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting' or any subsequent versions.

14. NO BURNING OF WASTE

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

15. CONTAMINATED LAND

The developer must comply with the Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) report prepared by Rod Cooper (08/05/2024 ES&D) following all management measures outlined in this report.

Any new information which comes to light during remediation, demolition or construction works which has the potential to alter previous conclusions about site contamination and remediation must be notified to Council (and the Environmental Protection Authority if relevant) immediately upon discovery.

16. OUT OF HOURS CONCRETE POURING

In the event that an out of hours concrete pour is required, the Senior Leader Health and Compliance must be notified in writing no fewer than seven business days prior to the pour.

All other concrete pours must comply with the permitted hours of construction.

At least seven days prior to scheduled out of hours concrete pours, the applicant must:

- 1) Notify, via a letterbox drop, all neighbouring properties that fall wholly or partially within 300m of the development site of the date and time of the planned concrete pour. This notification must provide a direct phone number of the responsible person that complainants can contact regarding noise issues; and
- 2) Provide a copy of the letterbox notification to Council for each planned concrete pour; and
- 3) Keep a register of complaints received regarding concrete pours.

17. BUILDING ACT 2016 REQUIREMENTS

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

Notes

A. General

This permit was issued based on the proposal documents submitted for DA0380/2024 & PSA-LLP0028. You should contact Council with any other use or developments, as they may require the separate approval of Council. Council's planning staff can be contacted on 03 6323 3000.

This permit takes effect after:

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

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

B. Restrictive Covenants

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

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

C. Appeal Provisions

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

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

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

D. Permit Commencement.

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

E. Storage of Dangerous Goods

Dangerous goods/materials must be stored in accordance with the Work Health & Safety Regulations 2012 or any subsequent versions of the document.

F. Fixed Equipment Use

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

G. Cooling Towers

The owner of a cooling tower or warm water system is required to obtain registration with council in accordance with the Public Health Act 1997 and comply with the 'Guidelines for the Control of Legionella in Regulated Systems' or any subsequent versions of the document.

CARRIED 11:0

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 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 T G Walker	There is a landowner consent that goes with these documents and that is in regards to street changes on Wellington Street. I note that there are conditions upon that land owners consent. How does that get resolved? Is it just a process of internal negotiating or would that involve, at some point, another development application? What goes into that land?	<i>Town Planner</i> <i>The consent is provided for the application. It is indicated clearly through that consent, and in the conditions applied to the permit, that further approval and negotiation will be involved with our engineering sections. As it works on land that Council controls, they cannot commence any of those changes to the access without agreeing on the engineering.</i>

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

12.1. Mayor's Announcements

FILE NO: SF2375

Friday 12 September 2025

- Facilitated Ask The Mayor session, Launceston

Monday 15 September 2025

- Officiated at Launceston City Community Christmas Launch event, Launceston

Wednesday 17 September 2025

- Attended Red Cross Get Emergency Redi event, Launceston

Thursday 18 September 2025

- Attended Tour of Royal Park Art Gallery with Her Excellency Hon Governor Barbara Baker, and Emeritus Professor Don Chalmers Launceston
- Attended Tas Tafe Graduation celebrations, Launceston

Friday 19 September 2025

- Attended Second Preliminary Final of the 2025 Toyota AFL Finals Series, Melbourne

Sunday 21 September 2025

- Attended at Hall of Famers Music Exams, Launceston

Monday 22 September 2025

- Participated in World Car Free Day, Launceston
- Attended networking opportunity with Senator the Hon Jane Hume, Launceston

Tuesday 23 September 2025

- Officiated at Prospect High School 60th Anniversary Assembly, Launceston

Wednesday 24 September 2025

- Attended site visit with Launceston Benevolent Society, Launceston
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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

Friday 12 September 2025

- Attended Junction Arts Festival

Sunday 14 September 2025

- Volunteered at the Cancer Council's Women's 5km Run

Monday 22 September 2025

- Attended World Car Free Day

Tuesday 30 September 2025

- Attended the launch of Sally's Ride which is organised by the Rotary Club of Central Launceston

Councillor McMahon

- Acknowledged Stillwater Restaurant for 25 years in business
- Congratulated Sarah McCormack's (Community Connector) work with the Waverley Connect Program that has been recognised as a finalist in the Local Government Professionals Tasmanian 2025 Awards in the Community Service Delivery category.
- Congratulated Eve Gibbons (Business Leader Carr Villa) for winning the coveted Phoenix Bereavement Professional Excellence Award

14. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulations 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 - Councillor A J Britton - Graffiti Kits - 11 September 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following question, submitted to Council on 11 September 2025 by Councillor A J Britton, has been answered by the Senior Leader City Amenities.

Question 1:

We were initially, in the original motion, going to purchase 1,500 graffiti removal kits. Could we start with about 150? Can we get an update on how many we are going to buy?

Response:

Yes, we can start with a smaller number of graffiti removal kits. The program is designed to be scalable based on demand, so there is no requirement to purchase 1,500 kits at the outset. We will order an initial amount and adjust quantities as needed in response to community uptake.

14.1.2. Questions on Notice by Councillors - Councillor D C Gibson - Cataract Gorge Inclinator and Visit Northern Tasmania Agreement - 11 September 2025

FILE NO: SF2375

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

The following questions, submitted to Council on 11 September 2025 by Councillor D C Gibson, have been answered by the Executive Leader Connections and Liveability

Question 1:

What is Council's current strategic intent with regard to the never-ending issues associated with the inclinator at Cataract Gorge?

Response:

Council has progressed a future feasibility and design proposal for the Cataract Gorge Inclinator containing six conceptual designs, with associated cost estimates. These options include:

- a) Refurbishing and upgrading the existing inclinator cabin and infrastructure system making it more contemporary*
- b) Replacing the existing inclinator cabin and infrastructure with a new contemporary system or*
- c) Construction considerations to reimagine the existing inclinator system at the Gorge with new options like lifts or escalators.*

The primary objective of the project was to identify improved asset operational reliability, reduce escalating operational inefficiencies and maintenance costs, ensure safety compliance, and enhance user experience for both visitors and locals.

The next identified steps, are to present these findings to Council Workshop later this calendar year to seek recommendation and future project scope regarding the design options.

Question 2:

Noting a recent Councillor Workshop where I quote, "Councillors were provided an overview of the 'Visit Northern Tasmania Agreement' ahead of discussions regarding proposed renewal in 2026." My question specifically, what form will discussions take regarding renewal?

Response:

Visit Northern Tasmania (VNT) is presenting to Council Workshop on 4 December 2025 regarding the new agreement and expected deliverables for the 2025/2026 financial year. Councillors will have an opportunity to discuss the renewal of the agreement with VNT at that Workshop. Following workshop, officers will present a report to a Council meeting for a decision on the renewal of the VNT funding agreement.

14.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillors

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 34

14.2.1. Questions Without Notice by Councillors - Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie - Cataract Gorge Inclinator - 2 October 2025

- 1. For those people who rely on the inclinator to access the Gorge, does Council have an alternate way for them to access the Gorge when the inclinator is not operational?**

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 23 October 2025.

**14.2.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillors - Councillor A G Harris - Paterson
Street Bike Cages and Parkiteer - 2 October 2025**

- 1. When does Council expect to conclude its considerations about the suitability of the current bike cages and make a decision on if or when they can be reopened to the cycling public?**
- 2. Will Council consider the Parkiteer Bike Cage Network that is available at more than 40 metro train stations in Melbourne and over 170 locations? These cages provide 24-hour undercover secure parking for cyclists and are accessible using a smart card system is available when a Parkiteer user pays a \$50 deposit and registers their details on the Parkiteer website.**

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 23 October 2025.

14.2.3. Questions Without Notice by Councillors - Councillor A J Britton - Insurance Flood/Actions of the Sea - 2 October 2025

- 1. [On behalf of a member of the public regarding their Insurance Policy] They are covered for a flood but not by actions of the sea, which includes tidal wave, king tide, and high tide. As far as I know the, Tamar River on its own will not flood the city but will only flood due to a high or king tide. I was just wondering if the Council would be able to investigate that for anyone out there who may be worried about their insurance cover?**

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 23 October 2025.

14.2.4. Questions Without Notice by Councillors - Councillor J J Pentridge - Cataract Gorge Inclinator - 2 October 2025

- 1. Are Council considering removing the inclinator altogether due to the consistent operational issues?**
- 2. What are some ways that Council are considering to address the excessive use and misuse of the inclinator to prevent the recurring maintenance issues?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 23 October.

14.2.5. Questions Without Notice by Councillors - Councillor T G Walker - Term Sheet Leak and Media Opportunity - 2 October 2025

- 1. In media reports this week, both [the Mayor] and the Chief Executive Officer have stated their concern, implying that a Councillor has unlawfully shared information regarding the term sheet for the development of the Birchall's building. Do you have any specific evidence that it was not a Councillor that has done that?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that this question would be Taken on Notice and a response provided in the Council Agenda of 23 October.

- 2. Is it the case that it there are numerous other people who could have shared the information both within Council and outside Council?**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood responded by saying yes.

- 3. Was that media opportunity organised or facilitated by the Launceston City Council?**

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jane Lewis, responded by saying that at the appropriate time the Council will be providing information to the media and putting that information in the public arena.

14.2.6. Questions Without Notice by Councillors - Councillor D C Gibson - Frederick Street Kindergarten and Ikeda Invitations - 2 October 2025

1. What is the status of the Frederick Street kindergarten project?

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 23 October 2025.

2. At the last meeting, I asked if we were going to invite local business, schools and business organisations to attend the trip to Ikeda. Is it now true, that following the latest Council Workshop, that we did not in fact invite businesses, schools, educational institutions or any organisations to accompany us on the trip?

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jane Lewis, responded by saying that it was the original intention to extend invites to local organisations. However, due to time constraints, and a number of other factors relating to staff resources, it was determined that it would not be achieved in a professional way in the time that was available.

15. WRITTEN NOTICES OF MOTION

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 19

No Notices of Motions were identified as part of these Minutes.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1. Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Report - 5 August 2025

FILE NO: SF2965

AUTHOR: Jess Horton (Place and Heritage Officer)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 August 2025, and;
 2. the attached endorsed minutes from the Heritage Advisory Meeting on 3 June 2025.
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DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

Moved Councillor S Cai, seconded Councillor J J Pentridge.

That Council:

1. receives the report from the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 August 2025, and;
2. the attached endorsed minutes from the Heritage Advisory Meeting on 3 June 2025.

CARRIED 11:0

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 L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

17. CONNECTIONS AND LIVEABILITY

17.1. Commitment to Co-Fund New Motorhome Camping Infrastructure at the Roundhouse Car Park

FILE NO: SF7188

AUTHOR: Michelle Ogulin (Senior Leader Liveable Communities)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider supporting the submission of an application to the *Spirit Preparedness Fund*.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. supports the submission of the application to the *Spirit Preparedness Fund* to establish a caravan and motorhome overnight rest area (Kanamaluka RV Rest).

A table of questions asked by Councillors is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

1. supports the submission of the application to the *Spirit Preparedness Fund* to establish a caravan and motorhome overnight rest area (Kanamaluka RV Rest).

CARRIED 11:0

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 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	Just to clarify, we are being asked to support the submission, and we are asking for half of the \$750k from the State Government?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>This item requests the support of the project and another item will come to Council with a budget request.</i>
	Do we know when the funding will be announced?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>It is expected to be the end of October, however it may be a little later.</i>
Councillor D C Gibson	Are there any competitive neutrality considerations with regard to us providing the infrastructure that might otherwise have been the business of camping grounds?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>Yes, that was considered. The responsible officer actually spoke to a number of people who might be impacted and they were very supportive. The more, the merrier.</i>
Deputy Mayor, D H McKenzie	The proposed 11 spaces is not many - have we given consideration to other locations or tag-on sites that could host more caravans and motorhomes?	<i>Rhetorical.</i>
Councillor J J Pentridge	When is this Council going to start doing things that are good for the city?	<i>Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood</i> <i>That can be a conversation for budget time.</i>

17.2. Business Events Tasmania 2025/26 Financial Year Funding

FILE NO: SF2532

AUTHOR: Angie Hart (Team Leader Visitation and Sponsorship)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Annual Report of Business Events Tasmania (attached) and to consider a recommendation to continue to provide financial support.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Workshop - 3 July 2025 – Business Events Tasmania Annual Presentation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves

1. a funding contribution of \$25,000 to Business Events Tasmania for the 2025/2026 financial year to attract corporate events to Launceston.
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A table of questions asked by Councillors is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council approves

1. a funding contribution of \$25,000 to Business Events Tasmania for the 2025/2026 financial year to attract corporate events to Launceston.

CARRIED 11:0

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 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 D C Gibson	We have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and we have previously made financial contributions and budgeted financial contributions. Nowhere in the report does it state that the MOU or amount is changing. Is there to be an adjustment?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>It is exactly the same as it has been, meaning no change to the MOU. As it stands it does not currently have Council endorsement, so we thought we would receive it.</i>
	Is there a line of \$25,000 allocated in the 2025/26 budget?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> Yes.

18. QUEEN VICTORIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY (QVMAG)

18.1. Museum Governance Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

FILE NO: SF2244

AUTHOR: Janelle Middleton (Acting Director QVMAG)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To adopt the minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) held on 18 June 2025 and to receive the minutes of the Museum Governance Advisory Board 20 August 2025 meeting.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. adopts the confirmed minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) meeting on 20 August 2025;
2. receives the endorsed minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) meeting on 18 June 2025; and
3. endorses the recommendation to acquire via donation *Fast Illusion* painting by Virginia Cuppidge valued at \$16,500.00 into the QVMAG collection.

A table of questions asked by Councillors is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

- 1. adopts the confirmed minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) meeting on 20 August 2025;**
- 2. receives the endorsed minutes from the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) meeting on 18 June 2025; and**
- 3. endorses the recommendation to acquire via donation *Fast Illusion* painting by Virginia Cuppaidge valued at \$16,500.00 into the QVMAG collection.**

CARRIED 11:0

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 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 D C Gibson	Are the minutes of the Museum Governance Advisory Board (MGAB) incorrect, as they list Albert van Zetten as Mayor?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>He is on the board as a member, not as Mayor.</i>
Deputy Mayor, Councillor D H McKenzie	Does the delegated authority to the CEO, to accept acquisitions under \$100,000, state that it is net cost of including or excluding GST?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>Exclusive of GST.</i>
	So, the actual cost of the Sam Jinks work is not \$100,000 but \$110,000?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>Yes, that is correct.</i>
	So, the Sam Jinks acquisition has been listed for transparency?	<i>Executive Leader Connections and Liveability</i> <i>The Sam Jinx acquisition has been included, but the final payment has not happened because it has just arrived this week. Furthermore, as it will be over the \$100,000 mark, it will come back to Council after it has been to MGAB to the next meeting.</i>

18.2. QVMAG Collection Acquisition Update

FILE NO: SF1006

AUTHOR: Janelle Middleton (Acting Director QVMAG)

APPROVER: Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive a report on Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Collection Acquisitions between 1 January and 19 September 2025.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG) Collection Acquisitions Report for the period between 1 January and 19 September 2025.
 2. acknowledge the generosity of the donors and the ongoing significant support of the QVMAG Arts Foundation.
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DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

1. notes the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery (QVMAG) Collection Acquisitions Report for the period between 1 January and 19 September 2025.
2. acknowledge the generosity of the donors and the ongoing significant support of the QVMAG Arts Foundation.

CARRIED 11:0

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 L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

19. COMMUNITY ASSETS AND DESIGN

19.1. Non-application of Public Tender Process - Park Street Amenities

FILE NO: SF7449

AUTHOR: Karen Heathcote (Project Manager Design and Construction)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

That Council note this report advising of the procurement of public amenities through the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) vendor panel.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)
Local Government (General) Regulations 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the report regarding the non-application of public tender process undertaken through the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) vendor panel.

Karen Heathcote (Project Manager Design and Construction), Derek Lynch (Senior Leader Project Design and Delivery) and Matt Morgan (Team Leader Procurement) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

1. notes the report regarding the non-application of public tender process undertaken through the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) vendor panel.

CARRIED 11:0

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 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	Is access to the changing rooms controlled and if so, how?	<i>Project Manager Design and Construction</i> <i>People who regularly use facilities like this, who require the hoist and changing facilities, apply to be given an MLAK key and that key can be used in similar facilities anywhere around Australia.</i>
Councillor T G Walker	Is there any further information around the design?	<i>Project Manager Design and Construction</i> <i>There are numerous finishes available. They are being used in several other Councils around Tasmania and we are seeking feedback from them about what finishes worked well. Once we get the final finishes we can bring that to Workshop.</i>

19.2. Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex - Project Update

FILE NO: SF7448

AUTHOR: Michael Newby (Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning)

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

DECISION STATEMENT:

To endorse the Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex (NTCA) - Architectural Materials and to authorise next steps in the NTCA redevelopment project.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:1

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. endorses the NTCA Architectural Materials (ECM Document Set ID 5282832);
 2. authorises the Executive Leader Community Assets and Design to submit a Development Application in accordance with the NTCA Architectural Materials (ECM Document Set ID 5282832);
 3. authorises the Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning to progress detailed design for Stages 1, 2 and ITEM C;
 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocating for grants and other funding opportunities to enable future construction activities; and
 5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
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Michael Newby (Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

Councillor A J Britton withdrew from the Meeting at 12:05 pm

Councillor A J Britton re-attended the Meeting at 12:07 pm

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

Moved Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That Council:

1. endorses the NTCA Architectural Materials (ECM Document Set ID 5282832);
2. authorises the Executive Leader Community Assets and Design to submit a Development Application in accordance with the NTCA Architectural Materials (ECM Document Set ID 5282832);
3. authorises the Senior Leader Infrastructure Planning to progress detailed design for Stages 1, 2 and ITEM C;
4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to continue advocating for grants and other funding opportunities to enable future construction activities; and
5. notes, for the avoidance of doubt, that Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CARRIED 11:0

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 L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

20. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE

20.1. Local Government Association of Tasmania - Update on Work to Keep Children and Vulnerable People Safe

FILE NO: SF7601

AUTHOR: Leanne Purchase (Senior Leader Governance)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive and note correspondence.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023 (Tas)

Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013 (Tas)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council – 17 March 2025 - Agenda Item 17.1 - Report on Progress of the Child and Youth Safe Framework Compliance and Councillor Dawkins' Notice of Motion

Council – 5 September 2024 – Agenda Item 17.1 - Child Safe Organisation Statement of Commitment

Workshop – 4 July 2024 – Item 1.2 Child and Youth Safe Organisation

Council – 21 September 2023 – Agenda Item 14.2 - Notice of Motion – Councillor A E Dawkins -Establishing a Leadership Role for City of Launceston in the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives and notes correspondence received from the Local Government Association of Tasmania in respect of action to keep children and young people safe.

Leanne Purchase (Senior Leader Governance) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

- 1. receives and notes correspondence received from the Local Government Association of Tasmania in respect of action to keep children and young people safe.**

CARRIED 11:0

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 L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden
AGAINST VOTE: Nil

20.2. Monthly Financial Performance Report

FILE NO: SF7694

AUTHOR: Pieta Sinfield (Team Leader Accounting)

APPROVER: Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the August 2025 Capital and Operational financial reports against budget.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. notes the report outlining both Capital and Operational results to the period ending 31 August 2025.
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DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Deputy Mayor Councillor D H McKenzie.

That Council:

1. **notes the report outlining both Capital and Operational results to the period ending 31 August 2025.**

CARRIED 11:0

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 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

No items were identified as part of these Minutes.

22. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK

22.1. Status Report on Council Decisions as at 25 September 2025

FILE NO: SF2346

AUTHOR: Taylor Murphy (Administration Officer - Governance Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the Status Report on Council Decisions made up to, and as at, 25 September 2025.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Status Report on Council Decisions as at 25 September 2025 (Attachment 1).
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A table of questions asked by Councillors is provided after the decision.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

Moved Councillor D C Gibson, seconded Councillor A G Harris.

That Council:

1. receives the Status Report on Council Decisions as at 25 September 2025 (Attachment 1).

CARRIED 11:0

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 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 D C Gibson	Where are we at with the Albert Hall lease?	Acting Chief Executive Officer <i>The negotiations are still ongoing. Theatre North have raised some points which are currently being worked through.</i>
	With the first event due to be held in a matter of weeks, what arrangements are in place to ensure that it is able to be held as intended?	Acting Chief Executive Officer <i>The arrangements surrounding that event are also part of the discussions that are being held. We are working on a resolution so that the event can go ahead with the appropriate governance in place to ensure its success.</i>

22.2. Status Report on Notices of Motions as at 25 September 2025

FILE NO: SF5547

AUTHOR: Lorraine Wyatt (Team Leader Executive Support)

APPROVER: Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

DECISION STATEMENT:

To receive the updated Status Report – Notices of Motions.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. receives the Status Report of Notices of Motions as at 25 September 2025 (Attachment 1).
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DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

1. receives the Status Report of Notices of Motions as at 25 September 2025 (Attachment 1).

CARRIED 11:0

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 L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

AGAINST VOTE: Nil

23. LATE ITEMS

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

No Items have been 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. Tender - Johnston Road Pavement Stabilisation CD039/2025

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

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

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to –
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.
- (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

24.3. Tender - South Esk Road Guardrail Replacement

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

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

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to –
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.
- (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal.

24.4. 118-122 and 124 Brisbane Street Term Sheet

REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:

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

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to –
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council; or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret.

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

- (g) proposals for the council to acquire land or an interest in land or for the disposal of land.

24.5. Application for Leave of Absence by Councillor - Councillor R A I Marsden

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.

24.6. Application for Leave of Absence by Councillor - Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood

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.

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council moves into Closed Session.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 11:0

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 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 12.23pm.
Council returned to Open Session at 3.18pm.

24.7. End of Closed Session

DECISION: 2 October 2025

MOTION

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

That Council:

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

Minutes Item	Matter	Brief Description
24.1	<i>Closed Council Minutes - 11 September 2025.</i>	<i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 11 September 2025.</i>
24.2	<i>Tender – Johnston Road Pavement Stabilisation CD039/2025</i>	<i>Councillors awarded a Tender for Johnson Road Pavement Stabilisation CD039/2025.</i> <i>Names of successful tenderers will be published to www.launceston.tas.gov.au once the successful and unsuccessful tenderers have been notified of the decision.</i>
24.3	<i>Tender – South Esk Road Guardrail Replacement CD041/2025</i>	<i>Councillors awarded a Tender for South Esk Guardrail Replacement CD041/2025.</i> <i>Names of successful tenderers will be published to www.launceston.tas.gov.au once the successful and unsuccessful tenderers have been notified of the decision.</i>
24.4	<i>118-122 and 124 Brisbane Street Term Sheet</i>	<i>Councillors affirmed the decision of Council made at the 11 September 2025 Council Meeting in Closed session for Agenda Item 24.3. 118-122 and 124 Brisbane Street Term Sheet.</i>

24.5	<i>Application for Leave of Absence by Councillor – Councillor R A I Marsden</i>	<i>Council considered an Application for Leave of Absence by a Councillor.</i>
24.6	<i>Application for Leave of Absence by Councillor – Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood</i>	<i>Council considered an Application for Leave of Absence by a Councillor.</i>

2. moves out of Closed Session.

CARRIED 11:0

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 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 10.30am on 23 October 2025 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 3.18pm.