



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 6 April 2017

at 5.00 pm

Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall

THE MISSION

Our mission is to ensure good governance of our capital City.

THE VALUES

The Council is:

about people	We value people – our community, our customers and colleagues.
professional	We take pride in our work.
enterprising	We look for ways to create value.
responsive	We're accessible and focused on service.
inclusive	We respect diversity in people and ideas.
making a difference	We recognise that everything we do shapes Hobart's future.

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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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Reynolds (Chairman)
Briscoe
Ruzicka
Sexton
Harvey

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence:

Alderman J R Briscoe.

ALDERMEN

Lord Mayor Hickey
Deputy Lord Mayor Christie
Zucco
Burnet
Cocker
Thomas
Denison

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 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 9 March 2017](#), 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*.

Aldermen 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 Council Policy 'Establishment of Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in Bushland Reserves for New Developments on Adjoining Properties' - Proposed Amendment File Ref: F17/29950; 16/360

Report of the Park Planner, the Program Leader Fire & Biodiversity, the Group Manager Open Space and the Director Parks and City Amenity of 31 March 2017 and attachment.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: COUNCIL POLICY 'ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSHFIRE HAZARD MANAGEMENT AREAS IN BUSHLAND RESERVES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON ADJOINING PROPERTIES' - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Park Planner
Program Leader Fire & Biodiversity
Group Manager Open Space
Director Parks and City Amenity

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit

1.1. The existing Council Policy 'Establishment of Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in Bushland Reserves for New Developments on Adjoining Property' (the policy) was first adopted by the Council on 27 April 2015.

1.1.1. The purpose of the policy is to generally minimise the extent of new bushfire hazard management areas being established within Council's bushland reserves for the benefit of new residential developments, while ensuring existing lots are not sterilised from development.

2. Report Summary

2.1. The report proposes a number of amendments to the policy in light of its application since its implementation.

2.2. Some of these changes are minor and seek to improve clarity; a more significant change relates to limiting application of the policy to new single dwellings, or an extension to a new single dwelling – rather than the broader definition of habitable buildings currently used.

3. Recommendation

That the Council policy titled 'Establishment of Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in Bushland Reserves for New Developments on Adjoining Property' be amended, as marked in Attachment A to the report.

4. Background

- 4.1. The original policy was adopted by the Council in response to amended state regulations for the construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas. In one aspect, these amendments effectively expanded the land area required in separating a new dwelling from a bushfire hazard.
- 4.2. In some locations, existing lots that were approved prior to the amended regulations simply were not big enough to provide the new separation areas.
- 4.3. Where this was evident, requests to the City for the establishment of hazard management areas on City land were received, and generally dealt with on a case by case approach.
- 4.4. The policy sought to provide a consistent corporate approach to addressing such requests, balancing such requests with other land management needs such as impact on natural and cultural values (i.e. aesthetic impacts, recreational use) and financial costs.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. The substantive amendment to the policy is to allow for only single dwellings, or extensions to single dwellings that would not allow for the establishment of hazard management areas on the City's land for developments such as multiple-dwellings, ancillary dwellings and the like.
 - 5.1.1. This is in addition to existing exclusions for non-habitable buildings such as sheds, garages and outbuildings.
 - 5.1.2. The amendment is recommended in light of requests to establish hazard management areas on already developed lots to allow for ancillary and 'studio type' dwellings.
 - 5.1.3. The only exception in the case of proposed multiple dwellings on a lot shall be where the required hazard management area on City land would be no larger than that required for a single dwelling on the lot. This situation would only arise where the particular shape of the lot facilitated such an outcome.
- 5.2. Other amendments to the policy are less significant, and are more editorial in nature:
 - 5.2.1. Clarifying the policy position that all necessary bushfire hazard management areas should – in the first instance – be contained within the property being developed.

- 5.2.2. Clarifying that in making a request, an applicant acknowledges the responsibilities outlined in the policy regarding the maximum extent of any hazard management area, responsibilities for approvals and the relevant costs that will be borne by the applicant.
- 5.2.3. Clarifying the criteria that will be used when assessing any request for establishment of a hazard management area on the City's land.
- 5.2.4. Clarifying the process for assessing such requests, particularly the need to receive landowner consent *prior to* submission of any development application.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The revised policy is consistent with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2015-2025 with the following Strategic Action:
 - 3.3.3 Develop policies, strategies and standards to guide the future management and development of the open space network; and
 - 5.2.1 Manage the bushfire risk through the implementation of the Hobart Fire Management Strategy.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 7.1.1. Implementation of the policy is unlikely to have a significant impact on current year operating result
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
 - 7.2.1. Maintenance costs of hazard management areas are estimate at \$6,000/hectare per year.
 - 7.2.2. Based on application of the policy in its two years of operation, over time the cumulative impact is likely to be low.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
 - 7.3.1. No financial assets are impacted on by adoption of the proposal (hazard management areas are not currently deemed a financial asset).

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. There is no legal requirement to approve the establishment of new hazard management areas on the City's land for new developments on adjoining properties.
- 8.2. In approving any new hazard management areas, the City does accept the ongoing costs and risks associated with the maintenance of any such areas.
 - 8.2.1. However, the refusal to entertain *any* such areas could prevent the construction of single dwellings on some (approved) vacant residential lots. This could effectively sterilise those lots, and pose a potential reputational risk to the Council.

9. Environmental Considerations

- 9.1. A key objective of the revised policy is to minimise the extent of any new hazard management areas being established in the City's bushland and reserves network.
 - 9.1.1. Underpinning this objective, is the need balance bushfire hazard management practices with the purposes for which the reserves are established and funded, that being the conservation of natural and cultural values.

10. Social and Customer Considerations

- 10.1. The number of enquiries regarding the establishment of new bushfire hazard management areas in bushland reserves is in the order to 10-12 per year.
- 10.2. Of these, three to five are assessed in detail, and generally approved.
- 10.3. While the absolute number of enquiries and hazard managements are not high, the relatively high cost of residential land in Hobart means that most applicants have a relatively high financial and emotional investment in such requests.

11. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 11.1. Given the limited nature of this review, stakeholder engagement is not considered necessary.

12. Delegation

- 12.1. The policy provides the General Manager with authority to approve applications which comply with the policy requirements.
- 12.2. The amendment of a Council policy is a matter for 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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Date: 31 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29950; 16/360

Attachment A: Council Policy ↓

City of Hobart

Policy

Title: Establishment of Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in Bushland Reserves for New Developments on Adjoining Property

Category: Recreation, Parks, Bushland and Reserves

Date Last Adopted: 7 March 2016

1. Objectives

To ensure new bushfire hazard management areas for the benefit of residential dwellings are contained within the property being developed.

To minimise the number and extent of any new bushfire hazard management areas established in the City's bushland and reserves network for the benefit of adjoining dwellings.

To ensure that new bushfire hazard management areas for the benefit of residential dwellings are only established in the City's bushland and reserves where, without such areas, existing vacant lots would be unable to be developed for a single dwelling.

To provide clear requirements and criteria to that enable assessment of requests to establish Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in the City's bushland and reserves network for the benefit of adjoining developments.

~~To minimise the extent of new bushfire hazard management areas established in the City's bushland and reserves network for the benefit of adjoining developments.~~

~~To provide criteria to enable assessment of requests to establish Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in the City's bushland and reserves network for the benefit of adjoining developments.~~

To provide a consistent approach to the establishment and management of any Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in the City's bushland reserves network for the benefit of adjoining developments.

2. Background

With the release of AS3959:2009 (Australian Standard for Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-Prone Areas) and the incorporation of that standard into the National Construction Code and Planning Directive 5 (Bushfire-Prone Areas Code), there is a statutory obligation to provide and maintain managed areas (Bushfire Hazard Management Areas) around new homes in bushfire prone areas.

In some cases, the dimensions of the required works mean that some pre-existing lots are too small to contain the necessary Bushfire Hazard Management Area wholly within the subject lot. These lots will rely on the establishment of Bushfire Hazard Management Areas on adjoining properties.

As many pre-existing lots adjoin the City of Hobart's bushland reserves network, there is a need for a formal Council policy on how Bushfire Hazard Management Areas in the City's bushland reserves network are assessed and managed for the benefit of adjoining development.

3. Policy

That:

1. Where possible, all Bushfire-bushfire Hazard-hazard Management management Areas-areas should be contained within the property being developed, irrespective of the presence of an existing, City maintained bushfire hazard management area within a City-bushland reserve adjoining the subject property.
- ~~1. —~~ Bushfire hazard management areas in bushland reserves will only be considered where the requested bushfire hazard management area is for the development of a new single dwelling, or an extension to an existing single dwelling, on a vacant lot that was created prior to Planning Directive 5.
- ~~2. —~~ Where the incorporation of City of Hobart land into a bushfire hazard management plan is requested, each request will be considered on its own merits with regard to:
 - ~~(i) the known natural and cultural values (including recreational and visual amenity values) of the land,~~
 - ~~(ii) the relevant management plan and/or strategy documents, and~~
 - ~~(iii) 2. available management resources.~~
3. Bushfire hazard management areas for new subdivisions, and non-habitable buildings (i.e. sheds, garages, gazebos and the like) and additional dwellings (i.e. studios, ancillary dwellings, multiple dwellings and the like) will not be provided approved in a bushland reserve.

4. Bushfire hazard management areas in bushland reserves may be considered for multiple dwellings only for lots created prior to Planning Directive 5 and only where the HMA requirement would be no greater than that required for a single dwelling on the lot sited and designed to minimise the extent of the HMA in the adjoining bushland reserve.
3. ~~The inclusion of any City of Hobart land in a bushfire hazard management plan is conditional upon:~~
- (i) ~~the bushfire hazard management area being required for the development of a new habitable building, or an extension to an existing habitable building, on a lot that predates Planning Directive 5. Bushfire hazard management areas for new subdivisions and non-habitable buildings (i.e. sheds, garages, gazebos and the like) will not be provided.~~
- (ii) ~~5. the siting of the proposed habitable building shall be such that all practical attempts will be made to minimise the extent of any works on the City's land. When submitting a request an applicant acknowledges that:~~
- (i) ~~the maximum extent of the bushfire hazard management areas on the City's bushland reserve reserves network will be the minimum necessary to provide a buffer appropriate for a habitable building constructed to BAL-40 under AS3959:2009.~~
- (iii)(ii) the applicant is responsible for gaining all necessary statutory approvals, including all required documentation and associated costs (i.e. planning, legal, environmental and building).
- (iv)(iii) the initial establishment of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be implemented by the City's staff and/or City managed contractors.
- (v)(iv) all costs associated with establishment of the bushfire hazard management area will be borne by the applicant.
- (vi)(v) the initial establishment of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be implemented by the City of Hobart following the issue of a building permit, but before a certificate of occupancy.
- (vii)(vi) the ongoing management of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be managed and funded by the City of Hobart as part of the annual urban firebreak program.
6. If considering making a request for the establishment of a bushfire hazard management area in a bushland reserve, a potential applicant should contact the City of Hobart at the earliest possible stage.

A development application proposing works in a bushland reserve

should not be prepared, or submitted, without first achieving the consent of the General Manager.

7. Where the incorporation of a bushland reserve in a bushfire hazard management area is requested, and the proposal satisfies clauses 2-354 of the policy, the City will assess request having regard to:

- (i) the likely impacts upon the natural and cultural values of the land (including recreational and visual amenity values),
- (ii) the relevant management plan and/or strategy documents
- (iii) available management resources
- (iv) any practical alternatives to site and design the proposed dwelling in order to minimise the extent of any works in the bushland reserve.

(viii) — Following assessment, and if endorsement d by the relevant Director, the request will

(ix)8. where policy criteria are met, the proposal will be submitted for the General Manager's consideration. If approved, written land owner confirmation will be provided which will then this will in turn enable landlord approval and allow the lodgement of a development application.

(x)9. final-Final approval for the establishment of a bushfire hazard management area is then subject to the approval of the development receiving all necessary statutory approvals development.

(xi) the applicant is responsible for gaining all necessary statutory approvals, including all required documentation and associated costs (i.e. planning, legal, environmental and building).

(xii) the initial establishment of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be implemented by the City's staff and/or City managed contractors.

(xiii) all costs associated with establishment of the bushfire hazard management area will be borne by the applicant.

(xiv) the initial establishment of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be implemented by the City of Hobart following the issue of a building permit, but before a certificate of occupancy.

(xv) the ongoing management of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be managed and funded by the City of Hobart as part of the annual urban firebreak program.

- ~~the the applicant is responsible for gaining all necessary statutory approvals, including all required documentation and associated costs (i.e. planning, legal, environmental and building);~~
- ~~the initial establishment of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be implemented by the City's staff and/or City managed contractors;~~
- ~~all costs associated with establishment of the bushfire hazard management area will be borne by the applicant;~~
- ~~the initial establishment of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be implemented by the City of Hobart following the issue of a building permit, but before a certificate of occupancy;~~
- ~~the ongoing management of the bushfire hazard management area on City of Hobart land will be managed and funded by the City of Hobart as part of the annual urban firebreak program;~~

4. General Manager has the authority to approve the creation of bushfire hazard management areas on Council land as per approved development applications. Where the incorporation of City of Hobart land into a bushfire hazard management plan is requested, each request will be considered on its own merits with regard to:

- ~~(iv) the known natural and cultural values (including recreational and visual amenity values) of the land;~~
- ~~(v) the relevant management plan and/or strategy documents, and~~
- ~~(vi) available management resources;~~

~~(xvi) —~~

~~5.10.~~ Only where an applicant can demonstrate there are exceptional circumstances will the City consider a request that does not meet all of the requirements ~~(i-xi 1-354 above above);~~

~~6.11.~~ In such cases it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide supporting evidence to the Council that substantiates their request. Any such request must be approved by the Council ~~which must then be reported to and approved by the Council.~~

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

AS3959:2009

Australian Standard for Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-Prone Areas.

BAL-40

A Bushfire Attack Level specification, as defined in AS3959:2009 Section 2. The required buffer zone for a BAL-40 house in forested areas ranges from 12m on flat ground to 28m on steep ground (15 to 20 degrees downslope).

Bushfire Hazard Management Plan

A plan drawn up using AS3959:2009 that describes the architectural and land management requirements for a development to achieve an acceptable level of bushfire risk management. Bushfire Hazard Management Plans are drawn up by practitioners accredited by Tasmania Fire Service in the use of AS3959:2009.

Bushland Reserve

Public land owned and/or management by the City of Hobart City Council for the its bushland values. Does not include nature strips, road serves or operational land

Responsible Officer:	Director Parks and City Amenity
Policy first adopted by the Council:	27/4/2015
History	
Amended by Council	7/3/2016
<u>Amended by Council</u>	<u>tba</u>
Next Review Date:	<u>March-April 2017-2018</u>

**6.2 Queens Domain Advisory Committee - Proposed Amendment to
Function and Membership
File Ref: F17/30210**

Report of the Executive Officer Parks and City Amenity, the Group
Manager Open Space and the Director Parks and City Amenity of
31 March 2017.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: QUEENS DOMAIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE -
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FUNCTION AND
MEMBERSHIP**

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Executive Officer Parks and City Amenity
Group Manager Open Space
Director Parks and City Amenity

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to propose a new function and membership of the Queens Domain Advisory Committee.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. The Queens Domain Advisory Committee (QDAC) was established in 1997 with a core function that through 'greater communication and co-ordination of activities, planning and events on the Domain, and in accordance with statutory obligations, ensure:

"The Queen's Domain shall be a park of the people which celebrates and protects its significant natural landscape and rich cultural history whilst providing for the education, recreation, health and enjoyment of its visitors"

- 2.2. The QDAC has been a successful entity that has aided the City to improve the management and utilisation of the Queens Domain.
- 2.3. A key achievement of the Committee has been the development of the Queens Domain Master Plan 2013 that is the guiding document in the future development, use and improvement to this key community and City asset.
- 2.4. Future capital works to support the implementation of the Master Plan are costed at \$15M and programmed over the next 10 years.
- 2.5. The Terms of Reference and Structure of the Committee has not been substantially updated since its inception and it is recognised that the number of stakeholder groups with interest in the Domain has increased during that time.
- 2.6. With the Master Plan now being implemented, it is timely to review the purpose, terms of reference and structure of the Committee, to ensure it meets the City's and the community's requirements into the near to medium future.
- 2.7. It is proposed to amend the function of the QDAC from a limited membership, advisory committee, to a broader stakeholder reference and networking group.

3. Recommendation

That:

- 1. The Queens Domain Advisory Committee be renamed the Queens Domain Network.***
- 2. The function and membership of Queens Domain Network be amended from a limited membership, advisory committee, to a broader stakeholder reference and networking group.***
- 3. The function of the Network be as follows:***
 - (i) To serve as an identified stakeholder forum for the City to engage on proposed changes to substantive use, development (including both new developments/facilities and upgrades/modifications to existing) in relation to the Queens Domain;***
 - (ii) To serve as an identified stakeholder forum in relation to relevant planning scheme matters and on proposals (either from the City or third parties) expected to be lodged as development applications, or to be advised of advertised development applications within or adjacent to the Queens Domain;***
 - (iii) To allow for the engagement or notification of matters, that may be provided out-of-session, as need may arise;***
- 4. A forum of the Network stakeholders be held at least biannually, to discuss current issues and consider longer term proposals under consideration and/or brief on activities/changes recently introduced.***
- 5. Stakeholders of the Network be as follows:***
 - (i) A Council Alderman (Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee);***
 - (ii) Relevant City of Hobart Officers;***
 - (iii) Representative of the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre;***
 - (iv) Representatives of the various land owners and organisational tenants, including, but not limited to:***
 - (a) Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens;***
 - (b) Government House;***
 - (c) Crown Land/Parks and Wildlife;***

- (d) *University of Tasmania;*
 - (e) *Domain Tennis Centre.*
 - (v) *Representatives of user groups/bodies that utilise facilities and open spaces, including, but not limited to:*
 - (a) *Representatives of Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue;*
 - (b) *Cricket Tasmania;*
 - (c) *Athletics Tasmania;*
 - (d) *Athletics South;*
 - (e) *Central Region Junior Soccer Association;*
 - (f) *Hobart Football Club;*
 - (g) *North Hobart Cricket Club;*
 - (h) *DOSA Football Club;*
 - (i) *Hobart Dog Walking Association;*
 - (j) *Hobart Canine Obedience Club;*
 - (k) *RSL Tasmania;*
 - (l) *Hobart Regatta Association;*
 - (m) *Swimming Tasmania.*
 - (vi) *Representatives of adjacent neighbourhood bodies including, but not limited to:*
 - (a) *Glebe Progress Association.*
6. *An open process of nomination from relevant groups be undertaken to ensure stakeholders are given an opportunity to participate in the forum.*
7. *A review of the Network's operation, function and terms of reference be undertaken after 12 months of operation.*

4. Background

- 4.1. The Queens Domain Advisory Committee (QDAC) was established in 1997 with a core function that through 'greater communication and co-ordination of activities, planning and events on the Domain, and in accordance with statutory obligations, ensure:

"The Queen's Domain shall be a park of the people which celebrates and protects its significant natural landscape and rich cultural history whilst providing for the education, recreation, health and enjoyment of its visitors"

(Queen's Domain Management Plan, p32)

- 4.2. The current key objectives of the QDAC are:
- 4.2.1. to advise the Council's Committee on planning matters affecting the Domain
 - 4.2.2. to advise on the implementation of the Queen's Domain Management Plan (1996)
 - 4.2.3. to assess priorities as recommended in the five year Action Plan (1997)
 - 4.2.4. to provide a link between Council and the community through representative bodies
- 4.3. The current membership of the QDAC is as follows:
- 4.3.1. A Council Alderman (Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee);
 - 4.3.2. City of Hobart Officers;
 - 4.3.3. A representative of the Parks & Wildlife Service;
 - 4.3.4. A representative from Government House;
 - 4.3.5. A representative of the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens;
 - 4.3.6. Representatives of the Glebe and East New Town Progress Associations and the Friends of the Domain;
 - 4.3.7. Representatives from the Domain Tennis Centre, Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, Tasmanian Cricket Association, and Athletics Tasmania; and
 - 4.3.8. Those people co-opted as needs arise
e.g. Wireless Institute, Old Gun Powder Store.
- 4.4. The QDAC has been a successful entity that has aided the City to improve the management and utilisation of the Queens Domain.

- 4.5. A key achievement of the Committee has been the development of the Queens Domain Master Plan 2013 that is the guiding document in the future development, use and improvement to this key community and City asset.
- 4.6. Future capital works to support the implementation of the Master Plan are costed at \$15M and programmed over the next 10 years.
- 4.7. The Terms of Reference and Structure of the Committee has not been substantially updated since its inception. It is also recognised that the number of stakeholder groups with interest in the Domain has increased during that time.
- 4.8. With the Master Plan now being implemented, it is timely to review the purpose, terms of reference and structure of the Committee, to ensure it meets the City's and the community's requirements into the near to medium future.
- 4.9. The QDAC previously discussed the issue of reviewing the structure and function of the Committee with a view to moving towards a consultative model.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. It is proposed to amend the function of the QDAC from a limited membership, advisory committee, to a broader stakeholder reference and networking group.

Proposed new Purpose and Function:

- 5.2. The purpose of the new Queens Domain Network would be to:
 - 5.2.1. Serve as an identified stakeholder forum for the City to engage on proposed changes to substantive use, development (including both new developments/facilities and upgrades/modifications to existing) in relation to the Queens Domain;
 - 5.2.2. Serve as an identified stakeholder forum in relation to relevant planning scheme matters and on proposals (either from the City or third parties) expected to be lodged as development applications, or to be advised of advertised development applications within or adjacent to the Queens Domain;
 - 5.2.3. Allow for the engagement or notification of matters, that may be provided out-of-session, as need may arise;
- 5.3. A forum of the Network stakeholders be held at least biannually, to discuss current issues and consider longer term proposals under consideration and/or brief on activities/changes recently introduced.

- 5.4. Stakeholders to be included in the Network:
 - 5.4.1. A Council Alderman (Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee);
 - 5.4.2. Relevant City of Hobart Officers;
 - 5.4.3. Representative of the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre;
 - 5.4.4. Representatives of the various land owners and organisational tenants, including, but not limited to:
 - 5.4.4.1. Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens;
 - 5.4.4.2. Government House;
 - 5.4.4.3. Crown Land/Parks and Wildlife;
 - 5.4.4.4. University of Tasmania;
 - 5.4.4.5. Domain Tennis Centre.
 - 5.4.5. Representatives of user groups/bodies that utilise facilities and open spaces, including, but not limited to:
 - 5.4.5.1. Representatives of Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue;
 - 5.4.5.2. Cricket Tasmania;
 - 5.4.5.3. Athletics Tasmania;
 - 5.4.5.4. Athletics South;
 - 5.4.5.5. Central Region Junior Soccer Association;
 - 5.4.5.6. Hobart Football Club;
 - 5.4.5.7. North Hobart Cricket Club;
 - 5.4.5.8. DOSA Football Club;
 - 5.4.5.9. Hobart Dog Walking Association;
 - 5.4.5.10. Hobart Canine Obedience Club;
 - 5.4.5.11. RSL Tasmania;
 - 5.4.5.12. Hobart Regatta Association;
 - 5.4.5.13. Swimming Tasmania.

- 5.4.6. Representatives of adjacent neighbourhood bodies including, but not limited to:

5.4.6.1. Glebe Residents' Association.

- 5.5. It is proposed that an open process of nomination from relevant groups be undertaken to ensure stakeholders are given an opportunity to participate in the forum.

This may see an increase in the number of members to that of the current QDAC membership.

- 5.6. It is proposed to review the operation, function and terms of reference of the forum after 12 months of operation.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The City of Hobart Capital City Strategic Plan 2015-2025 outlines the following:

Goal 3 Environment and Natural Resources - An ecologically sustainable city maintains its unique character and values our natural resources

Goal 4 Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities - Our communities are resilient, safe and enjoy healthy lifestyles

7. Financial Implications

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

7.1.1. Not applicable

- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result

7.2.1. Not applicable

8. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 8.1. Details of the proposed changes were forwarded to the members of the QDAC, with feedback received supportive of the changes.

- 8.2. The Glebe Residents' Association are in general support with it's suggestion that the Network meet at least biannually supported by officers in the recommendation of the report.

- 8.3. A long standing and active member of the committee joined QDAC as a representative of the now inactive East New Town Progress Association. With the inactive status of the association, and therefore his representative role now redundant, he regrettably appreciates his representative involvement will now conclude.

- 8.4. It is proposed that an open process of nomination from relevant groups be undertaken to ensure stakeholders are given an opportunity to participate in the forum. This may see an increase in the number of members to that of the current QDAC membership.
- 8.5. It is proposed that under the new framework, to hold a forum at least annually, to discuss current issues and consider longer term proposals under consideration and/or brief on activities/changes recently introduced.

9. Delegation

- 9.1. 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.



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Date: 31 March 2017
File Reference: F17/30210

**6.3 Request for Extension of Lease - Telstra Telecommunication Tower
- Sandown Park, Sandy Bay
File Ref: F17/30107; 5601657**

Report of the Program Leader Recreation and Projects, the Manager
Parks and Recreation and the Director Parks and City Amenity of
31 March 2017 and attachments.

This matter will also be considered at the Finance Committee meeting of
11 April 2017.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE - TELSTRA
TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER - SANDOWN PARK,
SANDY BAY**

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Program Leader Recreation and Projects
Manager Parks and Recreation
Director Parks and City Amenity

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to consider a request from Telstra for a new lease over the site of its telecommunication tower and infrastructure located at Sandown Park in Sandy Bay.
- 1.2. Council considered this matter on 19 December 2016 and recommended that:
 1. *The City initiate community consultation, pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, in response to a request from Telstra for a new lease over the site of its telecommunication tower and infrastructure located at Sandown Park, Sandy Bay.*
 2. *Upon conclusion of the community engagement process, a further report be provided on the merit and terms of a proposed new lease for the site.*

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. The Council considered a report in December 2016 discussing a request from Telstra for a new lease agreement over the existing tower at Sandown Park.
- 2.2. The Council provided approval for consultation to be undertaken as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 2.3. The consultation was completed in March 2017, where two submissions were received from nearby residents concerning the proposal to provide a new lease.
- 2.4. The report recommends the approval of a new lease to Telstra for a ten (10) year period, with two (2) further five (5) year terms.

3. Recommendation

That:

1. ***The Council approve a new lease to Telstra for the site of the telecommunications tower located at Sandown Park, Sandy Bay for a ten (10) year period with two (2) further five (5) year options.***

2. ***The addition of any further infrastructure relating to the tower be considered by the Council at the time of application.***
3. ***The General Manager be authorised to negotiate the terms of the new lease agreement.***
4. ***Pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, notice be provided of the Council's decision, in writing and within 7 days of the decision, to those parties that lodged an objection including rights of appeal under the Act.***

4. Background

- 4.1. Telstra has made a request to extend their lease over the site of the tower at Sandown Park for a further ten (10) year period and have also requested two (2) further five (5) year options. A plan of the proposed lease area (**Attachment A**).
- 4.2. Council considered this matter on 19 December 2016 and recommended that:
 - 1 *The City initiate community consultation, pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, in response to a request from Telstra for a new lease over the site of its telecommunication tower and infrastructure located at Sandown Park, Sandy Bay marked as Attachment A to item 6.3 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 8 December 2016.*
 - 2 *Upon conclusion of the community engagement process, a further report be provided on the merit and terms of a proposed new lease for the site*
- 4.3. Following this resolution, community engagement was initiated in March 2017 for a period of 3 weeks concluding on 20 March 2017.
- 4.4. It should be noted that the Council met all requirements for consultation under the Local Government Act and in addition sent letters to a number of residents.
- 4.5. Residents were advised of the proposal by:
 - 4.5.1. Letters were sent to 71 nearby property owners.
 - 4.5.2. Notices were placed in prominent locations on site.
 - 4.5.3. Advertising in The Mercury newspaper.
- 4.6. At the conclusion of the consultation period two (2) submissions were received, these are summarised in the table below.

Response	Comments
1 – Nearby Resident	<p>Against the proposal on two grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nutgrove is a very popular area during weekends and public holidays. It is one of the most visited public spaces yet the existence of the Telstra Pole is ugly and ruins the ambiance and pleasure that visitors to the area seek. 2) The existence of low frequency electromagnetic energy may at this stage show no harm to humans but is concerned that the low exposure will be increased through more towers and modern devices, the accumulated affect may be harmful in the future. <p>Suggested other sites be considered including Alexandra Battery (due to its elevation a lower tower could be considered), or the sand hills between Prossers and the Sailing Club.</p>
2- Nearby Resident	<p>Against the proposal</p> <p>Preference would be that the Council does not support the new lease as it would be better relocated away from residences due to the visual aspects and due to EMR (electromagnetic radiation).</p> <p>Second preference would be for the lease to be renewed but with restrictions on other companies adding further infrastructure to the pole.</p> <p>Is aware of the proposal from Optus/Vodafone to also add infrastructure to the pole.</p>

- 4.7. It is noted that both responses relate to the same issues around the visual impact of the pole, and the possible health effects through electromagnetic radiation (EMR).
- 4.8. The visual impact of the pole is a subjective view depending on the individual, whilst the pole is noticeable on site (it stands at 20m above the ground level) it is of similar height to the lighting towers on nearby Sandown Park (18 metres) and is obscured from some perspectives by large trees in the area.
- 4.9. EMR was the predominant concern from the community when the pole was first installed. The pole at the time of installation and at the current

time meets the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) radiofrequency standard – the compliance with this standard is a requirement of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) prior to installing a new tower, or upgrading any existing tower.

- 4.10. Most recent advice on EMR suggests that there is no scientific evidence regarding possible adverse health effects from base stations or antennas, this advice is supported by both the ARPANSA and the World Health Organisation.
- 4.11. It is noted one of the respondents suggest two alternative locations for relocation of the tower.
 - 4.11.1. Alexandra Battery is not considered a suitable alternative to the current location. The writer raises concern of the current pole being within 100m of residences, however it is likely that a pole at this location would be closer to residences and would have more within 100m than the current site. There would also be likely heritage implications with any work on this site.
 - 4.11.2. The suggestion of locating the pole to the sand hills between Prossers Restaurant and the Sandy Bay Sailing Club is also considered unviable. Whilst this location would move the infrastructure further away from residents, the infrastructure would require significant excavation to find a suitable base and due to erosion issues in the area this would not be a suitable option. It is also unlikely to be viable from an economic perspective from Telstra for this to occur.
- 4.12. If the lease was not to continue, and the pole was to be removed it would leave a significant gap in Telstra services in the area, which would create areas with unreliable reception or black spots where no reception was available.
- 4.13. It is known that Optus/Vodafone are planning to make a request to Telstra to add some additional antennas to the pole as well as some cabinets at the rear of the existing pavilion. Whilst the addition of antennas will be subject to an agreement between Telstra and Optus/Vodafone, the Council will need to consider a request for lease for the location of the cabinets. Any lease will also be subject to the consultation requirements under Section 178 of the *Local Government Act*. As such the extension of the lease could be approved; however any additional infrastructure would need the Council consideration.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. It is proposed that the Council approve a new lease to Telstra for the site of the telecommunications tower located at Sandown Park for a ten (10) year period with two (2) further five (5) year options.

- 5.2. It is proposed that the addition of any further infrastructure relating to the pole be considered by the Council at the time of application, noting that 'low impact' facilities can be added to existing infrastructure without planning approvals or landowner consent.
- 5.3. Pursuant to Section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, notice be provided of the Council's decision, in writing and within 7 days of the decision, to those parties that lodged an objection including rights of appeal under the Act.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The proposal is line with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2015-2025, Strategic Objective 2.3:

City and regional planning ensures quality design, meets community needs and maintains residential amenity.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 7.1.1. A valuation of the leased area has been completed and an annual rental of \$6,600 exc GST has been recommended for the site.
 - 7.1.2. Should a lease be approved this will result in an additional \$6,600 exc income per annum.
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
 - 7.2.1. The lease rental will increase by CPI each year.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
 - 7.3.1. There are no asset related items – all assets within the lease area will be the responsibility of Telstra.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. A new lease agreement will be developed by the City's Legal Services Officer.
- 8.2. Section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993* outlines the process the Council must abide when seeking to dispose (including lease) Public Land.

Should the Council resolve to lease the portion of land, notice will be provided, in writing and within 7 days of the decision, to those that lodges an objection including their rights of appeal.

9. Environmental Considerations

- 9.1. There has been much debate about the potential health effects of electromagnetic radiation from towers such as the one which is the subject of this application. Advice from Telstra is that the current facility complies with the relevant Standard and there is no substantiated evidence of negative health effects.

10. Social and Customer Considerations

- 10.1. It is considered that the proposed extension of the lease will generate community interest. However it does need to be noted that if this pole and associated infrastructure were to be removed it would reduce the capacity for the provision of a high quality telecommunications service usage that meets customer requirements and may result in additional "black spots" or mobile telephone reception being non existent.

11. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 11.1. As noted earlier in the report the Council has exceeded its obligations under the Local Government Act.

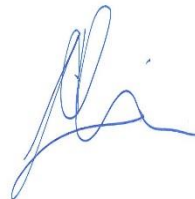
12. Delegation

- 12.1. 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.



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**PROGRAM LEADER RECREATION
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Date: 31 March 2017
File Reference: F17/30107; 5601657
Attachment A: Site Plan - Lease Area ↴



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 Aldermen.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee

Attachment A: Committee Status Action Report

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - STATUS REPORT

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

November 2014 to March 2017

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
1	<p>HARRINGTON STREET PUBLIC TOILETS – PROPOSED DECOMMISSIONING AND REMOVAL – FILE REF: 17-20-4</p> <p>Open Council 25/5/2015, Item 15</p>	<p>The Harrington Street public toilets be immediately decommissioned and a communication strategy, including signage, be developed to direct users to facilities located in the nearby Centrepont Shopping Centre.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to proceed with the demolition of the Harrington Street public toilets and replacement with an appropriately designed wall, subject to:-</p> <p>(i) a further report being provided detailing the proposed replacement wall, including opportunities for the creation of a public space, opportunities for public art, interpretation of the historical bridge and increased visual access to the Hobart Rivulet.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The Harrington Street Toilets are now closed.</p> <p>Quotes have been received to demolish the toilet block.</p> <p>Potential interest in the area has been expressed by an adjoining property owner.</p> <p>Investigations are progressing in respect to the further report and concept designs are under development.</p>

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
2	<p>TASMAN HIGHWAY MEMORIAL BRIDGE - RELEASE OF PROPOSAL FOR STAKEHOLDER COMMENT –FILE REFS: 873; 70-53-4</p> <p>Open Council 22/6/2015, Item 18</p> <p>Open Council 21/11/2016, item</p> <p>Open Council 20/2/2017</p>	<p>The General Manager authorise the lodgement of a planning application in accordance with Section 52 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, for the Tasman Highway Memorial Bridge.</p> <p>The issues raised by the stakeholders during the consultation process be progressively assessed and addressed in the detailed design of the proposal for construction.</p>	Director City Planning	The Council decision is being actioned.
3	<p>ANCANTHE PARK MASTER PLAN – IMPLEMENTATION – FILE REF: 70-31-1</p> <p>Open Council 26/10/2015, item 16</p>	<p>The staged implementation plan for the Ancanthe Park Master Plan, including the preliminary cost estimate, be approved.</p> <p>(i) Stage 1 works, estimated at a cost of \$15,000 be funded from the Bushland Strategy & Projects Function within the 2015/2016 Annual Plan.</p> <p>(ii) The proposed replacement of the public toilets, estimated at a cost of \$250,000, be funded as part of the Public Toilet Strategy program in 2016/2017.</p> <p>(iii) The balance of the works, estimated at a cost of \$385,000 be considered for funding in the 2016/2017 financial year.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	Works are underway on site.

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
4	<p>LEASE RENEWAL REQUESTS — HOBART FOOTBALL CLUB – PAKANA SERVICES – FILE REFS: 72-44-1; 72-25-19; 41-61-1</p> <p>Open PRC 12/11/2015, item 12</p> <p>Open FC 17/11/2015, item 7</p>	<p>The following lease renewals be approved:</p> <p>(i) A new five (5) year lease with the Hobart Football Club for the clubroom and changeroom facilities at the TCA Ground at a nominal rental of \$50 per annum.</p> <p>(ii) A new one (1) year lease agreement, with two (2) further one (1) year extensions, with Pakana Services for the shed located at Waterworks Reserves, South Hobart at a nominal rental of \$50 per annum.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	The leases are being finalised.
5	<p>WILLIAM KEITH ELTHAM PAVILION, SOLDIERS MEMORIAL OVAL – HOBART CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB – NEW LEASE – FILE REF: 72-25-17</p> <p>Open Council 23/11/2015, item 20</p>	<p>That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate a new lease with the Hobart Canine Obedience Club for a section of the William Keith Eltham Pavilion located at Soldiers Memorial Oval.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	The leases are being finalised.

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
6	<p>QUEENS DOMAIN JOGGERS LOOP CONCEPT PLAN – FILE REF: 15/107-003</p> <p>Open Council 25/1/2016, item 13</p> <p>Open Council 23/5/2016, Item 17</p>	<p>The Queens Domain Joggers Loop Concept Plan, be approved.</p> <p>Stage 1, to include works focused around connectivity, supporting infrastructure (e.g. car park upgrade, signage, and traffic calming), and trialling the soft-fall surface, be undertaken in 2016/2017 at an estimated cost of \$250,000 be funded from the Bushland and Reserves Function Capital Works budget.</p> <p>Maintenance costs estimated at \$5,000 per annum be considered for inclusion in the 2017/2018 Bushland and Reserves Function.</p> <p>Nominations be sought for the renaming of the Joggers Loop track, in accordance with the Council policy 'Naming of Public Facilities, Parks or Reserves' with a view to renaming the track upon completion of Stage 1 works.</p> <p>(i) The proponent recommending the renaming of Joggers Loop after Maxwell George Cherry OAM, be advised of the Council's decision.</p> <p>Respondents who provided comment on the draft concept plan be notified of the Council's endorsement of the final concept plan.</p> <p>A media release be issued at the appropriate time.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	Stage 1 works are to be undertaken by 30 June 2017.
7	<p>SOLDIERS MEMORIAL AVENUE – MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW – FILE REF: 14-50-5</p> <p>Open Council 25/1/2016, item 13</p> <p>Open Council 23/5/2016, item 18</p>	<p>A review of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue Management Plan 2004 be undertaken with the development of a new management plan, at an estimated cost \$15,000 to be funded from the Open Space Planning Function in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.</p> <p>(i) The management plan consider the utilisation of the 'Tree Widows' material for the interpretation and promotion of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue.</p> <p>The Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue be advised of the Council's decision.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	Review of the Management Plan is to be undertaken in 2017/18.

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
8	BATTERY POINT SHARED ACCESSWAY – FILE REF: 37-2-2 Open Council 25/1/2016, item 17	<p>That a report be prepared that details options available as a means of facilitating movement in and around Battery Point and its foreshore, and addresses the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The implementation, in the short term, of the formalisation of an existing road route through Battery Point. 2. Analysis of the options include detail on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) estimated financial implications; (ii) planning and legal implications; and (iii) how the proposal relates to the City of Hobart Strategic Plan 2015-2025. 3. Analysis of any opportunity costs in respect to proceeding or not proceeding with a shared access way, including its impact with other planned projects. 4. Details on engaging the local and wider community in respect to the options. 	Director City Planning	An in-house team is being assembled to respond to the Council later this calendar year.

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
9	<p>BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN – FILE REF: 70-30-1</p> <p>Open Council 22/2/2016, item 15</p> <p>Open Council 21/11/2016, item</p>	<p>The progress in implementing the Bushfire Management Strategy 2014 be noted and a formal review of the Strategy be undertaken in the 2018 calendar year.</p> <p>The completed 2015/2016, planned 2016/2017 and rolling 3-year (2016/2017 – 2018/2019) bushfire hazard reduction programs, be noted.</p> <p>Upon release of the new State Government Guideline for design and construction of firebreaks, a number of trial demonstration fire breaks, utilising the guidelines, be constructed to enable an assessment of their suitability to be undertaken.</p> <p>(i) The General Manager be delegated authority to approve the selection and construction of trial demonstration firebreaks utilising the new guidelines within the City's bushland reserve system.</p> <p>Consideration associated with the review of the draft bushfire management plans for Knocklofty, McRobies, Ridgeway and Waterworks Reserves be deferred until the Council determines its position on the adoption of the State Government Fire Break Guidelines.</p> <p>Hazard reduction burning and the fire trail enhancement program and maintenance activities, in accordance with the preliminary draft bushfire management plans, be progressed.</p> <p>An appropriate joint media release be issued by the Lord Mayor together with the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee at the appropriate time.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The Tasmania Fire Service has released guidelines for design and construction of fire breaks.</p> <p>Trial sites have been identified with on-ground works to commence early April.</p> <p>A further report addressing bushfire management plans and a review of the trial sites is scheduled to be provided mid-year.</p>

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
10	PROPOSED PERGOLA INSTALLATION – FITZROY GARDENS – FILE REF: 70-20-1 Open Council 26/4/2016, item 18	<p>Landlord approval be granted for the relocation of the pergola, formerly located at the Macquarie Street entrance to Franklin Square, Fitzroy Gardens.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to lodge a development application for the works.</p> <p>An allocation of \$25,000 be provided from the Parks Infrastructure Asset Replacement budget for the 2016/2017 financial year to allow the project to proceed.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	A development application for the works is being prepared for lodgement.
11	1 FOLDER STREET AND 5 TEW TERRACE, SANDY BAY – PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE –FILE REFS: 5613607; P/1/497 Open Council 23/5/2016, item 20	<p>The Council proceed, pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, with the exchange of approximately 460m² of land situated at 1 Folder Street, Sandy Bay with an equivalent parcel located in the City's Bicentennial Park, at 5 Tew Terrace, Sandy Bay.</p> <p>(i) The single objection received during the statutory advertising period as part of the public land disposal process, pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, be considered to not present a strong rationale for the land exchange not to proceed.</p> <p>(ii) The objector be advised of the Council's decision, in accordance with the requirement of Section 178 of the Act.</p> <p>The Council provide landowner consent to lodge a Section 43A (a combined planning scheme amendment and development application) to progress the land exchange.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The Council approved the Section 43A application at its meeting held on 19 December 2016.</p> <p>The application now rests with the Tasmania Planning Commission for determination.</p>

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
12	<p>DUAL COMMERCIAL PROPOSALS FOR A 'ROPES COURSE FACILITY' ON COUNCIL PARKLAND – FILE REF: 41-61-1</p> <p>Open Council 23/5/2016, item 21</p>	<p>The City of Hobart undertake an expression of interest process for the operation of a high ropes course facility within the City's parkland.</p> <p>The expression of interest require proponents to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) identify a suitable site and relevant surrounding impacts; (ii) be prepared to negotiate a commercial lease for the area; (iii) provide a business case; (iv) ensure the concept can meet the objectives of the planning scheme; (v) demonstrate the ability to meet the required capital and recurrent costs; (vi) comply with all other Council requirements; and (vii) demonstrate excellence in environmental practices. <p>The General Manager be delegated the authority to prepare and release an expression of interest.</p> <p>A further report be provided to advise the outcomes of the expression of interest process.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The EOI process has closed.</p> <p>The submissions received are undergoing assessment to enable further negotiations to be progressed with the preferred operators.</p> <p>A report will be provided in coming months.</p>

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
13	<p>LOCHNER STREET, WEST HOBART - STREET TREES PROPOSAL – FILE REF: 42-1-50</p> <p>Open PRC 9/6/2016, item 10</p>	<p>That the Council proceed with the proposal to plant two new street trees in Lochner Street, outside 24 Lochner Street, West Hobart during the proposed street works in the 2016/17 financial year, at an approximate cost of \$6,000 to be funded from the Parks Infrastructure Asset Replacement budget in the 2016/17 Annual Plan.</p> <p>The Council not proceed with planting street trees outside 18, 20, 22 Lochner Street due to the high cost of relocating the TasWater sewer main, required to accommodate any street trees in that location.</p> <p>(i) Alternatively, consideration be given to planting small, drought tolerant, low maintenance plant species such as Lavender and Rosemary with appropriate material in place to contain the root ball</p> <p>Correspondence be forwarded to TasWater expressing the City's future desire to plant a further two street trees outside the properties at 18, 20 and 22 Lochner Street at the time it proposes to replace the adjacent sewer main.</p> <p>The residents that signed the letter dated 17 March 2016 and the resident of 7 Minallo Avenue, West Hobart be advised of the Council's decision.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	Street improvements works are nearing completion which will enable the landscaping to be complete when weather conditions are appropriate.
14	<p>Request for Memorial Plaque - Former Aldermen Bruce O'Connor - Long Beach Reserve, Lower Sandy Bay</p> <p>Open PRC 11/8/2016, item 6.3</p>	<p>That the request to install a memorial plaque on a seat within the Long Beach Reserve area, Sandy Bay, recognising former Alderman Bruce O'Connor's service to the City, be approved.</p> <p>In accordance with the Council's policy titled Memorial Plaques and Tree Plantings in Parks, Bushland and Reserves, the final location of the plaque be to the satisfaction of the Director Parks and City Amenity.</p> <p>The cost of the plaque be funded by the O'Connor family.</p> <p>The O'Connor family be advised of the decision.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	The proponent has been advised of the Committee's decision with the City awaiting further progress from the family

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
15	Draft Fern Tree Park Visitor Node Master Plan - Community Engagement Open Council 24/10/2016, item 12	<p>That the Draft Fern Tree Park Visitor Node Master Plan 2016, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 13 October 2016, be endorsed for community engagement for a four week period during November and December 2016.</p> <p>A further report be provided detailing the outcome of the community engagement and the amended final Master Plan.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>Community engagement closed on 5 December 2016 and is undergoing assessment.</p> <p>A report will be provided in May 2017.</p>
16	Request for Extension of Lease - Telstra Telecommunication Tower - Sandown Park, Sandy Bay Open Council 19/12/2016 item 20	<p>The Council initiate community consultation, pursuant to Section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, in response to the request from Telstra for a new lease over the site of its telecommunication monopole and infrastructure located at Sandown Park, Sandy Bay.</p> <p>Upon conclusion of the community engagement process, a further report be provided on the merit and terms of a proposed new lease for the site.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	A report is attached to the agenda.
17	Draft City of Hobart Street Tree Strategy - Endorsement for Community Engagement Open PRC 8/12/2016, item 6.5 Open Council 16, 20/2/2017	<p>The draft 'Street Tree Strategy 2017' be endorsed by the Council and released for wider community engagement and consultation.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The Draft Strategy has been released for public comment, closing 3 April.</p>

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
18	Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre Redevelopment - Draft Master Plan 2017 - Community Engagement and Grant Application Open Council 14, 20/2/2017	<p>The draft Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre Redevelopment Master Plan 2017, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 9 February 2017, be endorsed by the Council and released for community feedback.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to lodge a grant funding application under the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream, for an amount of up to \$10 million to enable implementation of the redevelopment Master Plan to proceed.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor together with the General Manager and/or his representative, champion further grant funding as deemed appropriate.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The City's application for commonwealth grant funding has been lodged.</p> <p>Letters of support were sought and many received from Tasmanian politicians, Southern Tasmanian Mayors and community groups.</p> <p>The Draft Master Plan has been released for public comment, closing 17 April.</p>
19	19 Lansdowne Crescent, West Hobart (West Hobart Recreation Ground - Oval) - Proposal for a TasNetworks Easement Open Council 15, 20/2/2017	<p>Council approval be granted to TasNetworks for an easement at 19 Lansdowne Crescent, West Hobart (West Hobart Recreation Ground - Title Reference 137671/1), in accordance with TasNetworks' site and locality plan AS-26231.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to negotiate the terms and conditions of the easement.</p> <p>TasNetworks undertake all works, documentation and complete the easement registration at its cost.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>Licence agreement is with TasNetworks.</p> <p>Complete.</p>
20	Memorial Plaques on Council Outdoor Furniture Open Council 20/3/2017, item 7.1	<p>That a report be provided to review Council's current policy on plaques secured / affixed to infrastructure.</p>	Director Parks and City Amenity	<p>The Council decision is being actioned.</p>

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
21	Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas By-Law, By-Law 5 of 2008 - Council Delegation to the General Manager Open Council 20/3/2017, item 6.1	That the General Manager's Instrument of Council Delegation, pertaining to Part 4 "Permits and Licences" of the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas By-Law, By-Law 5 of 2008, be amended.	Director Parks and City Amenity	The Council decision has been actioned. Complete.

8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Regulation 29(3) *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
File Ref: 13-1-10

The General Manager reports:-

"In accordance with the procedures approved in respect to Questions Without Notice, the following responses to questions taken on notice are provided to the Committee for information.

The Committee is reminded that in accordance with Regulation 29(3) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Chairman is not to allow discussion or debate on either the question or the response."

8.1 Tenders for the Bridge from the Domain to Bathurst Street, Hobart
File Ref: F17/29252; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director City Planning of 30 March 2017.

8.2 Fire Hazard Reduction Burns - Skill Sharing with Tasmania Fire Service
File Ref: F17/29344; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director Parks and City Amenity of 30 March 2017.

8.3 Fire Hazard Reduction Burns at Night
File Ref: F17/29338; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director Parks and City Amenity of 30 March 2017.

8.4 Fire Hazard Reduction Burns - Smoke Haze
File Ref: F17/29335; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director Parks and City Amenity of 30 March 2017.

8.5 Fire Hazard Reduction Burns
File Ref: F17/29281; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director Parks and City Amenity of 30 March 2017.

8.6 Fire Hazard Reduction Burns - Biodiversity Protection
File Ref: F17/29284; 13-1-10

Memorandum of the Director Parks and City Amenity of 30 March 2017.

Delegation: Committee

That the information be received and noted.



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Aldermen

Response to Question Without Notice

TENDERS FOR THE BRIDGE FROM THE DOMAIN TO BATHURST STREET, HOBART

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 9 March 2017

Raised by: Alderman Briscoe

Question:

Could the Director please advise when the tenders close with respect to the bridge from the Domain to Bathurst Street, Hobart?

Response:

The tenders closed on 28th February 2017 and we are currently establishing the preferred tender.

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.

Neil Noye
DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING

Date: 30 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29252; 13-1-10



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Aldermen

Response to Question Without Notice

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS - SKILL SHARING WITH TASMANIA FIRE SERVICE

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 9 March 2017

Raised by: Alderman Reynolds

Question:

Would there be any benefit in the City's Fire and Biodiversity Unit skill-sharing with the Tasmania Fire Service and other relevant agencies, to ensure that the biodiversity is protected?

Response:

From the City's perspective there could be some benefit, however the matter has been forwarded to the Tasmania Fire Service for input.

A response to the question will be provided in due course.

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.

Glenn Doyle
**DIRECTOR PARKS AND CITY
AMENITY**

Date: 30 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29344; 13-1-10



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Aldermen

Response to Question Without Notice

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS AT NIGHT

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 9 February 2017

Raised by: Alderman Briscoe

Question:

Has the City given consideration to conducting fire hazard reduction burns at night?

Response:

Where appropriate and necessary, planned burns are programmed to extend into the evening to maximise the available burning opportunities and the scale of burns, subject to workplace health and safety and resourcing considerations.

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.

Glenn Doyle
**DIRECTOR PARKS AND CITY
AMENITY**

Date: 30 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29338; 13-1-10



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Aldermen

Response to Question Without Notice

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS - SMOKE HAZE

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 9 March 2017

Raised by: Alderman Briscoe

Question:

Has the City considered the visual impact of smoke arising from fire hazard reduction burns when planning and instigating such burns?

Response:

Smoke management is a major component in hazard reduction burn planning. This includes detailed prescriptions aimed at minimising the impact of smoke on the community.

The City also participates in a coordinated smoke management strategy administered by the Forest Practices Authority. The strategy aims to reduce the negative impact of smoke on the community by coordinating planned burns to minimise the risk of high concentration of smoke in individual air-sheds and to reduce the risk of smoke pollution within population centres.

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.

Glenn Doyle
**DIRECTOR PARKS AND CITY
AMENITY**

Date: 30 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29335; 13-1-10



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Aldermen

Response to Question Without Notice

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 9 March 2017

Raised by: Alderman Harvey

Question:

Could the Director please advise the guidelines that are in place for the Tasmania Fire Service in conducting fire hazard reduction burns to ensure that the biodiversity of the land is being protected?

Response:

The matter has been forwarded to the Tasmania Fire Service for input.

A response to the question will be provided in due course.

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.

Glenn Doyle
**DIRECTOR PARKS AND CITY
AMENITY**

Date: 30 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29281; 13-1-10



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Aldermen

Response to Question Without Notice

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS - BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 9 March 2017

Raised by: Alderman Ruzicka

Question:

What steps can the City take to ensure that biodiversity is being adequately prioritised by agencies undertaking fire hazard reduction burns?

Response:

The two main agencies involved in undertaking scheduled burns on the City's land are the City itself and the Tasmania Fire Service.

The City and the Tasmania Fire Service are progressing the development of an officer-level, inter-agency agreement. A shared outcome of such an agreement includes the management of biodiversity values will be included as an objective in the development and implementation of site specific burn plans.

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.

Glenn Doyle
**DIRECTOR PARKS AND CITY
AMENITY**

Date: 30 March 2017
File Reference: F17/29284; 13-1-10

9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

An Alderman may ask a question without notice of the Chairman, another Alderman, 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 Alderman 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, Aldermen, 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 Aldermen, at the appropriate time.
 - (iii) upon the answer to the question being circulated to Aldermen, 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.

10. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

The following items were discussed: -

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Council Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda |
| Item No. 3 | Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest |
| Item No. 4 | Reports |
| Item No. 4.1 | Land Acquisition
LG(MP)R 15(2)(f) |
| Item No. 4.2 | Proposed Commercial Application for an Accommodation Facility
LG(MP)R 15(2)(b), (c)(i) and (f) |
| Item No. 5 | Committee Action Status Report |
| Item No. 5.1 | Committee Actions - Status Report
LG(MP)R 15(2)(g) |
| Item No. 6 | Questions Without Notice |