



City of  
**LAUNCESTON**

# **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2026  
1:00 PM**

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

Date: 2 April 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

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#### Background

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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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## **LEGISLATIVE TERMINOLOGY - GENERAL MANAGER**

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***Present:***

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

***In Attendance:***

**Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)**  
**Chelsea van Riet (Executive Leader Community Assets and Design)**  
**Ali Kemp (Executive Leader Connections and Liveability)**  
**Nathan Williams (Executive Leader Delivery and Performance)**  
**Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)**  
**Zara Dawtrey (Senior Communications Officer)**  
**Kelsey Hartland (Team Leader Governance)**  
**Keara Downey (Administration Officer - Governance Support)**  
**Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) (Agenda Items 11.1, 18.3 and 18.4)**  
**Jen Welch (Coordinator Planning Assessments) (Agenda Item 11.1)**  
**Sophie Appleby (Place and Heritage Officer) (Agenda Item 11.1)**  
**Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor) (Agenda Item 18.1)**  
**Uriel Walters (Engineer - Infrastructure Planning) (Agenda Item 18.1)**  
**Dean Edsall (Senior Leader City Operations) (Agenda Item 18.2)**  
**Duncan Payton (Town Planner) (Agenda Item 18.3)**  
**Jorden Gunton (Emergency Management Advisor) (Agenda Item 19.1)**  
**Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy) (Agenda Item 20.1)**  
**Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property) (Agenda Item 20.1)**

***Apologies:***

**Councillor D C Gibson (Leave of Absence)**

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**1. OPENING OF MEETING - STATEMENT, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 8*

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

**An audio visual recording is being made of the meeting.**

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

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

**Following the statement the Mayor noted an apology from Councillor D C Gibson.**

**2. MAYORAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**No Mayoral Acknowledgements were identified as part of these Minutes.**

**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 19 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**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 19 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED 11:0**

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

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**5. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

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

**5.1. Council Workshop Report - 26 March 2026**

**FILE NO:** SF4401

**AUTHOR:** Keara Downey (Administration Officer- Governance Support)

**APPROVER:** Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider Council Workshops conducted since the last Council Meeting.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. Workshop conducted on 26 March 2026.

**Executive Leader Updates and General Business**

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

**CBD Bus Interchange**

*Councillors were provided with an update on the CBD Bus Interchange project.*

**Councillors Connect**

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

**2026/2027 Budget**

*Councillors received an update on the 2026/2027 budget.*

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*This briefing provided an update on the City of Launceston's public EV charging network, including an update on the recent Expression of Interest process, and a refined strategic direction that focuses on targeted upgrades to key Council owned chargers, while responding to growing EV uptake and a maturing private market, with Council taking a more proactive role in enabling and facilitating further private sector investment in future charging infrastructure.*

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**Northern Tasmania Cricket Association Sports Complex Redevelopment Project Update**

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

**Heritage Interpretation Plan Update**

*Councillors received an update on the progress of the Heritage Interpretation Plan and the aligned development of an Aboriginal Community Engagement Framework.*

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

*Apologies:* Mayor Councillor M K Garwood and Councillor D C Gibson

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**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor R A I Marsden, seconded Councillor A G Harris.**

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*Apologies:* Mayor Councillor M K Garwood and Councillor D C Gibson

**CARRIED 11:0**

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

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

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

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

**7. COMMUNITY REPORTS**

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

**No Community Reports were registered with Council as part of these Minutes.**

**8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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

**8.1. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 38*

**8.1.1. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Ian Goninon - Japanese Visit Report, and Fuel Consumption and Costs - 19 March 2026**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

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

**APPROVER:** Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 19 March 2026 by Ian Goninon, have been answered by the Senior Leader Prosperity and Innovation (Question 1) and the Team Leader Marketing and Communications (Question 2).

**Question 1:**

Regarding the Japanese visit, I thought we were going to see a final report and initiatives put in place following the visit. I'm interested to know where that is at?

**Response:**

*The Ikeda Delegation Report was presented to the Council at the Council Meeting on 11 December 2025, under Agenda Item 21.1. The Council resolved that it:*

- 1. receives the Ikeda Delegation 2025 Report as a formal record of the Delegation's visit.*
- 2. directs Council Officers to proceed with the Proposed Next Steps outlined in the Report.*
- 3. notes the Budget Amendment will be presented at the first Council Meeting in 2026.*

*The motion was moved by Councillor T G walker, seconded by Councillor J J Pentridge. The motion was carried 9:0.*

*Following Councillors resolution, Officers progressed the Proposed Next Steps during Quarter 3 (January – March 2026).*

*The associated Budget Amendment was subsequently presented at the Council at the 19 March 2026 Council Meeting under Agenda Item 19.2.*

**Question 2:**

Can the Council put information out to ratepayers (e.g. a Facebook page or something in the Examiner) on a regular basis to encourage ratepayers to be more conservative with fuel, or to be helpful to others, in that sort of situation?

**Response:**

*Local councils such as the City of Launceston do not have expertise in fuel markets or national supply chains. These matters are managed at the federal level by the Australian Government and relevant energy authorities.*

*If there were to be any significant fuel shortages in the future, the City of Launceston would be guided by state and federal government agencies in how we communicate with the community.*

*For your reassurance, the Federal Government is on record stating that Australia's fuel supply remains strong and there are no plans for rationing. Energy Minister Chris Bowen confirmed this position as recently as March 22, 2026.*

*In the meantime, the City of Launceston continues to promote practical ways residents can increase their environmental sustainability through our existing strategic goals - such as encouraging the use of public transport, active transport, and sustainability and resource recovery initiatives.*

*TasAlert have established a webpage about fuel supply, with their prediction being no fuel supply shortage in Tasmania - <https://alert.tas.gov.au/fuel-supply>*

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**8.1.2. Questions on Notice by Members of the Public - Rocelyn Ives - Council Building Visitor Sign-in System - 19 March 2026**

**FILE NO:** SF6381

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

**APPROVER:** Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

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**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

The following questions, submitted to Council on 19 March 2026 by Rocelyn Ives, have been answered by the Team Leader Facilities.

**Question 1:**

Could the sign in screen system be adjusted to ensure that safety of customer access is assured?

**Response:**

*The sign-in screen system will be reviewed to ensure the safety of visitors. This review will assess current functionality, identify any potential improvements, and ensure that any adjustments maintain both safety and accessibility standards.*

**Question 2:**

Is there an alternative to the sticky, plastic backed name-tags being issued which are not recyclable nor can be reused?

**Response:**

*As part of the review alternative options to the current name-tags will be explored. This will consider any available options that maintain usability, durability, and compliance with identification requirements, with the aim of reducing environmental impact.*

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**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 - Robin Smith - Security Services and Parking at the Northern Inveresk Car Park - 2 April 2026**

**Question 1:**

The 5th of March decision to put security guards at the St. John Street bus stop, funded and managed by council, has worked. However, there has been an unintended displacement of the behaviour and the security guards focus only on the two bus stops, not the surrounding precincts. Could council expand the area to include those council areas, please?

**Response:**

*The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood responded by saying Council has received feedback this week from the security organisation that addresses this issue. This will be taken into account as part of the review. We will continue working with the State Government and the current policing processes, in relation to CBD initiatives, and we will ensure this feedback is included in that review.*

**Question 2:**

How much revenue has been generated from the Northern Inveresk Car Park?

**Question 3:**

What options are there to make it free parking?

**Response:**

*The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and responses provided in the Council Agenda of 16 April 2026.*

**9. PETITIONS**

**No Petitions were identified as part of these Minutes.**

**10. DEPUTATIONS**

**No Deputations were identified as part of these Minutes.**

## 11. PLANNING AUTHORITY

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-LLP0034 Newstead Crescent Local Heritage Precinct

**FILE NO:** PSA-LLP0034

**AUTHOR:** Jen Welch (Senior Town Planner)

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

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To decide whether to reject or agree to initiate and exhibit Amendment PSA-LLP0034 Newstead Crescent Heritage Precinct to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, in accordance with Sections 51 and 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

Applicant: City of Launceston

Address: As defined by the Newstead Crescent Heritage Precinct

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*  
Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Launceston  
Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy  
*Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*  
*Local Government Act 1993*  
*Water and Sewage Industry Act 2008*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. initiate Draft Amendment PSA-LLP0034 for the Newstead Crescent Heritage Precinct in accordance with the following requirements of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, pursuant to:
  - a. Section 40D, of its own motion initiates Draft Amendment PSA-LLP0034 to the Launceston Local Provisions Schedule to:
    - Update LAU-Table C6.2 Local Heritage Precincts to include the Newstead Crescent Local Heritage Precinct as detailed in Attachment 1.

- Amend the Tasmanian Planning Scheme Local Provisions Schedule - Launceston maps to include the identified precinct as shown in Attachment 1 to this report.
  - Insert the datasheet for the listing within Appendix A: Local Historic Heritage Code Datasheets, as shown in Attachment 1 to this report; and
- b. Section 40F, certifies Draft Amendment PSA-LLP0034 identified below and in Attachment 1.
  - c. Sections 40G and 40H, determines the period for public exhibition to be 28 days.
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**Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development), Jen Welch (Coordinator Planning Assessments) and Sophie Appleby (Place and Heritage Officer) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.**

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

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**CARRIED 11:0**

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

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
<b>Councillor D H McKenzie</b>	In relation to the number of letters sent out we seem to have thirty-three affected properties and only thirty-one letters sent out. Is the difference that somebody owns two properties in the that area?	<b>Coordinator Planning Assessments</b> <i>Yes, additional properties were added to the precincts. This was an initial consultation; formal consultation will occur once the process has been initiated and all landowners will be notified.</i>
<b>Councillor J J Pentridge</b>	What immediate danger, if any, were the buildings in Newstead Crescent under that justified spending time and money to place them on the heritage register, particularly when there are other buildings that have not been addressed and may be lost?	<b><i>This question was taken on notice.</i></b>

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

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

**No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.**

### 13. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

*(This item provides an opportunity for Councillors to briefly report on the activities that have been undertaken in their capacity as a representative of the Council. It is not necessary to list social functions that have been attended.)*

#### Councillor A J Palmer

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##### Monday 23 March 2026

- Attended and spoke at the City Mission Community Morning Tea celebrating ten years of the Launceston Community Christmas Luncheon.

##### Saturday 28 March 2026

- Attended the first ever Tasmanian Devils Australian Football League Match at UTAS Stadium. Thanked Brendan Gale and the Tasmanian Devils team.

##### Tuesday 31 March

- Attended the Australian Federation College Multicultural Festival on Charles Street and noted the strong multicultural representation and community engagement.

##### Other Acknowledgements

- Congratulated the North Launceston Knights Bowls Club on winning the Division 5 Bowls Pennant held at Cosgrove Park.
- Visited the new Northern Regional Recreational Hub. Praised the facility and thanked Melissa and her team.
- Expressed disappointment at graffiti that appeared at the Starting Point Neighbourhood House in Ravenswood. Acknowledged volunteers who cleaned up and thanked the City of Launceston Council staff for removing broken glass. Emphasised community support and resilience.

#### Councillor D H McKenzie

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##### Monday 23 March 2026

- Attended the Theatre North Annual General Meeting.

##### Friday 27 March 2026

- Attended the opening of the Australian Maritime College Common User Facility and undertook a tour of the new facility.

##### Saturday 28 March 2026

- Attended the Tasmanian Devils AFL Match.

##### Tuesday 31 March

- Attended the Australian Federation College Multicultural Festival.

**Wednesday 1 April 2026**

- Visited the TasWater Ti-Tree Bend Sewage Treatment Plant with Andrew Truscott (TasWater). Observed progress and emphasised investment in environmental controls.

**Other Acknowledgements**

- Expressed sadness at the vandalism to Starting Point Neighbourhood House in Ravenswood.
- Acknowledged the opening the Northern Regional Recreational Hub and praised the facility.

**Councillor A G Harris**

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**Wednesday 25 March 2026**

- Attended the Greater Regional City Challenge Launch and acknowledged over \$100,000 raised for local community projects. Thanked Owen Tilbury and local business donors.

**Saturday 28 March 2026**

- Attended Tasmanian Devils AFL Match.
- Attended and congratulated Council staff for the successful Thoroughfare Street Art Festival.

**Tuesday 31 March 2026**

- Visited the Northern Regional Recreational Hub and spoke positively about the safety, accessibility, and inclusivity of the facilities design.
- Attended function hosted by the Launceston Chamber of Commerce. Hawthorn and the Northern Winter economy where Dave Cox, Head of Tasmania Operations at Hawthorn discussed how sport can power regional growth.

**Other Acknowledgements**

- Met with TasWater Chief Executive Officer and Board as part of the Council Connect session in Albert Hall.

**Councillor K M Preece**

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**Monday 23 March 2026**

- Attended City Mission Community Morning Tea.

**Thursday 26 March 2026**

- Attended the Micah Women's Network Dinner.

**Wednesday 1 April**

- Attended the Peace Festival, Northern Suburbs Community Centre.

**Councillor S Cai**

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**Sunday 29 March 2026**

- Attended the annual Dementia Walking Day hosted by Professor George Razay.

**Wednesday 1 April 2026**

- Attended the Peace Festival, Northern Suburbs Community Centre. Thanked Trish, Mary, and the team for organising the event.

**Councillor J J Pentridge**

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- Expressed concern at the vandalism at Starting Point Neighbourhood House in Ravenswood.

**14. QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

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

**14.1. Questions on Notice by Councillors**

**No Councillors' Questions on Notice were identified as part of these Minutes.**

**14.2. Questions Without Notice by Councillors**

*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 - regulation 34*

**14.2.1. Questions Without Notice by Councillor - Councillor T G Walker - Park and Ride Facilities, West Launceston Bowls Club Building and Hawthorn Hawks Football Club- 2 April 2026**

**Question 1:**

**What communication have we had from the State Government regarding Park and Ride facilities in Launceston, locations and timelines?**

**Question 2:**

**West Launceston Bowls Club have vacated the building has Council made any endeavours to determine what it will be used for?**

***Response:***

***The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, advised that these questions would be Taken on Notice and responses provided in the Council Agenda of 16 April 2026.***

**Question 3:**

**Can any further information be provided regarding the future of the Hawthorn Hawks Football Club in Launceston post 2028, noting the media conjecture and whether Council will continue their relationship with the club post the 2027 season?**

***Response:***

***Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer) advised Council has a strong commercial relationship with the Hawthorn Football Club and continues to engage regularly with the Club and other key stakeholders, including the AFL. When Council can provide confirmed updates regarding the future arrangements for Launceston, those details will be communicated publicly.***

**15. WRITTEN NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

**16. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**No Committee Reports were identified as part of these Minutes.**

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

**No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.**

## 18. COMMUNITY ASSETS AND DESIGN

### 18.1. Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street Link Road Project

**FILE NO:** SF2139

**AUTHOR:** Uriel Walters (Engineer- Infrastructure Planning)

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

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To endorse the concept materials for a proposed link road between Hoblers Bridge Road and Henry Street; and to endorse the next steps in the project.

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

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

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Workshop – 20 February 2025 – Henry to Hoblers Link Road  
Workshop – 4 December 2025 – Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street Link Road Business Case

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. notes the implications to its adopted St Leonards and Waverley Neighbourhood Plan if the Link Road is not delivered;
  2. endorses the concept alignment for the Link Road, in accordance with the Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street Link Road Concept Design Report;
  3. receives the Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street Link Road Business Case;
  4. notes the intention to consult with key stakeholders, being the Department of State Growth (DSG), Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT), and any licensees of the land where the Link Road is to be constructed;
  5. approves the expenditure of \$650,000 for the Investigations and Studies phase of the Link Road project over the 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years, utilising the existing Growth Area Infrastructure budget line; and
  6. notes the intent to investigate and pursue funding sources for future stages of the project, subject to the outcomes of the activities in Recommendations 4 and 5.
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Michael Newby (Senior Major Projects Advisor) and Uriel Walters (Engineer - Infrastructure Planning) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during the debate is included after the decision.

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

That Council:

1. notes the implications to its adopted St Leonards and Waverley Neighbourhood Plan if the Link Road is not delivered;
2. endorses the concept alignment for the Link Road, in accordance with the Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street Link Road Concept Design Report;
3. receives the Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street Link Road Business Case;
4. notes the intention to consult with key stakeholders, being the Department of State Growth (DSG), Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (TEMT), and any licensees of the land where the Link Road is to be constructed;
5. approves the expenditure of \$650,000 for the Investigations and Studies phase of the Link Road project over the 2025-26 and 2026-27 financial years, utilising the existing Growth Area Infrastructure budget line; and
6. notes the intent to investigate and pursue funding sources for future stages of the project, subject to the outcomes of the activities in Recommendations 4 and 5.

**CARRIED 9:2**

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

**AGAINST VOTE: Councillor T G Walker and Councillor J J Pentridge**

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
<b>Councillor D H McKenzie</b>	In planning the Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street link, was consideration given to the flow of traffic into Launceston and how traffic moves more generally around the city?	<b>Senior Major Projects Advisor</b> Yes.
<b>Councillor T G Walker</b>	Is this study intending to answer the flooding and landslide issues, particularly at Hoblers Bridge Road and Henry Street or is it being proposed because Council already believes these problems can be overcome?	<b>Senior Major Projects Advisor</b> <i>Yes, we believe the geotechnical issues associated with the landslip, is quite a shallow slip made manageable throughout the construction activities. There is flood impact assessments and river height data that informs this work. Much of the road will be flood free however, if large enough it would impact the road particularly. Henry Street is probably the first one to go under as we all know.</i>
<b>Councillor J J Pentridge</b>	This new name Hoblers Bridge Road to Henry Street that is part of the original Eastern Bypass, isn't it? Is it part of what we have been talking about for sixty years?	<b>Senior Major Projects Advisor</b> <i>The Eastern Bypass has contained a route or an alignment where this road is located. Yes.</i>
<b>Councillor J J Pentridge</b>	It is part of the original route?	<b>Senior Major Projects Advisor</b> <i>Yes, one various iteration of that project identified this as a route for the Eastern Bypass.</i>
<b>Councillor J J Pentridge</b>	There is a lot of reports out there do we need to spend more money to do another report?	<b>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</b> <i>The Department of State Growth has looked at the Eastern Bypass. What we'll be spending the money on is technical work to inform design of the road, this will be led by Council, not by Department of State Growth, including considerations of alignment, cost benefits, work that will precede design of a road in this corridor.</i>

<p><b>Councillor T G Walker</b></p>	<p>Has the broader traffic impact analysis already been done to justify this road? Specifically, has traffic modelling considered the whole network, not just local relief, but also the increased pressure it may place on other intersections such as Tamar Street and Boland Street, before proceeding to the next step?</p>	<p><b>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</b> <i>When we consider a new asset, we do not look at it in isolation we look at the network impact in order for us to understand whether it is valuable and useful to do this link road. We have looked at the business case, and it stacks up. It has got quite a high benefit ratio, and we have looked at those intersections and where it will relieve pressure across the network. We know that St Leonards cannot continue to develop, it will hit a wall without this support. Through the neighbourhood plan our commitment has been to existing residents and people who might move there that the infrastructure will be delivered in a sequenced manner, so they do not continue to experience traffic issues.</i></p>
<p><b>Councillor T G Walker</b></p>	<p>Where is the greater work being done to address the broader network impacts, noting that while this will alleviate pressure on some roads, it will also create additional pressure elsewhere that a future Council will have to address as the next iteration?</p>	<p><b>Engineer - Infrastructure Planning</b> <i>For the concept design for the link road, we did undertake traffic modelling that looks at the broader network, and that confirmed that the network would perform in an acceptable manner. In addition to that, when we completed the business case, there was further traffic modelling done to look into that in more detail, and there will be further traffic modelling undertaken again at a later stage of the design.</i></p> <p><b>Executive Leader Community Assets and Design</b> <i>In relation to what was raised earlier from Councillor A G Harris, there is a table on page 30 [of the Agenda] that outlines the process regarding comments about it being five years away. It is totally at Council's discretion if they wish to fast track progress for this particular link road, and the table shows where we are up to and what steps are coming next. The next phase is investigations and studies. Then, in 2027, we move into concept refinement and the development application phase, before progressing to detailed design.</i></p>

**18.2. Resumption of Third-Party Works to Council Buildings and Facilities**

**FILE NO:** SF7783

**AUTHOR:** Dean Edsall (Senior Leader City Operations)

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To note the cessation of the pause to third-party works to Council owned buildings.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*  
*National Construction Code*

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Workshop – 5 December 2024 – Building Assets Update  
Council – 10 July 2025 – 19.1 - Building Assets Portfolio Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. notes the cessation of the pause to third-party funded works to council owned buildings and facilities from 1 April 2026.
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**Dean Edsall (Senior Leader City Operations) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.**

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

**That Council:**

- 1. notes the cessation of the pause to third-party funded works to council owned buildings and facilities from 1 April 2026.**

**CARRIED 11:0**

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

**AGAINST VOTE: Nil**

**18.3. DA0071/2026 - 316-320 Invermay Road, Mowbray - Request for Fee Dispensation to Waive/Remit the Planning Application Fees**

**FILE NO:** DA0071/2026

**AUTHOR:** Duncan Payton (Town Planner)

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a request for a fee dispensation to waive the planning application fees for DA0071/2026 - 316-320 Invermay Road, Mowbray - Sports and Recreation - Construction of alterations and additions to a sporting facility and installation of signs.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - Division 7, s205 and s207*  
*Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. notes that no organisational policy exists currently that enables an officer to recommend a waiver of fees to support the development of social and affordable housing in the municipality; and
  2. refuses the request for a fee waiver and refund of the planning application fees, in the amount of \$39,368 for DA0071/2026 316-320 Invermay Road, Mowbray - Sports and Recreation - Construction of alterations and additions to a sporting facility and installation of signs.
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**Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) and Duncan Payton (Town Planner) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.**

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

**That Council:**

- 1. approves the request for a fee dispensation and waives and refunds the planning application fees, in the amount of \$39,368, for DA0071/2026 - Sports and Recreation - Construction of alterations and additions to a sporting facility and installation of signs.**

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

**18.4. Fee Waiver - Alterations and additions to East Launceston Croquet Club - 22-30 Adelaide Street, East Launceston**

**FILE NO:** 78600, SF2855

**AUTHOR:** Matthew Wood (Planning Officer - Graduate)

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To consider a request for a fee dispensation to waive the planning, plumbing, and building application fees on receipt of an application for alterations and additions to the East Launceston Croquet Club at 22-30 Adelaide Street, East Launceston.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) - Division 7, s205 and s207*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. notes that no organisational policy exists currently that enables an officer to recommend a waiver of fees to support development applications; and
  2. based on the policy, refuses the request for a fee dispensation to waive the planning, building and plumbing application fees, for the relevant applications for alterations and additions to the East Launceston Croquet Club at 22-30 Adelaide Street, East Launceston.
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**Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) and Duncan Payton (Town Planner) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.**

**Paul Godard (President East Launceston Croquet Club) spoke against the Recommendation.**

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

That Council:

1. notes that the 'Building and Training Levies' must be collected on behalf of the State Government;
2. notes that the proposal to upgrade the accessible toilet facilities of this council-owned asset, which is expected to be funded through a Tasmanian Active Infrastructure Grant, will deliver a community benefit; and
3. on the basis of the community benefit anticipated, approves the request to waive Council fees for the relevant applications for alterations and additions to the East Launceston Croquet Club at 22-30 Adelaide Street, East Launceston, specifically:
  - a. \$902 for planning application fee;
  - b. \$534 for plumbing application fee; and
  - c. if applicable, up to \$379 for the building application fee.

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

**18.5. Late Submission - 2026 Water and Sewerage Price Determination Investigation**

**FILE NO:** SF7872

**AUTHOR:** Fintan Langan-Clarke (Principal Strategic Land Use Planner)

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

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**DECISION STATEMENT:**

To endorse the submission on the 2026 Water and Sewerage Price Determination Investigation for lodgment to the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator.

**RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Council - 11 December 2025 - Agenda 22.4 - TasWater Price and Service Plan 5

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. endorses the draft submission on the 2026 water and sewage Price Determination Investigation (ECM Doc Set ID: 5351823) for lodgement with the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator.
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**Richard Jamieson (Senior Leader City Development) and Fintan Langan-Clarke (Principal Strategic Land Use Planner) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.**

**Prior to debate Chelsea van Riet (Executive Leader Community Assets and Design) noted that the report advised that the plan proposed in PSP5 is approximately \$2.8 billion in investment. TasWater have confirmed that the investment is \$1.6-1.7 billion.**

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

**That Council:**

- 1. endorses the draft submission on the 2026 water and sewage Price Determination Investigation (ECM Doc Set ID: 5351823) for lodgement with the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator.**

**CARRIED 7:4**

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

**AGAINST VOTE: Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor L M McMahon and Councillor S Cai**

## 19. DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE

### 19.1. Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator Role

**FILE NO:** SF0031/SF3177

**AUTHOR:** Jorden Gunton (Emergency Management Advisor)

**APPROVER:** Sam Johnson OAM (Chief Executive Officer)

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#### **DECISION STATEMENT:**

To obtain council endorsement for nominations to the positions of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

*Emergency Management Act 2006 (Tas)*  
*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

Council – 11 August 2022 – Agenda Item 16.1 - Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator Nominations  
Council – 28 November 2024 – Agenda Item 17.1 - Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator Roles  
Council - 10 July 2025 - Agenda Item 20.3 - Deputy Municipal Management Coordinator and Municipal Recovery Coordinator Roles

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. rescinds the appointment of Lynda Robins as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator;
  2. nominates Nathan Williams as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, with his name to be forwarded to the Minister Police, Fire and Emergency Services via the State Controller in accordance with section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006 (Tas)*;
  3. if recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved in the affirmative, recommends to the Minister Police, Fire and Emergency Services that the appointment of both roles above is for a period of (3) years;
  4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to forward nominations and notice of recission to the Minister of Police, Fire and Emergency Management via the State Controller in accordance with section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006 (Tas)*; and
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5. notes that the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.

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**Jorden Gunton (Emergency Management Advisor) was in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item.**

**Prior to the meeting a memo was circulated to Councillors advising that the following information needed to be included in the report to comply with *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025*:**

*Regulation 22 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 (the Regulations) provides that council may only overturn a decision passed at a previous meeting held since the last ordinary election by an absolute majority.*

*Regulation 22(3) requires that where a proposed motion would overturn a previous decision of Council, the associated report is to include the following:*

- (a) a statement that the proposed motion, if resolved in the affirmative, would overturn that previous decision or part of that previous decision; and*
- (b) the details of that previous decision, or the part of that previous decision, that would be overturned; and*
- (c) advice as to whether or not that previous decision, or that part of that previous decision, directed that certain action be taken; and*
- (d) if that previous decision, or that part of that previous decision, directed that certain action be taken, advice as to whether or not that action has been wholly or substantially carried out.*

*With regards to regulation 22(3):*

- (a) Recommendations 1 and 2 if resolved in the affirmative, overturn part of a decision made at the Council Meeting held on 28 November 2024 for Agenda Item 17.1. Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator Roles.*
- (b) Part 1 of the decision made on 28 November 2024 appointed Lynda Robins as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator. Recommendations 1 and 2 tabled in the Agenda for 2 April Council Meeting, if resolved in the affirmative overturn this part of the decision made on 28 November 2024 and requests that Nathan Williams be nominated as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.*
- (c) The decision made on 28 November 2024 authorised Chief Executive Officer to forward Lynda's nomination to the Minister of Police and Emergency Management via the State Controller in accordance with section 23 of the Emergency Management Act 2006.*
- (d) The action to forward the nomination to the Minister of Police and Emergency Management was Chief Executive Officer was carried out and Lynda was formally appointed to the role by the Minister on 23 December 2024.*

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

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

That Council:

1. pursuant to regulation 22 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and by absolute majority, rescinds the decision to appoint Lynda Robins as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator made on 28 November 2024 for Agenda Item 17.1. Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator Roles;
2. nominates Nathan Williams as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, with his name to be forwarded to the Minister Police, Fire and Emergency Services via the State Controller in accordance with section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006 (Tas)*;
3. if recommendations 1 and 2 are resolved in the affirmative, recommends to the Minister Police, Fire and Emergency Services that the appointment of Nathan Williams to the role above is for a period of (3) years;
4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to forward the nomination and notice of recission to the Minister of Police, Fire and Emergency Management via the State Controller in accordance with section 23 of the *Emergency Management Act 2006 (Tas)*; and
5. notes that the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 11:0**

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

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

## 20. STRATEGY AND INNOVATION

### 20.1. Lease - St Leonards Soldiers Memorial Hall

**FILE NO:** SF2967

**AUTHOR:** Sharin Imlach (Lease Officer)

**APPROVER:** Jane Lewis (Executive Leader Strategy and Innovation)

#### DECISION STATEMENT:

To consider the lease of part of 14 Station Road, St Leonards, known as the St Leonards Soldiers Memorial Hall to NOSS Tasmania.

#### RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

*Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)*

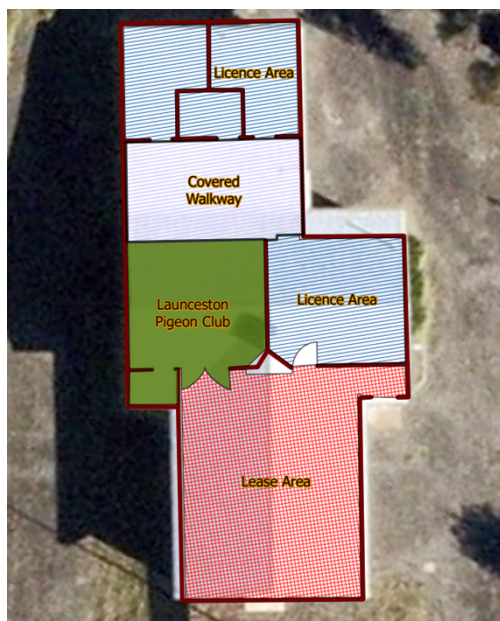
#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Council – 27 July 2023 - 15.2 - Lease – 14 Station Road, St Leonards (Soldiers Memorial Hall) - Launceston Pigeon Society Incorporated.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)* and by absolute majority, forms the intention to lease part of the land situated at 14 Station Road, St Leonards (CT 48389/6), known as the The St Leonards Soldiers Memorial Hall, as identified in the plan below:





2. requires that formal notice be given of the intention to lease that part of the land, as required by section 178(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).
3. requires the terms of the intended lease be as follows:
  - a. the lessee will be Noss Tasmania;
  - b. the lease will commence on the 30 April 2026 and will conclude on the 30 June 2028;
  - c. the commencing rent will be \$347.62 per annum;
  - d. the lessee to be responsible for:
    - i. energy costs;
    - ii. volumetric and connection charges for water;
    - iii. contents insurance; and
    - iv. other service charges if any.
4. the lessee must continuously maintain:
  - i. building in good and reasonable order;
  - ii. and keep clear all noxious growth from premises;
  - iii. hold public liability insurance of at least \$20 million;
5. the Council is to be responsible for structural maintenance.
6. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a. ensure that formal notice is given of the intention to lease part of the land, as required by section 178(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas);
  - b. subject to any objection being received during the statutory notice period;
    - i. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions;
    - ii. implement the intention to lease the premises by signing a binding lease agreement with the lessee;
    - iii. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease;
7. 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*.

Sharin Imlach (Team Leader Property) and Erica Deegan (Senior Leader Property and Asset Strategy) were in attendance to answer questions in respect of this item. A table of questions asked by Councillors during debate is included after the decision.

Ruth Chalk spoke for the Recommendation

**DECISION:** 2 April 2026

**MOTION**

Moved Councillor A G Harris, seconded Councillor R A I Marsden.

That Council:

1. pursuant to section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and by absolute majority, forms the intention to lease part of the land situated at 14 Station Road, St Leonards (CT 48389/6), known as the St Leonards Soldiers Memorial Hall, as identified in the plan below:



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  - a. the lessee will be Noss Tasmania;
  - b. the lease will commence on the 30 April 2026 and will conclude on the 30 June 2028;
  - c. the commencing rent will be \$347.62 per annum;
  - d. the lessee to be responsible for:
    - i. energy costs;
    - ii. volumetric and connection charges for water;
    - iii. contents insurance; and
    - iv. other service charges if any.
4. the lessee must continuously maintain:
  - i. building in good and reasonable order;
  - ii. and keep clear all noxious growth from premises;
  - iii. hold public liability insurance of at least \$20 million;
5. the Council is to be responsible for structural maintenance.
6. requests the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a. ensure that formal notice is given of the intention to lease part of the land, as required by section 178(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas);
  - b. subject to any objection being received during the statutory notice period;
    - i. determine the exact dimensions of the land to be leased and all remaining terms and conditions;
    - ii. implement the intention to lease the premises by signing a binding lease agreement with the lessee;
    - iii. exercise any of Council's rights, options, or discretions necessary for the proper administration of the lease;
7. 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 BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 11:0**

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

COUNCILLOR	QUESTION	RESPONSE
Councillor A G Harris	Does the current Pigeon Club lease prevent shared use of the building, and could subleasing be used to allow multiple tenants?	<b>Team Leader Property</b> <i>This is a property where the main hall space has been underutilised for quite some time. The Pigeon Club has a lease over one room at the back of the hall. They also hold a licence that allows shared use of the toilets and kitchen facilities. Because of the existing Pigeon Club lease, the main hall itself has been sitting vacant and has not been able to be placed on Council's bookable system. We have been searching for some time for a suitable organisation to utilise that space. The Pigeon Club is on board with this decision, and Noss is fully aware of the lease arrangement at the back of the hall.</i>

**21. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NETWORK**

**No Items were identified as part of these Minutes.**

**22. LATE ITEMS**

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

**No Late Items were identified as part of these Minutes.**

**23. CLOSED COUNCIL**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**23.1. Confirmation of the Minutes**

**REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:**

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

**23.2. Ravenswood Over 50s Club Lease**

**REASON FOR CLOSED COUNCIL:**

This item is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with regulation 17(2)(d) 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.

**23.3. End of Closed Session**

**DECISION: 2 April 2026**

**MOTION**

**Moved Councillor A J Britton, seconded Councillor A J Palmer.**

**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 A G Harris, Councillor T G Walker, Councillor J J Pentridge, Councillor A J Palmer, Councillor L M McMahon, Councillor S Cai, Councillor A J Britton, Councillor K M Preece and Councillor R A I Marsden

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

Council moved into Closed Session at 2.28pm.  
Council returned to Open Session at 2.54pm.

### 23.3. End of Closed Session

**DECISION:** 2 April 2026

#### **MOTION**

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

That Council:

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

<b>Minutes Item</b>	<b>Matter</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
<b>23.1</b>	<b><i>Closed Council Minutes 5 March 2026</i></b>	<b><i>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the City of Launceston Council held on 5 March 2026.</i></b>
<b>23.2</b>	<b><i>Ravenswood Over 50s Club - Lease</i></b>	<b><i>Council considered options for the Ravenswood Over 50s Club lease.</i></b>

**CARRIED 11:0**

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

**AGAINST VOTE:** Nil

**24. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING DATE**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 1.00pm on 16 April 2026 at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston.

**25. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Mayor, Councillor M K Garwood, closed the Meeting at 2.55pm.