



CITY OF HOBART

# **AGENDA**

## **Special Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting**

### **Open Portion**

**Monday, 5 August 2019**

**at 4.50 pm**

**Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall**

## THE MISSION

**Working together to make Hobart a better place for the community.**

## THE VALUES

**The Council is:**

<b>People</b>	We value people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
<b>Teamwork</b>	We collaborate both within the organisation and with external stakeholders drawing on skills and expertise for the benefit of our community.
<b>Focus and Direction</b>	We have clear goals and plans to achieve sustainable social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Hobart community.
<b>Creativity and Innovation</b>	We embrace new approaches and continuously improve to achieve better outcomes for our community.
<b>Accountability</b>	We work to high ethical and professional standards and are accountable for delivering outcomes for our community.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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**Business listed on the agenda is to be conducted in the order in which it is set out, unless the committee by simple majority determines otherwise.**

### **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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**Special Economic Development & Communications Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Monday, 5 August 2019 at 4.50 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Thomas (Chairman)  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Dutta  
Ewin

**Apologies:**

**Leave of Absence:**

**NON-MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Briscoe  
Denison  
Harvey  
Behrakis  
Sherlock

**1. CO-OPTION OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY**

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**2. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(7) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Members of the committee are requested to indicate where they may have any pecuniary or conflict of interest in respect to any matter appearing on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which the committee has resolved to deal with.

**3. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

A committee may close a part of a meeting to the public where a matter to be discussed falls within 15(2) of the above regulations.

In the event that the committee transfer an item to the closed portion, the reasons for doing so should be stated.

Are there any items which should be transferred from this agenda to the closed portion of the agenda, or from the closed to the open portion of the agenda?

## **4. REPORTS**

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### **4.1 Invitation to Visit Sister City of L'Aquila File Ref: F19/102564**

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Memorandum of the Economic Development Project Officer and the Director Community Life of 2 August 2019 and attachments.

Delegation: Council



City of **HOBART**

## MEMORANDUM: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### Invitation to Visit Sister City of L'Aquila

This memorandum relates to a potential international delegation to visit Hobart's sister city of L'Aquila (Italy) on 28-29 August 2019.

The Lord Mayor on 23 July 2019 received an invitation to attend the 725<sup>th</sup> 'Perdonanza Celestiniana' (**Attachment A**). This is for the Lord Mayor or representative and two other invitees.

The Perdonanza Celestiniana is a world renowned holy festival attracting approximately 30,000 people to L'Aquila. Each year the solemn rite of the Perdonanza (forgiveness) is renewed. This rite was granted by Peter of Morrone who was elected as pope in 1288 in L'Aquila. The rite was that 'plenary indulgence' (forgiveness for sins) could be granted to anyone who repented sincerely (previously it had only been granted to people with wealth). This is the most significant event that takes place in L'Aquila annually.

The City of Hobart has been invited to this event in the past (including last year) however, to date has not been able to attend. This is the time that L'Aquila prefers to host visits as they invite all of their sister cities at this time and hold a formal meeting for them. L'Aquila is also sister city to Bariloche (Argentina), Cuenca (Ecuador), Zielona Gora (Poland), Sant'Angelo d'Alife (Italy) and Siena (Italy).

A delegation from Hobart last visited L'Aquila in May 2017 as part of a European study tour on invitation from UTAS. This delegation comprised the Lord Mayor, four elected members and two senior Council officers. This visit marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city relationship and was valuable in terms of discussing the future of the relationship. It also gave the delegation a much clearer understanding of the re-building effort that L'Aquila is going through, since the devastating earthquake of 2009. The visit strengthened the bonds between L'Aquila and Hobart through officers and elected members. Unfortunately soon after the visit, a new Mayor was elected. Representatives of the City are yet to meet the current Mayor of L'Aquila (Mayor Biondi) face to face.

Visiting L'Aquila in August 2019 would be in line with the City's International Relations Action Plan stating that visits to friendship cities should be conducted every two years. It would be a timely opportunity to meet Mayor Biondi and build relationships with him and his administration. It must be noted that one of the founders of the Abruzzese Association Mr Nic Ranalli is currently in L'Aquila and has arranged a meeting with Mayor Biondi to discuss the city to city relationship. Following up this meeting with a visit from Hobart elected members would be a very strong message to L'Aquila that Hobart would like the relationship to be more active.

The Abruzzese Association is the driving force behind the Hobart – L'Aquila sister city relationship. With over 200 members, it represents many of the first Italian migrants to Tasmania who came from the Abruzzo region of Italy. The association comprises some of the original migrants, their children, grand-children and great grand-children who place huge value on this the link to their heritage, through a formal sister city relationship. The Abruzzese Association supports this visit and the significance of the Perdonanza Celestiniana to L'Aquila (**Attachment B**).

### Costs

Elected members will be aware of section G of Council's Elected Member Development and Support Policy that states:

*"Individual elected members may elect to participate in Council funded and approved international city relationship delegations, up to a maximum budget allocation of \$6,000, during their four-year term of office."*

Should elected members seek nomination for this visit to L'Aquila, all costs associated with the visit will be deducted from their individual allocation of \$6,000.

Accommodation is budgeted at \$300 per person per night. It is estimated that the visit would be for approximately 6 nights (not including overnight flights). Total accommodation = \$1,800.

A non-flexible return economy class flight departing around Sunday 25 August and returning on Saturday 31 August will cost approximately \$1,900.

A return bus from Rome to L'Aquila approximately \$40.

Other costs include elected member allowance \$40 p/d =  $40 \times 7 = \$280$ .

Meal budget \$100 p/d =  $100 \times 7 = \$700$ .

Other transport = \$100.

Total estimated cost of the visit per elected member is **\$4,820** and would be funded from the International Relationships line item within the Elected Member Allowance and Expense function of the 2019-20 Annual Plan. A total of \$36,000 is available in the budget for this financial year.

**RECOMMENDATION****That:**

1. ***The Council notes the invitation to the Lord Mayor plus two additional invitees by Hobart's sister city L'Aquila to attend the Perdonanza Celestiniana festival in L'Aquila in August 2019.***
2. ***The Lord Mayor or nominee attend the Perdonanza Celestiniana Festival.***
3. ***Council seeks nominations for one additional elected member to attend the Perdonanza Celestiniana Festival.***
4. ***That the estimated costs of \$4,820 per elected member to travel to Hobart's sister city L'Aquila be noted.***

***(i) This is to be deducted from the elected member allocation of \$6,000 per elected member, per four year term for international city relationship delegations.***

5. ***The General Manager or his nominee also attend.***

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*



Lucy Knott  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
OFFICER**



Tim Short  
**DIRECTOR COMMUNITY LIFE**

Date: 2 August 2019  
File Reference: F19/102564

Attachment A: Invitation from L'Aquila to the Perdonanza Celestiniana ↓  
Attachment B: Email from the Abruzzese Association re: Perdonanza Celestiniana ↓



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**Perdonanza  
 Celestiniana**  
 IL PRIMO GIUBILEO DELLA STORIA



Comune dell'Aquila  
*Città della memoria  
 e della conoscenza*



M. prot. 79182

L'Aquila, 22 luglio 2019

**To the Mayor of Hobart**  
 lord.mayor@hobartcity.com.au

**Object:** 725<sup>a</sup> Perdonanza Celestiniana.

Dear Mayor,

on my own and behalf the City Council, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 725th edition of "Perdonanza Celestiniana", an event that distinguishes our City in the world.

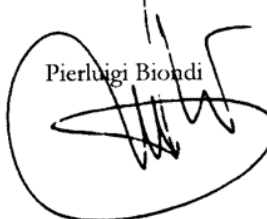
We would be really happy if you would participate, along with a delegation of two other people, the events scheduled for August 28 e 29.

In particular, we invite you to attend the meeting scheduled with the Twin Cities and the Historic Procession of the Bull, respectively in the morning and the afternoon of August 28.

The next day, You can also participate in the procession of the return of the Bull, which will take place after the closing of the Holy Door scheduled at 7 pm.

Will follow the program of the event.

Waiting for king reply (by 10 August), we send our best regards.

Pierluigi Biondi  


**Comitato Edizione 725<sup>a</sup> Perdonanza Celestiniana**  
 Comune dell'Aquila, Via San Bernardino (Palazzo Fibbioni) – L'Aquila  
[www.perdonanza-celestiniana.it](http://www.perdonanza-celestiniana.it)  
[perdonanza.eventi@comune.laquila.it](mailto:perdonanza.eventi@comune.laquila.it)

**From:** [Tony De Cesare](#)  
**To:** [Lucy Knott](#)  
**Subject:** Perdonanza Celestiniana - L'Aquila  
**Date:** 01 August 2019 15:35:51

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Dear Lucy,

At a recent meeting of the Abruzzese Association of Hobart we discussed the significance of the Perdonanza Celestiniana to Hobart's sister city of L'Aquila.

As you may know the event is now in it's 725th year having commenced in 1294. It is a significant cultural tradition in the region as well as to the city of L'Aquila and representation by officials from the city of Hobart would be well received in Italy. The rite marks the anniversary of Pope Celestine V's coronation as Pope and his Papal Bull granting perpetual plenary indulgence to forgive the sins of the faithful of L'Aquila. This extended a rite that had previously only been granted to a few rich petitioners to the poor and dispossessed of the area.

We received notification that Hobart City Council was invited to the celebration this year - perhaps too late for plans to be made to travel which would be a shame. The association would be pleased if the city of Hobart were able to have representatives attend. Perhaps if representatives are unable to attend this year, it could form part of forward planning for 2020. The pardoning ceremony is on August 28 and 29 every year with several other events in the preceding week .

The association would appreciate consideration being given to attending the ceremonies.

Kind regards,

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