



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Council Meeting

Open Portion

Monday, 23 April 2018

at 5:00 pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall

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The Acting General Manager reports:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Part 2 Regulation 8(6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, these supplementary matters are submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

Pursuant to Regulation 8(6), I report that:

- (a) information in relation to the matter was provided subsequent to the distribution of the agenda;
- (b) the matter is regarded as urgent; and
- (c) advice is provided pursuant to Section 65 of the Act.”

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SPECIAL REPORT – ACTING GENERAL MANAGER
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- 35. Australian Local Government Association Community Infrastructure Ideas Register**
File Ref: F18/34882
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Memorandum of the Acting General Manager of 20 April 2018 and attachments.

Delegation: Council



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL

Australian Local Government Association Community Infrastructure Ideas Register

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to enable the Council to determine whether it wishes to nominate any projects to the Australian Local Government Association's Community Infrastructure Ideas Register.

Background

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has written to the Council asking if it would like to nominate three potential projects for its Community Infrastructure Ideas Register (**attachment A**). ALGA has requested that responses be provided by Friday 27 April 2018.

In the upcoming Federal Election, ALGA will be advocating for the establishment of a Community Infrastructure Program by the Federal Government with funding of \$300 million per annum for four years.

The Community Infrastructure Program would be particularly targeted at the renewal and replacement of ageing community infrastructure including, among other things:

- Community halls
- Swimming pools
- Ovals and playgrounds
- Libraries
- Walking and cycling trails
- Boat ramps
- Seawalls

In considering whether to nominate projects to ALGA's register, the Council might like to consider the following for inclusion on the list:

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre redevelopment

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre is a very popular community facility but at almost 21 years old, it is due for significant redevelopment. Following consultation with key stakeholders a Master Plan for the Centre was developed and adopted by the Council in May 2017. The Master Plan proposes a total redevelopment that will cost approximately \$22M for the City to undertake. The City is in a position to fund \$12M of these works itself and the Tasmanian Government has committed a further

\$3M towards the project. However, an additional \$7M is required to fund the balance of the project.

Sports Grounds Change Room facility upgrades

The demand for upgrades to change rooms has increased dramatically as participation in female football and cricket has exploded in the past two years on the back of successful AFLW and WBBL seasons.

Given these changes and the growth of participation in sport more generally, the provision of upgraded female friendly facilities is critical. To sustain this growth and to meet contemporary expectations, significant investment is required.

An audit of the change room facilities at each of the City's 20 playing fields is now underway and when complete will provide an understanding of the quantum of investment required to refurbish and improve facilities accordingly.

Domain Athletic Centre lighting

The track surface at the Domain Athletic Centre has recently been replaced with new synthetic material which will allow Hobart to host national and international events.

The new track is certified IAAF Class 2 which means national and world records achieved in Tasmania will be officially recognised.

A lighting upgrade at the Centre will further enhance the Centre's versatility and capability in hosting events.

Other projects

There were a number of other projects identified during the formation of the 10 year Capital Works Program that could not be funded. These include:

- Hunter/Evans Street
- Battery Point walkway
- Visitor Centre at the Springs
- Tram workshop and display facility
- Material separator at McRobies Gully

Unfortunately as this program targets the renewal and replacement of ageing community infrastructure, these projects are not eligible for nomination.

Proposal

It is proposed that the Council determine whether it wishes to nominate any projects to ALGA's Community Infrastructure Ideas Register.

If the Council does wish to nominate any projects, the following be submitted to ALGA:

- Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre redevelopment
- Sports Grounds Change Room facility upgrades
- Domain Athletic Centre lighting

RECOMMENDATION***That:***

- 1. That the information be received and noted.***
- 2. The Council consider if it wishes to nominate any projects to the Australian Local Government Association's Community Infrastructure Ideas Register.***
- 3. If the Council wishes to nominate projects to the Ideas Register, the following be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association:***

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre***Sports Ground Change Room Facility upgrades******Domain Athletic Centre lighting***

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.



Heather Salisbury
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Date: 20 April 2018

File Reference: F18/34882

Attachment A: ALGA Correspondence ↴



5 April 2018

City of Hobart
GPO Box 503
HOBART TAS 7001



Dear Lord Mayor Hickey

Community Infrastructure Ideas Register – Opportunity to include your projects

Do you have a list of potential community infrastructure projects that need funding?

We are writing to you to encourage your council to submit up to three potential projects by Friday 27 April 2018 for the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA's) Community Infrastructure Ideas Register https://alga.asn.au/tecms/forms/community_infrastructure_ideas/registration.aspx.

In the upcoming Federal Election, ALGA will be advocating for the establishment of a Community Infrastructure Program by the Federal Government with funding of \$300 million per annum for four years.

ALGA has consistently called for establishment of such a program through Budget Submissions and election documents since 2007 to help communities address the substantial backlog in community infrastructure investment.

The Community Infrastructure Program would be particularly targeted at the renewal and replacement of ageing community infrastructure including, among other things:

- Community halls
- Swimming pools
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Such a program would deliver substantial benefits including:

- Addressing the growing backlog in replacing ageing community infrastructure;
- Allowing communities to gain more value and use from existing infrastructure;
- Enhancing social interaction, community networks and local activity levels;
- Enhancing and assisting local and regional economic development;
- Strengthening community pride and vibrancy; and
- Emulating the extraordinary success of the Roads to Recovery program.

The call for the program in 2007 was supported by a Community Infrastructure Ideas Register of more than 1,000 possible projects which ALGA had compiled from council responses to a call for potential projects.

In response, and as part of its efforts to address the Global Financial Crisis in 2008, the Federal Government of the day acknowledged the community infrastructure backlog as per ALGA's PwC report and established the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) which provided \$1.12b in funding to Local Government in 2009-2010 for more than 6,000 projects.

Unfortunately, this was a short-lived program and the substantial infrastructure backlog for councils remains. The most recent State of the Assets report commissioned by ALGA has identified that up to \$45 billion of local government's community infrastructure by value remains in poor or very poor condition.

ALGA has established a new Ideas Register for Community Infrastructure and called for councils to forward their ideas. Nearly 100 councils across the nation have submitted more than 320 ideas so far but it is vital that as many councils as possible provide their potential projects to the Register and a review of the Register indicates that your council has yet to input to the Register.

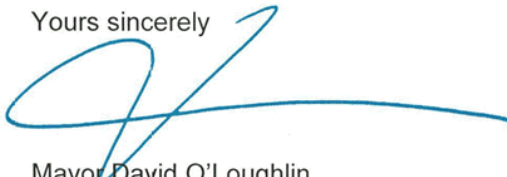
As we approach the next Federal Election ALGA will be asking all councils to engage with their local Federal Members and Senators and candidates in advancing local government's Federal Election agenda. The identification of local project ideas for a Community Infrastructure Program will provide Mayors and Presidents with concrete local examples of what can be delivered on the ground in order to seek support for the program from local candidates.

We are confident that your community has a long list of potential community infrastructure projects and would not want to miss out on this initiative.

We look forward to your response, and your three potential projects at your earliest convenience and no later than Friday 27 April 2018. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Ms Abby Carey of ALGA at Abby.Carey@alga.asn.au or telephone 6122 9400.

As the National General Assembly of Local Government approaches in June and the date of the next Federal Election edges closer, we look forward to engaging with you more in the coming months.

Yours sincerely



Mayor David O'Loughlin
President
Australian Local Government Association



Mayor Doug Chipman
President
Local Government Association
of Tasmania