



CITY OF HOBART

# **AGENDA**

## **Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

### **Open Portion**

**Wednesday, 27 January 2021**

**at 4.40 pm**

**Council Chamber, Town Hall**

## THE MISSION

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

## THE VALUES

**The Council is:**

<b>People</b>	We care about 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 are transparent, 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.**

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**Special Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held  
Wednesday, 27 January 2021 at 4.40 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.**

This meeting of the Council 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**

Briscoe (Chairman)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet  
Thomas  
Ewin  
Sherlock

**Apologies:**

**Leave of Absence: Nil.**

**NON-MEMBERS**

Lord Mayor Reynolds  
Zucco  
Sexton  
Harvey  
Behrakis  
Dutta  
Coats

**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. REPORT**

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### **4.1 Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Grant Funding File Ref: F21/3420**

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Report of the Manager Bushland / Manager Parks & Recreation and Director City Amenity of 22 January 2021.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LOCAL ROADS AND  
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM -  
GRANT FUNDING**

**REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager Bushland / Manager Parks & Recreation  
Director City Amenity

**1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit**

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the City's Intercity Cycleway Extension and Regatta Ground Car Park and stormwater upgrade project.
- 1.2. The report also details the allocation of the second round of the grant funding provided to the City by the Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

**2. Report Summary**

- 2.1. The Australian Government, through the National Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, provides funding to local government to help stimulate the economy given the impacts of COVID-19.
- 2.2. The funding is available for a wide range of projects and could be used to fund a works deferred by the Council as a result of the pandemic's effect on the City's financial position.
- 2.3. The projects need to be shovel ready with round 1 projects complete by 30 June and round 2 projects complete by 31 December 2021.
- 2.4. The 1st round of funding (provided in 2020) has been allocated for us towards the Intercity Cycleway Extension (from McVilly Drive to the northern boundary of Macquarie Point) and the Regatta Ground Car Park and stormwater upgrade project.
  - 2.4.1. Macquarie Point Development Corporation has since re-routed its cycling/pedestrian path from Evans Street to its recently upgraded service road, located off the Tasman Highway, in anticipation of the significant development works across its site.
  - 2.4.2. The re-routing of the Macquarie Point cycleway led to the review of the proposed extension of the cycleway from McVilly Drive into the northern boundary of the Macquarie Point and this part of the proposal has been shelved.
  - 2.4.3. Discussions have been held with a representative of the Bicycle Network, they are generally supportive of the approach proposed. Full details are provided in the report.

- 2.4.4. It is now proposed to proceed with the car park and stormwater works, extension of the City's cycleway from McVilly Drive only to the upgraded car park.
- 2.4.5. It is proposed to extend the cycleway through to the Regatta Ground car park and extend the cycleway under the Bridge of Remembrance onto the existing shared pathway along Tasman Highway.
- 2.5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding provided to the City through the 2021 National LRCI Program is to be utilised for the following projects:
  - 2.5.1. Tolmans Hill Playground New Public Toilets and BBQ facilities (\$685,000)
  - 2.5.2. New Replacement Public Toilets at Long Beach Reserve (\$657,000)
  - 2.5.3. Swan Street Park Redevelopment (\$551,303)
- 2.6. Should any of the LRCI Program projects achieve savings against year budget, those savings will be directed to streetscape improvements that comply with the program guidelines.

### **3. Recommendation**

***That:***

1. ***Council approve the extension of the City's Intercity Cycleway from McVilly Drive via a pathway under the Bridge of Remembrance and onto the existing shared path along Tasman Highway.***
  - a. ***The previously approved extension of the City's Intercity Cycleway from the Regatta Grounds Car Park (adjacent to the public toilets) to the northern boundary of the Macquarie Point Development Corporation site, be deferred at this time due to the Corporation re-routing its cycleway away from Evans Street to its new service road onto the Tasman Highway.***
2. ***The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program grant funding allocation of \$1.89M be utilised for the following projects previously approved by the Council, but deferred due to financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City's financial position:***
  - a. ***Tolmans Hill Playground New Public Toilets and BBQ facilities (\$685,000),***
  - b. ***New Replacement Public Toilets at Long Beach Reserve (\$657,000) and***
  - c. ***Swan Street Park Redevelopment (\$551,303).***

#### 4. Background

- 4.1. The Council, at its meeting held on 24 August 2020, resolved the following:

*That the Council utilise the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program grant funding allocation of \$685,000 towards the \$1.25M Intercity Cycleway Extension and Regatta Ground Car Park and stormwater upgrade project.*

- (i) *Balance funding to complete the project, in the order of \$485,000, be considered in the development of the City's 2021-22 CAPEX Program.*

- 4.2. Work on the development of the detailed designs and costing of the project has been progressed and a planning permit has also been obtained.
- 4.3. Recent advice has been provided by the Macquarie Point Development Corporation however, that works on their site are now proceeding which means that cycleway access through the area to Evans Street will not be available until construction of the site is complete.
- 4.3.1. It could be possible to enable the cycleway extension to link to the new service road constructed in the site, providing access back to the Tasman Highway, however it has been identified that the linkage would be subject to regular interruptions whilst work takes place.
- 4.4. Given the circumstances, it is preferable to complete the car park upgrade, the stormwater works, and the extension of the cycleway from McVilly Drive to the car park, but not (at this stage) extend through to the boundary of Macquarie Point.
- 4.4.1. Instead of the Macquarie Point connection, the linkage across the northern end of the Regatta Ground be upgraded, enabling cyclists to travel under the Bridge of Remembrance to the Tasman Highway (as indicated in in the below image). This would also include the refurbishment of the Governor's access to the Hobart Cenotaph.





*Potential new extension, noted in RED*

- 4.5. The proposed alternative has been discussed with the Public Affairs Manager of the Bicycle Network. The Network appreciates the situation and agrees that the connection of the Cycleway from the upgraded car park at the Regatta Grounds to the Macquarie Point boundary would be of limited benefit until the redevelopment of the Macquarie Point area is complete.
- 4.6. The Network supports the direction proposed in the request but is very keen to see the safety concerns on the Cycleway (running parallel with the Tasman Highway) to be advanced. Those being:
- a) Lack of markings across the new road providing access to Macquarie Point.
  - b) The blind corner just prior to the new access to Macquarie Point.
  - c) A large light pole at the centre of the Cycleway outside the Engineers Building.



- 4.7. Works to improve sight distance at the blind corner will be undertaken as a component of the project to provide a new pedestrian access from the Tasman Highway to the Regatta Grounds/Hobart Cenotaph. This project will be undertaken by the Macquarie Point Development Corporation.
- 4.8. It is understood the Macquarie Point Development Corporation will provide the delineation on the new road as requested.
- 4.9. Relocation of the services pole is a more difficult challenge, however investigations of this issue are now underway.

## **5. Proposal and Implementation**

- 5.1. It is proposed that;
  - 5.1.1. The extension of the City's Intercity Cycleway from the Regatta Grounds Car Park (adjacent to the public toilets) to the northern boundary of the Macquarie Point Development Corporation site, due to the Corporation re-routing its cycleway away from Evans Street to its new service road onto the Tasman Highway, be amended.
  - 5.1.2. The project to now include to the extension of the City's Intercity Cycleway from McVilly Drive to under the Bridge of Remembrance and onto the existing pathway along Tasman Highway.
  - 5.1.3. The utilisation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program grant funding allocation of \$1.89M towards the following projects, previously approved by the Council, but deferred due to financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City's financial position:
    - 5.1.3.1. Tolmans Hill Playground New Public Toilets and BBQ facilities (\$685,000)
    - 5.1.3.2. New Replacement Public Toilets at Long Beach Reserve (\$657,000)
    - 5.1.3.3. Swan Street Park Redevelopment (\$551,303)
- 5.2. Implementation of the various projects will be programmed with all to be complete by December 2021.

## 6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

6.1. The Proposal is supported under the City's Strategic Plan 2019-2029:

2.3.2 *Progressively enhance the City's sporting and recreational infrastructure, including the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre.*

5.1.1 *Improve connectivity throughout Hobart's inner city and suburbs.*

5.2.3 *Develop, upgrade and maintain the City's network of roads, bridges, cycleways, footpaths and walkways*

## 7. Financial Implications

7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result.

7.1.1. As detailed in previous reports, the original estimate for the Cycleway extension and car park would be \$1.25M. As the project planning was progressed, this estimate was reviewed and it was identified that the project also requires the construction of a new stormwater connection/upgrade.

7.1.2. The revised budget (removing the connection between the upgraded car park and Macquarie Point boundary) and adding the connection from McVilly Drive to Tasman Highway is \$1.775M.

7.1.3. Taking account of the previously approved grant funding of \$685k and \$80k, together with the Council allocation of \$485k (2021/22 budget) there is a shortfall of \$525k.

7.1.4. The 2020/21 capital works program for the City's Parks and Recreation Unit will achieve savings of \$600k. This funding can be used to cover the shortfall and enable the project to be programmed.

7.1.5. Grant funding of \$1.89M has been approved for the City as part of 2nd round of the LRCI Program and will be allocated as follows;

- Tolmans Hill Playground New Public Toilets and BBQ facilities (\$685,000)
- New Replacement Public Toilets at Long Beach Reserve (\$657,000)
- Swan Street Park Redevelopment (\$551,303)

7.1.6. The allocations cover the full requirement for each project and do not require commitment by the City. The projects need to be shovel ready with round 1 projects complete by 30 June and round 2 projects complete by 31 December 2021.

- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
  - 7.2.1. Funding in the order of \$485k is to be allocated in the City's 2021-22 CAPEX Program.
  - 7.2.2. The completion of the projects detailed in the report will require an increased allocation of maintenance funding in the order of \$60k in the 2021/22 budget (covering 6 months maintenance) and \$120k in the 2022/23 budget.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
  - 7.3.1. The projects will improve public infrastructure, activation and services in those areas.
  - 7.3.2. Existing assets (namely the Regatta Grounds car park, the Lower Sandy Bay toilet and the Swan Street Park) will all be replaced. The Cycleway extension and the Tolmans Hill facilities will be new assets.

## 8. Delegation

- 8.1. The 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.*



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