



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Community, Culture and Events Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 29 October 2020

at 5:30 pm

THE MISSION

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

THE VALUES

The Council is:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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.

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**Community, Culture and Events Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held
Thursday, 29 October 2020 at 5:30 pm.**

**This meeting of the Community Culture and Events Committee is held in
accordance with a Notice issued by the Premier on 3 April 2020 under section
18 of the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sherlock (Chairman)
Sexton
Harvey
Dutta
Ewin

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Nil.

NON-MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Zucco
Briscoe
Thomas
Behrakis
Coats

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Community, Culture and Events Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 24 September 2020](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

Ref: Part 2, Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

Recommendation

That the Committee resolve to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager.

4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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.

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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?

6. REPORTS

6.1 City of Hobart Grants Program - Review of City Partnership Program File Ref: F19/141602; 15/153-174

Report of the Community Activation and Grants Coordinator, the Manager Activation Programs and Tourism, and the Acting General Manager of 21 October 2020.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: CITY OF HOBART GRANTS PROGRAM - REVIEW OF CITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Community Activation and Grants Coordinator
Manager Activation Programs and Tourism
Acting General Manager**1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit**

- 1.1. This report responds to a Council resolution for a review of the City Partnership program, specifically to consider other organisations or events that could be included within the program in future years.
- 1.2. Instead of looking at City Partnerships in isolation, this report proposes a broader review of City of Hobart events grants with the potential to realign these grants to offer a fairer, more streamlined and strategic events funding program that meets the needs of event organisers and the community.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. The community organisations and events currently supported through the City Partnerships program have provided significant community and cultural activation into the life of Hobart.
- 2.2. The program offers advantages for officers and recipients, creating an ongoing and fixed financial relationship with community events that helps define the calendar of events for Hobart. However, it is not consistently applied and the mechanism to invite new entrants is not clearly articulated creating an opportunity to review the program to establish whether it remains fit-for-purpose.
- 2.3. When considering future membership of the City Partnership program, officers undertook research of other capital and major regional city council event funding programs.
- 2.4. A two stream model that provides entry level funding and a further pathway to maturity and sustainability for community-based and professional events and festivals is one possibility that warrants further examination.
- 2.5. However, it is recognised that assumptions around the viability and sustainability of events and festivals made pre-COVID may no longer hold true.
- 2.6. As a result, a review of all events grants streams is proposed with officers engaging with stakeholders to consult on any considerations that could be included in a future grants program offered by the City of Hobart and to ensure the program is fair and strategic in its objectives.

- 2.7. City Partnership agreements expire in June 2022 so any proposed change to this or any of the grants would need to be in place well before this expiry date to give all stakeholders sufficient lead time to plan accordingly. This would involve a further report to the Council.
- 2.8. It is not proposed to hold back any grants in the 2020-21 financial year.

3. Recommendation

That:

1. ***The Council endorse a broader review of the City of Hobart event grants which include the City Partnerships, Event Partnerships and Event Medium grants be conducted in consultation with stakeholders to be undertaken during 2021.***
2. ***The review to consider the realignment of these grants to offer a fairer, more streamlined and strategic event funding program that meets the needs of event organisers and the community.***

4. Background

- 4.1. The City Partnerships program was developed in 2017-18 to support longstanding annual events to ensure their viability over the long term so they would be able to continue to add to the vibrancy of Hobart.
- 4.2. Through the adoption of this program, the City of Hobart formalised longstanding relationships it had with the following community organisations and events under a single banner:
 - Festa Italia (supported since 2008)
 - Estia Greek Festival (supported since 1997)
 - The Royal Hobart Regatta (active since 1834)
 - The Sandy Bay Regatta (active since 1839)
 - The City of Hobart Eisteddfod (supported since 1951)
 - RSL Tasmania, Hobart ANZAC Day Commemorative Committee (supported since 1925).
- 4.3. The community organisations and events currently supported through this program have provided significant community and cultural activation into the life of Hobart. Some events - the Royal Hobart and Sandy Bay Regattas – pre-date the formation of the Hobart local government authority by more than a decade.

- 4.4. The City Partnerships program offers advantages for officers and recipients, creating an ongoing and assured, but fixed financial relationship with community events that help define the calendar of events for Hobart. These advantages include (but are not limited to):
- Allowing organisations to undertake ongoing planning for key events without having to apply for grants every year;
 - Organisations to have surety over the amount of funds that are available;
 - The City to budget and plan for events that it has an overarching commitment to, providing better use of resources and time management.
- 4.5. At its inception, the program consolidated existing grant funding and some in-kind allocations into the one 'City Partnership' in order to provide greater transparency and accountability.
- 4.6. The program is operated under the aegis of the City of Hobart Policy 'Grants Program' and it differs from other grant streams as recipients do not complete an application form but rather provide information each year as to how they intend to spend the money prior to their event.
- 4.7. The City Partnership program has specific guidelines and criteria for eligibility as outlined in the relevant policy. The current criteria are:
- Events that have been delivered within the City of Hobart for at least ten (10) years and have a significant usage of City of Hobart facilities and personnel;
 - City Partnership grants are for events that are determined by the Council to warrant ongoing partnership status due to them acting as a significant event for the community;
 - Small to mid-sized community, cultural or commemorative events that are not eligible to apply for Event Partnerships Grant funding;
 - Events that are held on or in City of Hobart property or venues and that utilise City of Hobart infrastructure, services and/or equipment;
 - The program does not provide support for sporting or recreational focussed events and activities.
- 4.8. Organisations are invited by the City to become a City Partner, based on the above criteria, previous support and size of the event however a process to do this is not clearly articulated.
- 4.9. Support offered through the program varies in amount:
- \$10,000 City of Hobart Eisteddfod
 - \$10,000 Festa Italia

- \$10,000 Estia Greek Festival
 - \$30,000 Royal Hobart Regatta
 - \$30,000 RSL Tasmania ANZAC Day Commemoration
 - \$30,000 Sandy Bay Regatta.
- 4.10. The City Partnership program amounts are adjusted annually in line with the Consumer Price Index for Hobart, and in the case of in-kind support, consistent with changes to the City's annual Fees and Charges, ensuring that the City's support does not diminish over the life of each agreement.
- 4.10.1. The 2019-20 financial year saw the first indexation of the support offered.
- 4.10.2. This is the only grant program that the city operates that is indexed in this way.
- 4.11. In 2018, the Council resolved to extend the program to include the Tasmanian Theatre Council to support the annual theatre awards.
- 4.12. This partnership was offered in January 2019 for four years rather than five to ensure its anniversary and review would align with the existing partnerships (June 2022).
- 4.13. The partnership was offered at \$10,000 aligning it to the City of Hobart Eisteddfod, Festa Italia and Estia Greek Festival.
- 4.14. It is noted that the support of the Tasmanian Theatre Council does not meet many of the stated requirements of the City Partnership program, specifically:
- The Tasmanian Theatre Council annual awards event is only 4 years old;
 - There is no utilisation of City facilities and services in its delivery;
 - The support offered is wholly taken as 'cash'.

Future Program Membership

- 4.15. When considering future membership of the City Partnership program, officers undertook research of other capital and regional city council events funding programs.
- 4.16. A possible model has been identified that would (a) provide seed funding for new and emerging community-based and professional events and festivals and (b) a pathway to maturity, sustainability and security for well-established and ongoing community-based and professional events and festivals.

- 4.17. However, it is important to note that assumptions around the viability and sustainability of festivals and events made pre-COVID may no longer hold true.
- 4.17.1. Consultation earlier this year with an arts industry advisory group in regard to City of Hobart grants provided valuable insight as to the issues facing the arts and cultural sector arising from COVID-19.
- 4.18. By way of example, the following is a broad outline of what a future model could look like:
- Event Emerging - for events that are determined by assessment panel and approved by the General Manager that are an emerging (under 4 years old), new or one-off event.
 - Event Partnership - for events more than 4 years old. This stream might be broken down into tiers with associated criteria and varied agreement terms. It would include provision for events that have been previously been funded through the City Partnership and Events Partnership program.
- 4.19. A broader review of City of Hobart event grants with the potential to realign these grants to offer a fairer, more streamlined and strategic events funding program that meets the needs of event organisers and the community is proposed as an alternative to reviewing the City Partnership program in isolation.
- 4.20. In order to progress a holistic review, it is proposed that consultation with affected stakeholders would be undertaken over the course of 2021.
- 4.21. The current event grants programs that would be included in the review include the following:
- 4.21.1. Event Partnerships Grant -
- Event Partnerships funding has been offered since 2016-17 and provides funding over \$20,000 per applicant.
 - 2020-21 financial year allocation is \$205,000.
 - One annual round in June each year.
- 4.21.2. Event Medium Grant -
- Event Medium funding has been offered since 2016-17 and provides funding up to \$20,000 per applicant.
 - 2020-21 financial year allocation is \$140,000.
 - Two annual rounds each year in February and August.
- 4.22. City Partnership agreements expire in June 2022 so any proposed change to this or any of the grants would need to be in place well before

this expiry date to give all stakeholders sufficient lead time to plan accordingly. This would involve a further report and decision by the Council.

4.23. It is not proposed to hold back any grants in the 2020-21 financial year.

5. Proposal and Implementation

5.1. It is proposed to undertake a broader review of City of Hobart event grants with the potential to realign these grants to offer a fairer, more streamlined and strategic event funding program that meets the needs of event organisers and the community as an alternative to reviewing the City Partnership program in isolation.

5.2. Stakeholder engagement would be undertaken during 2021 and would enable the City to understand any considerations that could be included in a future grants program.

5.3. The event grant programs that would be included in the review include the City Partnerships, Event Partnerships and Event Medium.

5.4. It is not proposed to hold back any grants in the 2020-21 financial year while the review is undertaken.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

6.1. The City of Hobart Grants Program aligns with the following identity statements and pillars of *Hobart: A community vision for our island capital*:

Identity Statement 5 - how we live.

Pillar 2 - Community inclusion, participation and belonging

2.3 - We are connected...we create opportunities for new connections to develop.

2.5 - We are healthy, joyful and content...our natural and built spaces and facilities enable activity and support and enhance our health and wellbeing.

Pillar 3 - Creativity and culture

3.2 - We are a creative and cultural capital...we are home to some of Tasmania's best-loved cultural institutions. We support them and invite others to enjoy them.

3.4 - We support our artists...we are a city that supports its writers, visual artists, filmmakers, performers, producers and venues.

6.2. The provision of Event Partnerships grant aligns very strongly with both the *Creative Hobart Strategy* and the *Social Inclusion Strategy 2014-19*.

- 6.3. The City and Event Partnerships and Event Medium categories of the Event Grant stream respond to Pillars 1, 2, 3, and 6 of the *Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29*, specifically:
- 1.1 *Hobart keeps a strong sense of place and identity, even as the city changes.*
 - 2.1 *Hobart is a place that recognises and celebrates Tasmanian Aboriginal people, history and culture, working together towards shared goals.*
 - 2.2 *Hobart is a place where diversity is celebrated and everyone can belong, and where people have opportunities to learn about one another and participate in city life.*
 - 3.1 *Hobart is a creative and cultural capital where creativity is a way of life.*
 - 3.2 *Creativity serves as a platform for raising awareness and promoting understanding of diverse cultures and issues.*
 - 3.4 *Civic and heritage spaces support creativity, resulting in a vibrant public realm.*

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
- 7.1.1. The 2020-21 annual allocation is \$133,549 for City Partnerships, \$205,000 for Event Partnerships Grant and \$140,000 for Event Medium Grant.
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
- 7.2.1. These are as yet unknown and would be provided to the Council in a report subsequent to the proposed program review.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
- 7.3.1. It should be noted that a significant portion of the funding allocated to City Partnerships is expended internally.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. There are no legal, risk or legislative considerations as part of this report.

9. Environmental Considerations

- 9.1. The projects recommended through the City of Hobart Grants Program are required to, wherever possible, support the objectives of the City of Hobart Waste Management Strategy 2015-30. In particular, applicants must outline their commitment to sustainable events, certified compostable food packaging and reducing waste to landfill.

10. Social and Customer Considerations

10.1. The events and activities supported through this program have an implicit relationship with the City of Hobart, either through civic or social obligations or historical connections that are highly valued.

11. Marketing and Media

11.1. There are no potential marketing and media issues as part of this report.

12. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

12.1. A community engagement strategy will be developed to ensure affected stakeholders have an opportunity to contribute to the proposal that will be presented to the Council.

13. Delegation

13.1. This matter is delegated to the Council.

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.



Louisa Gordon
**COMMUNITY ACTIVATION AND
GRANTS COORDINATOR**



Tim Short
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Date: 21 October 2020
File Reference: F19/141602; 15/153-174



Iris Goetzki
**MANAGER ACTIVATION PROGRAMS
AND TOURISM**

6.2 Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2016-19 Review Update
File Ref: F20/112342; 17/239

Memorandum of the Acting General Manager and the Director City
Planning of 21 October 2020.

Delegation: Council



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2016-19 Review Update

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Council with an update on the review of the Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2016-19. The focus of the review is the development of an amended strategy that outlines the City's commitment to affordable housing issues and that also identifies specific actions that the Council can take to address local homelessness.

BACKGROUND

The Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2016-19 (HHS) was endorsed by the Council on 25 July 2016. It has provided the City with a framework within which to address a range of issues connected to affordable housing and homelessness.

The Strategy identified a range of actions that the Council committed to undertaking through its annual and unit planning processes. Many of these actions have been successfully delivered, with the City taking on a leadership role particularly in the homelessness space in Hobart and more broadly within Tasmania.

The HHS's actions include working with and advocating to State and Federal government agencies, ensuring strategic alignment with other Council documents and delivering of a range of actions that strengthen the housing and homelessness sector. Most importantly, many of the actions that the City has delivered have involved and have had a positive impact on individual community members who have experienced homelessness.

City of Hobart staff were to review the HHS in 2019, this however was delayed until the Tasmanian Government released the *Affordable Housing Action Plan 2019-23* (March 2019), and the *Towards Infill Housing* report (August 2019) and whilst the City Deal was being developed.

It is noted that the City of Hobart has continued to undertake and deliver a significant number of engagement processes over the past 18 months to develop the community's understanding of affordable housing and homelessness.

There has been an ever changing landscape in both the affordable housing and homelessness space both locally and nationally requiring an adaptive and flexible response to be able to maximise opportunities for engagement.

The engagements over the past 18 months includes:

Homelessness

- Homelessness Crisis Roundtable on 20 June 2019
- Establishment and facilitation of the Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance
- Establishment and facilitation of the Housing with Dignity Reference Group
- Workshop on Zero Adelaide model by City of Adelaide and Homelessness Australia - 13 August 2019
- Workshop on Functional Zero Homelessness delivered by the Institute of Global Homelessness - 31 October
- Participation on the CCCLM Homelessness Working Group
- Forum on Ending Homelessness by the Institute of Global Homelessness – 26 November 2019

Affordable Housing

- Public evening forum on Housing and Homelessness - 8 August 2018
- Workshop on housing models by Housing All Australians - 2 July 2019
- Forum on Infill Housing by Place Design Group - 26 August 2019
- Inclusionary Zoning Workshop by SGS - Ellen Witte on 25 November 2019

It is noted that in over the past two years there have been several key strategic projects and strategies that have been developed influencing affordable housing and homelessness actions and responses in Hobart.

At the time when the HHS was developed in 2016, there were limited mechanisms for local government to work directly with other levels of government in the affordable housing space with our role primarily limited to advocacy.

This situation has changed significantly over the past 12 months in particular, with council officers now involved directly in the delivery of projects in partnership with State and Federal Government. Some of the projects relating to affordable housing involve all levels of government and provide a much stronger ability to influence the provision of affordable housing in the city in the future.

The key documents, policy positions and plans outlined below have been published or are currently being implemented and have a significant impact on any future strategies relating to affordable housing. These documents include City of Hobart strategies as well as local, regional and state-wide strategic documents.

- Hobart: A community vision for our island capital
- Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29
- The Greater Hobart Act
- The Metro Plan
- Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-25
- The Hobart City Deal
- Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-35
- Central Hobart Precinct Plan

Please see below a summary of the relationship between these documents and affordable housing for the City of Hobart:

Hobart: A community vision for our island capital

Pillar 7 Built Environment. The community has identified the following priority focus areas in relation to housing:

- 7.1 WE ALL HAVE ACCESS TO AN AFFORDABLE HOME
 - 7.1.1 Our city is our home, and we all have access to a place to live, no matter our life stage or situation.
 - 7.1.2 We support diversity in our housing supply, acknowledging that different housing types suit different people.
 - 7.1.3 We recognise that not all of us want or need to buy a home and ensure a supply of rental properties.
 - 7.1.4 Housing is affordable, and none of us experiences housing stress.
 - 7.1.5 We have housing available for those of us experiencing disadvantage. We cater for vulnerability. Social housing is part of, not separate from, the communities, services and access that are everyone's right.

These Focus Areas have informed specific actions identified in within the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29.

Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-29

Pillar 7: Built Environment, Outcome 7.1 focusses on ensuring that 'Hobart has a diverse supply of housing and affordable homes.' Specific strategies to help deliver this Outcome include:

- Working in collaboration with government bodies and the not-for-profit sector to identify and address issues of homelessness and housing affordability, diversity and supply;
- Advocate for people at risk of housing stress and homelessness;
- Encourage recognition and understanding of the issues that contribute to homelessness and develop effective partnerships to enhance interactions with homeless people;
- Advocate for the increased supply of social housing to be delivered through a range of supported accommodation models;
- Advocate for legislative and other tools that support social and affordable housing; and
- Monitor and respond to the impacts of visitor accommodation.

The Greater Hobart Act

This legislation creates a strategic path forward for the Greater Hobart area and facilitates the implementation of the Hobart City Deal. The object of this Act is to assist the Greater Hobart area councils and the State Government to better coordinate across the Greater Hobart area:

- (a) The efficient use of infrastructure; and
- (b) Ease of access to infrastructure, in all locations, for persons of all abilities and needs; and
- (c) Strategic planning, and other actions, in relation to future land use and development in the Greater Hobart area, so as to improve the health and wellbeing of persons, and enable the Greater Hobart Objectives to be achieved, in the Greater Hobart area.

The principal way in which the object of the Act is to be achieved is by establishing a process for the formation and implementation of a work program that seeks to further the following Greater Hobart Objectives in the Greater Hobart area:

- (a) To encourage and promote, in the making of strategic planning decisions, and decisions about land use, in relation to the Greater Hobart area, the consideration of potential benefits, and implications, for that area, of such decisions; and
- (b) To facilitate the efficient and safe flow of transport, to improve access to, and to further the use of, public passenger transport, and to encourage and promote the use of transport with low-carbon emissions, in the Greater Hobart area; and
- (c) To further the maintenance and accessibility of existing, and the development of new, cultural, sporting, recreational and community facilities, that complement, link to, and contribute to, the cultural experiences able to be provided in the Greater Hobart area; and
- (d) To encourage, promote and provide for urban renewal, and affordable housing, that enhance amenity, liveability, ease of access to places and facilities and the provision of passenger transport; and
- (e) To encourage, promote and provide for the development of hubs for specialised purposes such as science, sport, recreation, social activity, economic activity, technology, industry, education or the arts; and
- (f) To encourage, promote and provide for, where suitable -
 - (i) The efficient and effective integration and co-location of the facilities, housing and hubs that are referred to in the other paragraphs of these objectives; and
 - (ii) The transport infrastructure, and the service infrastructure, that is necessary or desirable in relation to such facilities, housing and hubs; and
- (g) Any other prescribed objectives.

The Metro Plan

The Metro Plan will seek to deliver on a vision for greater Hobart (through the Greater Hobart Act) and will inform the update to the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

The delivery of a Metro Plan is an agreed action stemming from the Greater Hobart Act, and was identified as a priority action to be progressed in the first Work Program during both the development of the legislation and in a workshop of stakeholders held in November 2019.

The plan includes the development of the following high level strategies.

- Settlement Strategy
- Service and Physical Infrastructure Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy

Each of these contain a number of actions that will help among other things, to identify and evaluate growth options as well as the services and physical infrastructure, and other strategic and implementation requirements required to enable integrated metro level housing growth.

Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-25

This strategy aims to achieve the following two key outcomes through three approaches, Prevention, Targeted Early Intervention and Response:

- A decrease in the proportion of low income Tasmanian households experiencing housing stress; and
- A decrease in the proportion of Tasmanians experiencing homelessness.

The role that local government can play in the implementation of this strategy is quite limited, with the majority of actions being delivered by state government agencies or not for profit organisations.

Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy 2010-35

The strategy sets a vision and supporting principles and policies for managing land use and development within the southern region. According to the strategy, the Hobart city centre is the Primary Activity Centre and significant proportion of all employment within the region should continue to be focused in that area with high level of public amenity and high quality urban design provided.

The Metro Plan will inform the update to the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

Central Hobart Precinct Plan

The City of Hobart and the Tasmanian Government are working in partnership with the community to develop a holistic plan to guide future development of Central Hobart.

The plan has four objectives, one of which (highlighted below) relates directly to housing and homelessness issues.

- Establish a shared vision and framework for the future growth of Central Hobart and identify a set of actions to deliver it
- Identify a suite of precincts across the study area and outline a vision for each of them ensuring the ongoing viability of Central Hobart as Tasmania's key administrative and commercial activity centre
- **Identify opportunities for increased residential densities and infrastructure as well as commercial and community services to support it**
- Identify the preferred urban form and scale of development for precincts, including building heights, based on a range of urban design, heritage, economic and social considerations.

The following potential project actions may then arise from each of these objectives.

- Planning scheme amendments
- Streetscape improvements
- Road usage changes
- Capital works projects
- Recommendations for further studies, new strategies or policies
- Recommendations for implementation plans and targets
- Public education programs
- Partnerships with other agencies
- Advocating for change

Capital City Council of Lord Mayors (CCCLM)

As well as the documents, strategies and approaches listed above, the City of Hobart has actively contributed to a range of CCCLM's submissions to the Australian Government including the *Inquiry into homelessness in Australia*.

The City of Hobart has also been actively involved in working group tasked with the development the CCCLM's *Homelessness and Housing Action Plan*. This plan is the focus of one of six identified priorities of the CCCLM and provides details and timeframes for a range of actions that include research, promotion, and Federal Government advocacy.

Alignment of redrafted strategy with other community programs strategies

There are a number of other community strategies that are currently being reviewed including: Equal Access Strategy; Youth Strategy; Multicultural Strategy; Children and Families Strategy; and the Positive Ageing Strategy. Each of these documents focuses on a specific community of interest in order to target delivery of actions and programs to support the delivery of the Social Inclusion Policy and Framework.

In order to provide consistency with this suite of community documents, they will be developed as commitments in a similar format to the Community Safety Commitment that was endorsed by the Council in February 2019. The new document will therefore be named as the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Commitment 2021-2024.

The City has successfully utilised the existing HHS to identify and deliver specific actions that have had a positive impact on housing and homelessness for our community resulting in direct action that has helped many individuals.

It is noted however, that the affordable housing arena in particular has had significant strategic changes which in many ways supersedes many of the specific actions included in the current strategy and clarifies the City's role in regional affordable housing issues.

While there is obviously a link between regional affordable housing issues and local homelessness, many of the administrative, legal, and political levers that control regional housing funding, supply and diversity are not controlled by the City.

The updated Affordable Housing and Homelessness Commitment would therefore articulate the City's commitment to working with all tiers of government and relevant agencies to increase affordable and social housing through several strategic projects. This would include, among others, reference to the agreements and partnerships identified in this memorandum.

The Commitment would also identify the local priorities and subsequent specific actions which the Council has the ability to deliver within its existing resources, in collaboration with the housing and homelessness sector and community members to address local homelessness issues.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that council officers undertake further targeted engagement on the development of a draft Affordable Housing and Homelessness Commitment with:

- Relevant government agencies;
- Housing and homelessness sector;
- Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance;
- Community Sector Reference Group;
- Housing with Dignity Reference Group; and
- Internal staff across the organisation.

This engagement would take place over November and December 2020.

It is further proposed that in early 2021, an Elected Member workshop be held to discuss the draft document prior to it being presented to the Council seeking approval to release the draft commitment for broad public comment.

REFERENCES

[City of Hobart Housing & Homelessness Strategy 2016-19](#)

[Central Hobart Precinct Plan](#)

[Hobart City Deal](#)

[Greater Hobart Act](#)

[Tasmania's Affordable Housing Strategy 2015-25](#)

[Towards infill Housing Development Report](#)

[Inquiry into homelessness in Australia](#)

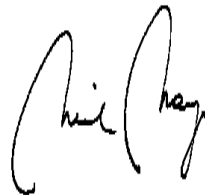
RECOMMENDATION

That Council officers undertake targeted stakeholder engagement to further develop the draft Affordable Housing and Homelessness Commitment prior to an Elected Member Workshop in early 2021.

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.



Tim Short
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER



Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

Date: 21 October 2020
File Reference: F20/112342; 17/239

**6.3 Applications Approved Under the Delegated Authority of the Deputy
General Manager for Quick Response Grants
File Ref: F20/112380; 20/74**

Memorandum of the Acting General Manager of 21 October 2020 and attachment.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Applications Approved Under the Delegated Authority of
the Deputy General Manager for Quick Response Grants**

The Deputy General Manager submits for information the attached table of Quick Response Applications approved under delegated authority.


RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

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.

Tim Short
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Date: 21 October 2020
File Reference: F20/112380; 20/74

Attachment A: Quick Response Applications Approved Under Delegated Authority ↓ 

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED
AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER
FOR QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS – FILE REF: 20/74**

Applicant	Project Description	Grant Stream	Value of Grant \$ excl	Date of Approval
Ms Ellen (Jane) Christie-Johnson 28/10/2020	<i>Sing For Your Life! Choir 2020 online show + tell</i> The Hobart Town Hall to be utilised as a space large enough (and acoustically kind) for the 65 current choir members to gather and sing in a COVID-safe way. The gathering will be live-streamed or later broadcast online.	Event Support	\$481.75 in-kind	7/10/2020

7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT

7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report

A report indicating the status of current decisions is attached for the information of Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee

Attachment A: Status Report for the month of October

COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

October 2020

Ref	Meeting	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
1	<p style="text-align: center;">INCLUSION ZONING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DEVELOPMENTS AND PRECINCTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council, 8/10/2018, Item 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council, 18/6/2018, Item 13</p>	<p>That</p> <p>2. The matter be included as part of the Council's review of its <i>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</i>.</p>	Director Community Life	The issue of affordable housing and homelessness continues to be a strong focus requiring staffing resources to be fully utilised in this area.
2	<p style="text-align: center;">NORTH HOBART MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL PROPOSAL – COUNCIL ASSISTANCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council, 10/3/2020 Item 13</p>	<p>Notice of Motion</p> <p>“That the Council consider providing guidance, assistance and support in facilitating the resurgence of the North Hobart Multicultural street festival in North Hobart, in consultation with the North Hobart Traders’ Association, the North Hobart Residents and Community Associations and other relevant community associations, in line with the festivals of the late 1980s & ‘90s.</p> <p>(i) The report to address the potential estimated costs to the Council to provide the requested guidance and support to facilitate the event.</p>	Director Community Life	Officers will consider this matter post COVID-19.

Ref	Meeting	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
3	SOCIAL INCLUSION POLICY UPDATE Council, 12/10/2020 Item 17	That: 1. The Council rescind the City of Hobart Policy, Cultural Diversity Inclusion marked as Attachment B to item 6.2 of the Open Community Culture and Events Committee agenda of 24 September 2020.	Director Community Life	1. Complete
		2. The Council endorse and adopt the new City of Hobart Policy, Social Inclusion marked as Attachment C to item 6.2 of the Open Community Culture and Events Committee agenda of 24 September 2020.		2. Complete
		3. A subsequent Social Inclusion Framework be developed for the Council's endorsement at the appropriate time.		3. Officers are progressing the Social Inclusion Framework.

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

An Elected Member may ask a question without notice of the Chairman, another Elected Member, the General Manager or the General Manager's representative, in line with the following procedures:

1. The Chairman will refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the Terms of Reference of the Council committee at which it is asked.
2. In putting a question without notice, an Elected Member must not:
 - (i) offer an argument or opinion; or
 - (ii) draw any inferences or make any imputations – except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.
3. The Chairman must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.
4. The Chairman, Elected Members, General Manager or General Manager's representative who is asked a question may decline to answer the question, if in the opinion of the respondent it is considered inappropriate due to its being unclear, insulting or improper.
5. The Chairman may require a question to be put in writing.
6. Where a question without notice is asked and answered at a meeting, both the question and the response will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
7. Where a response is not able to be provided at the meeting, the question will be taken on notice and
 - (i) the minutes of the meeting at which the question is asked will record the question and the fact that it has been taken on notice.
 - (ii) a written response will be provided to all Elected Members, at the appropriate time.
 - (iii) upon the answer to the question being circulated to Elected Members, both the question and the answer will be listed on the agenda for the next available ordinary meeting of the committee at which it was asked, where it will be listed for noting purposes only.

9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee resolve by majority that the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* because the items included on the closed agenda contain the following matters:

- Confirm the minutes of the closed portion of the meeting.
- Questions without notice in the closed portion of the meeting.

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda |
| Item No. 3 | Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest |
| Item No. 4 | Questions Without Notice |