

CITY OF HOBART

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# Community Safety Commitment 2019

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# INTRODUCTION

Hobart is known as one of the most beautiful, liveable and safe cities in the world. 'Our city feels friendly and safe, but we know not everyone experiences our city this way, and we could do better' (*Identity Statement 3.4\**). We aspire to be a safe city where everyone feels safe and is safe, including in public places; a city in which we look after one another.

This Community Safety Commitment reflects the community's aspirations articulated through the Community Vision, providing a framework from which to examine community safety. The Commitment outlines key partnerships and focus areas and sets out clear goals and priorities for action in 2019. The City of Hobart makes this Commitment in the knowledge that when people are connected to their community, they hear their community, they care for their community; making it a safer place for everyone.

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES FROM THE COMMUNITY VISION FOR OUR ISLAND CAPITAL

Our city feels friendly and safe – but we know not everyone experiences our city this way, and we could do better.

*Identity Statement 3.4\**

Diversity in culture, nationality, ethnicity, race, gender, sexuality, ability, age, body, family, recreation, profession, personal strengths, income level, language, education, life experiences and more make up each of us and, together, make up our city. We recognise and embrace the rich complexity diversity brings to our lives—we are all part of creating Hobart's identity.

*Pillar 2.2.3\**

We create and retain spaces where people feel connected with Hobart, each other and the environment, where we are safe, engaged and inspired.

*Pillar 1.3.3\**

Our connections are one of our biggest assets, and we encourage each other to build strong networks between people, businesses, education and government. We connect industry sectors with jobseekers. We enable clever and resourceful people to find each other and collaborate.

*Pillar 4.4.1*

We recognise and face inequalities, poverty and disadvantage in our communities.

*Pillar 2.2.7\**

We make Hobart the most inclusive city in the world, a city that welcomes all.

*Pillar 2.2.1\**

Hobart's isolation and scale have required resilience. We know that future challenges will demand that we work hard and work together. But we are our best selves in times of adversity and vulnerability. We are caring, helpful and supportive of everyone at all times but especially when things get tough. We flourish in times of hardship.

*Pillar 2.6.1\**

\* Denotes reference to the Community Vision for our Island Capital ([hobartcity.com.au/Council/Strategies-and-plans](http://hobartcity.com.au/Council/Strategies-and-plans))







## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This Commitment aligns with the mission, values and goals of the Capital City Strategic Plan 2015-2025 and the Social Inclusion Strategy 2014-2019 ([hobartcity.com.au/Council/Strategies-and-plans](http://hobartcity.com.au/Council/Strategies-and-plans)). In particular, the Commitment responds directly to the following goals from the Capital City Strategic Plan:

- Partner with stakeholders to promote Hobart as a safe and culturally receptive city with a quality urban and natural environment.  
*Strategic Objective 1.2.2\**
- Implement strategies for positive ageing, youth, equal access, children and families and multicultural programs.  
*Strategic Objective 4.1.2\**
- Build capacity and resilience so the community is prepared for emergency situations.  
*Strategic Objective 4.3.1\**
- Engage and support the community to address safety and social issues within the night-time economy.  
*Strategic Objective 4.3.8*

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# COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERS

We use our connections and networks to enable participation in civic life. Our strong partnerships support collaboration across councils, community organisations, businesses and other levels of government.

The City of Hobart draws upon our reference and advisory groups to guide our community safety action. These groups are integral to our work, providing advice and perspective and partnering actively on projects:

- Access Advisory Committee
- Children and Families Network
- Community Sector Reference Group
- Events Coordination Committee
- Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Hobart Older Persons' Reference Group
- Networking for Harmony Multicultural Advisory Group
- Youth Action Priorities
- Youth Advisory Squad

The City of Hobart continues to build upon existing partnerships whilst creating new strategic partnerships to enable cohesive, collaborative responses to our local challenges.

Key partners include:

- Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council
- Bicycle Network of Tasmania
- Business community
- Capital Cities Council of Lord Mayor's, Safe Cities Network
- Colony 47
- Council of the Ageing
- Crime Stoppers
- Department of Communities Tasmania
- Department of Education Tasmania
- Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management
- Department of State Growth Tasmania
- Drug Education Network
- Equal Opportunity Tasmania
- Greater Hobart Councils
- Liquor Licensing Commissioner
- Local Government Association of Tasmania
- Local security agencies
- Local traffic committees (Glebe, Lenah Valley/Mount Stuart, South Hobart, West Hobart)
- Migrant Resource Centre
- Multicultural Council of Tasmania
- National Association for Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect
- RACT
- Road Safety Council of Tasmania
- Salvation Army
- Shelter Tasmania
- Southern Homelessness Sector Network
- Tasmanian Hospitality Association
- Tasmania Police
- Taxi industry
- The Link Youth Health Service
- Tobacco Control Unit, DHHS
- University of Tasmania
- Waterfront Business Association
- Youth Network of Tasmania

## PRIORITIES FOR ACTION 2019 – 2020

We think globally and act locally. As local government, it is important that we recognise the significant global safety challenges and consider how they impact us at the local level, responding proactively in collaboration with our partners.

The City of Hobart recognises that not everyone's experience of safety is the same. We acknowledge these particular populations for priority action:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Children and young people
- LGBTIQ
- Multicultural Communities
- Older persons
- People with a disability
- Visitors to the City
- Women



The City of Hobart has chosen three significant global challenges to act locally on during 2019, ensuring that Hobart remains a place where everyone feels safe and is safe. These are detailed below.

<b>GLOBAL CHALLENGES</b>		
<b>Safety in public spaces</b>	<b>Alcohol and other drugs</b>	<b>Violence against women and children</b>
<b>LOCAL FOCUS AREAS</b>		
Building security Climate change (including heat stress) Community resilience in disaster recovery Competing road needs of pedestrians/motor vehicles/bicycles Congestion Graffiti Homelessness/rough sleeping Increased visitation numbers Local terrorism threats Perceptions of safety Personal safety at festivals and events Prejudice, discrimination, vilification, xenophobia Public order Response to disasters Safety at public transport hubs Safety in bushlands Safety online Seasonality	Access to treatment services Alcohol and/or drug impairment for road users Community cohesion and inclusion Drug education Drug misuse and trafficking Employment stress Housing stress Late night entertainment Mental health and wellbeing Misuse of alcohol and other drugs at festivals and events Public order	Access to education, information and resources Accommodation sharing Child safety Community cohesion and connection Elder abuse Employment stress Family violence Housing stress Public transport safety and availability Safety in public places Safety online Sexual violence

## CURRENT AND ONGOING ACTION

<p>Aboriginal Programs</p> <p>CCTV</p> <p>Community Engagement Framework</p> <p>Community Grants program</p> <p>Creative Hobart Strategy</p> <p>Emergency Management and Recovery Plans</p> <p>Equal Access Strategy</p> <p>Fire Management Plans</p> <p>Graffiti Management Plan</p> <p>Healthy Hobart</p> <p>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>International Student Ambassador Program</p> <p>Multicultural Programs</p> <p>Place making and activation</p> <p>Positive Ageing Programs</p> <p>Public art, including Playful Cities</p> <p>Racism. It Stops with Me</p> <p>Road Safety Projects</p> <p>Safe work practices and maintenance of assets</p> <p>Smoke free public places</p> <p>Use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles</p> <p>Wayfinding</p> <p>Youth Programs</p>	<p>Community Grants Program</p> <p>Late night public toilet initiative (at Salamanca Square)</p> <p>Liquor license monitoring</p> <p>Public toilet educative posters initiative</p> <p>Smoke free public places and outdoor dining areas</p> <p>Street Teams Project</p> <p>Youth Programs</p>	<p>Children and Families Programs</p> <p>Child safety training</p> <p>Community Grants Program</p> <p>Delivery of homelessness and anti-poverty initiatives</p> <p>Family Violence Policy - support for staff experiencing family violence</p> <p>Positive Ageing Programs</p> <p>Youth Programs</p>
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## NEW INITIATIVES AND GOALS

<p>Development of a Reconciliation Action Plan</p> <p>Explore opportunities for multicultural business start-up mentoring</p> <p>Explore opportunities to reduce stigma/negativity of young people in public spaces</p> <p>Formalise work in support of LGBTIQ inclusion</p> <p>Participation in the Welcoming Cities initiative</p> <p>Safety in crowded places project</p> <p>Smart City initiatives including CCTV operations hub</p>	<p>Build clearer processes for considering safety issues regarding liquor licensing and planning applications</p> <p>Create a network of stakeholders associated with the late night economy to be able to respond collaboratively to associated challenges</p> <p>Explore opportunities to further reduce the incidence of smoking in the City</p>	<p>Exploration of collaborative initiatives to directly respond to family violence. Examples of initiatives that will be explored are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information provision, web and print</li> <li>• Training frontline staff to recognise and respond to family violence</li> </ul> <p>Explore potential for the introduction of Ask for Angela program in licensed premises</p>
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