



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Community, Culture and Events Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 30 January 2020

at 5:30 pm

Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall

THE MISSION

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

THE VALUES

The Council is:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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**Community, Culture and Events Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held
Thursday, 30 January 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Lady Osborne Room, Town Hall.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Harvey (Chairman)
Sexton
Dutta
Ewin
Sherlock

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Nil.

NON-MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Reynolds
Deputy Lord Mayor Burnet
Zucco
Briscoe
Thomas
Behrakis

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Community, Culture and Events Committee meeting held on [Wednesday, 4 December 2019](#), are submitted for confirming as an accurate record.

3. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

Recommendation

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

4. INDICATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

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

5. TRANSFER OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

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

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

6. REPORTS

6.1 Conference Reporting - City Health Australia Asia-Pacific - Melbourne - 3 - 4 October 2019 File Ref: F19/142622; 16/118

Memorandum of the General Manager of 18 December 2019 and attachment.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Conference Reporting - City Health Australia Asia-Pacific -
Melbourne - 3 - 4 October 2019**

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RECOMMENDATION

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N D Heath
GENERAL MANAGER

Date: 18 December 2019
File Reference: F19/142622; 16/118

Attachment A: Report - City Health Australia Asia-Pacific Conference -
Melbourne - 3 - 4 October 2019 ↓

City Health Australia Asia-Pacific Conference 2019**3-4 October 2019 Melbourne****A report by Alderman Dr Peter Sexton**

The City Health Conference was very comprehensive addressing a range of issues related to harm reduction. This report highlights a selection of presentations of interest to me as part of my personal professional development.

Harm Reduction as a Pillar of Public Health

The Honourable Martin Foley MP - Minister for Mental Health; Minister for Equality; Minister for Creative Industries Victoria.

As cities grow, challenges emerge in individual and large urban communities. These challenges include: alcohol, sexual behaviour, gender identity, the built form, housing, migration and integration into community.

Conflicts develop between populism and globalization especially, the economic and social determinants of health. Disparities between haves and have nots broaden and are not easy to address.

Harm reduction is seen as a key issue, especially when managing health issues.

Discrimination and stigma inhibits efforts to manage alcohol and other drugs and to ensure harm reduction. Governments should lead, not impede harm minimisation efforts eg by reducing or defunding services.

As an example, use of medically supervised injecting rooms has saved many lives through managed overdoses. Modern injecting rooms, such as those in Melbourne and Sydney also have associated services such as housing, medical, dental and dietary.

Informed public policy debate is a major contributor to the development of effective policy and advocacy based on informed and valid data, rather than sensational anecdotes.

History and development of harm reduction

Dr Alex Wodak

Basic tenets of harm reduction include:

- Pragmatism vs abstinence
- Non-judgmental

- Bottom up of top down
- Inclusive
- Incremental gains are valuable
- Reducing harm from drugs and drug policy
- Protect human rights
- Base the policy & practice on evidence
- About the real world not preferred world

Better to have 80% of something rather than 100% of nothing

Some examples of harm minimization initiatives include:

Tobacco:

- Nicotine replacement therapy

Alcohol:

- Heavy furniture bolted to floor in pubs prevents furniture used as a weapon
- Serving food, soft drinks in pubs
- Plastic drinking vessels
- Thiamine enriched flour

Prescription drugs:

- Longer acting BZDs
- Legal cannabis
- Illicit drugs:
- Methadone
- Needle syringe programs
- Drug consumption rooms
- Pill testing

Harm reduction is ubiquitous:

- Seat belts and air bags
- Helmets
- Road safety
- Soft ground playgrounds
- Swim between flags
- Condoms
- Holes in ballpoint pen caps to prevent suffocation when inhaled.

Harm reduction is:

- Very effective
- Safe
- Cost effective
- Underfunded
- Often resisted

History:

Preventing consequences of use more important than use itself – lead to Drug Law Reform

Why is harm reduction controversial?

- Often involves risk behavior related to pleasure - drugs, sex.
- Fear that risk compensation takes place - increased risk taking if consequences reduced.
- Underfunded therefore underperforming.

There is a need for before-after studies

Harm minimisation = supply reduction+demand reduction+harm reduction

Measures should be:

- Attractive
- Practicable
- Effective
- Affordable
- Safe
- Equitable

Harm minimization reduces health, social costs of risk behaviour without necessarily reducing risk behaviour.

Ethical issues and moral psychology of harm reduction

Dr David Swenar

Life is better over the past decades because of great progress in managing risk and improving prevention.

Technology and innovation is an unstoppable force, but moral overtones may impact on progress.

Ethics and moral psychology:

Thou shalt not lie – there is no ethical basis for lies - eg moralistic views such as,

withholding information for your own or the public good. No point now for Governments or organizations to withhold information as social media and the internet are all pervasive.

There are at least three approaches to harm reduction:

1. Autonomy: self determination and ability to make informed decision.
2. Community/ authority view: - who are you to question the view of expert, government, etc.
3. Sanctity - religious view etc: - respond with disgust at providing harm reduction information, education.

There is a clear risk of disinformation and misinformation through social media which is becoming increasingly prevalent.

What can we do?

People do change ideas, rather than the people with the current ideas eventually dying out. Personal stories can be mind changing and are important.

Politics and harm reduction

Geoff Gallop

Politics:

How to make things happen in a world of conflicting ideas and interest.
The science of power and influence.

Harm reduction:

How to reduce negative consequences of choices we make and habits we develop.
Relies on research but in the end is political – concepts are often contested.

Examples:

Florence 1498 - Piazza della SIGNORIA

Savonarola - radical priest - wanted a perfect society

His supporters included gangs of youths who spied on others and tortured those who were identified as non-believers. *The Bonfire of Profanities* resulted when thousands of objects such as cosmetics, art, and books were collected and burned in Florence, Italy on the Shrove Tuesday. Savonarola was eventually killed by his own population.

Contrast Savonarola with Machiavelli who believed that human beings should behave as they are rather than as we would like them to behave.

Government policy - how far can a Government go in intervening in the relationship between individuals and populations and their habits, practices?

There are often ideologues, researchers, vested interests, and populists around the political decision-making table. This often results in mixed outcomes including prohibition, harm reduction, supply reduction, etc.

Although harm reduction does improve outcomes, it often competes with fundamentalism.

Popper (1945) - "the role of the state is not to make people happy but to relieve avoidable suffering"

Einstein was once asked by a student:

"Why is it that we can discover and understand the structure of the atom and yet we cannot prevent that discovery from causing harm?"

"Politics is more difficult than physics" - Einstein.

Harm reduction from the trenches: people who use drugs, sex workers and community action

Julie Bates

Sex worker and former drug user in NSW.

'No bad whores - just bad laws' – successful campaign to decriminalize sex workers in NSW.

Ms Bates highlighted that disparate and opposing groups can work together to achieve a more pressing outcome. The campaign to decriminalize sex workers was eventually successful at least in part due to the fight to address the HIV epidemic. HIV was a catalyst for previously disparate and often opposing groups to work together.

A Synthetic Mess: The Pandora's Box of Prohibition

Nick Wallis

Former candidate of Australian Sex Party and now works with Harm Reduction Victoria - drug user organisation.

History of synthetic drugs:

1960s and 1970s drug wars - punitive approach to dealing with drugs.

1990s and 2000s - drugs of dependence

1980s - synthesis of cannabinoids - Hoffman

2000s - Spice and K2 - active synthetic compound sprayed onto damiana and other herbs.

The Australian Mining Industry introduced drug testing of employees and as a consequence, synthetic cannabinoids were widely used to evade drug testing. Many synthetic substances are banned and then tested resulting in The Endless Cycle – in which drugs are synthesized, banned, tested for, leading to new drugs being synthesized, tested for, banned, etc

In his book *Synthetic Panic* (1999), Philip Jenkins described Ironic Hysteria: the intersection between synthetic cannabis legislation, the media and drug-related harm. He argued that moral panic results in increased awareness of products and development of new products. People will continue to want a 'legal high' and will take risks with chemical products which will attract attention, leading to media exposure, bans and new products, etc.

Ban lists increased in all Australian states and territories leading to groups of compounds and later broad groups of compounds being banned.

New Zealand has a Psychoactive Substances Act which was intended to regulate the market but through political fundamentalism was amended to uselessness.

Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists have now reduced in number but have been replaced by other more dangerous and less understood drugs.

Harm reduction advice is difficult when drugs are not fully understood.

Building an evidence-base for the promotion of harm reduction strategies:

Nathan MacDonald

Principal Policy Lawyer working for Law Council of Australia - peak body of the Australian legal profession which advises governments, courts, etc and defends the rule of law.

It is important to listen.

The Justice Project researched access by mainly vulnerable communities to the justice system:

59 recommendations

150 consultations

130 submissions

Alternatives to criminal justice system (CJS) for drug and alcohol related issues are an important element of *The Justice Project*.

2/3 entrants to criminal justice system had used illicit drugs in the 12 months prior to entering CJS.

The link between drug/alcohol and CJS is well known and there is a need to continually focus on root causes when developing policies.

Critical support services are required to underpin justice responses.

Effective Initiatives include:

- Justice reinvestment towards treatment and diversion programs
- Specialist courts and non custodial supervisory sentencing options
- Health justice partnerships – a growing area with a multidisciplinary approach

Challenges:

- Lack of investment/resources
- Law lags behind social issues especially criminal law.
- Therapeutic jurisprudence
- Government investment in services

Te Ara Oranga - Methamphetamine Demand Reduction - Northland District Health Board And NZ Police

Jewel Reti

Partnership/collaboration with agencies and community are at the heart of the partnership, which was funded with \$NZ3m.

The partnership targeted the supply of methamphetamine mainly from Asia and Mexico, now involving biker gangs.

Strategies include

- Decreasing supply
- Reducing social and family harm through community engagement
- Increased intelligence
- Reducing criminal activity

Harm Reduction – it's not just about illicit drugs

Mark Zirnsak

Gambling Harm Reduction:

Balance between ban and harm reduction – eg land mines – banned vs antipersonnel mines not banned.

Gambling harm:

Victoria - 550,000 people with further 120,000 affected, usually by poker machines.

Response:

Ban on ATMs in venues, ban on public advertising, local area caps on no. of pokies, state wide caps, non enforceable limit setting, \$5 bet limit, self exclusion program, ban on pokies with head phones. Banning smoking in venues was also helpful.

Other reforms not yet implemented:

Restrict operating hours, introduce a duty of care, staff intervention, \$1 limit, allow gamblers to set enforceable limit, remove linked jackpots, etc

Politics failed police reform - but now reforms for online gambling have been implemented including banning provision of credit by gambling companies.

Lessons from London

David MackIntosh

Drugs, alcohol, sex, smoking and gambling.

Drugs:

Heroin, ecstasy, etc - harm reduction measures generally accepted.
Opiate substitute therapy and safe injecting rooms available in 33 areas of London.

'Safer nightlife' and 'drugs at the door' campaigns and guidelines have been available for many years - now used nationally and widely accepted.

Alcohol:

Alcohol advice must reflect how people drink.
<https://www.drinksmeter.com> app

drinkaware.co.uk

Sex:

HIV prevention
Condom use

Gambling:

The crack cocaine of gambling is poker machines.

Smoking:

Stoptober

Public complacency is always a risk: 'Oh my god, not this crap again' – highlights the constant need to make the case for harm reduction.

There remain strong political and moral obstacles to harm reduction – “condoning bad behavior”.

From a Worker's Perspective

Paul Healy
HACSU

Better systems are required at the right time for dealing with issues. Inter generational issues continue with limited opportunities to break the cycle.

Mental health and suicide:

Mental health systems often not well structured with limited career options which undermines service.

Unions need to work better together.

Now developing 7 level structure with career path with inbuilt management, research, training, etc.

Economics of Harm Reduction

Hal Swerissen

Academia and Government involvement - Works at Grattan Institute.

Harm reduction - economic analyses are often essential to win arguments.

Harm is the value of costs borne by community and the economic value of harm minimisation is a measure of the reduction of the costs.

Example - sugar tax.

Obesity is a major problem in Australia resulting in \$8 billion in personal costs and in addition a further \$5 billion in community costs such as cost of health, lost taxes etc.

Rates of obesity increased sharply since the 1980s; energy consumption increased with no increase in exercise. Added sugar increased sharply, therefore a reduction in sugar consumption seems obvious. Sugar sweetened beverages have no value other than sugar - there are sweetener alternatives.

The Grattan Institute argued the benefits of reducing sugar and suggested a tax which would decrease consumption and obesity.

Arguments against a sugar tax included:

- Not the only cause of obesity
- Taxes are not effective - not supported by international experience.
- Non equitable as lower income population drink most sugary drinks
- Choice should not be constrained if no one else affected.
- Avoid nanny state. (Actually a regulatory environment will reduce risks and government has major role in risk reduction - so nanny state argument a furphy.)

Good public policy to combat obesity will be as difficult as campaigns against other public health issues such as smoking.

Queensland Alcohol-related violence and Night Time Economy Monitoring project (QUANTEM)

Nic - PhD student in place of Peter Miller.

Large study from 2016 to evaluate harm reduction following implementation of alcohol harm reduction strategy.

Intervention: In Safe Night Precincts

An initial 6th month review cited a lack of evidence to support lockout laws and therefore the harm reduction strategy was limited to:

- Restricted trading hours
- Mandatory ID scanning if open after midnight

Initially, the restricted trading hours strategy was limited by an agreement between clubs that one club would always open to 5am. Late opening was also subsequently totally banned.

The strategy time frame was:

2016 trading hour restriction
2017 late opening stopped
2017 ID scanners - identifies banned persons.

Why QLD?

Higher mean blood alcohol concentration and associated verbal and physical aggression than other Australian cities.

Results:

No change in serious assaults across QLD but significant reduction in serious assaults in Fortitude Valley.

DEM attendances - not changed but ID scanners associated with significantly decreased intracranial injuries.

No significant decrease in foot traffic after ID scanners.

Uber, taxi, public transport data suggested no decrease in arrivals into the areas with ID scanners.

Most outlets were not impacted other than through restricted hours which actually increased profitability.

Live music industry - not significantly affected other than increase in activity.

Tourism also unaffected.

Economic benefits:

Costs to business and cost to government - savings of \$9-11 million by government - every \$1 spent generated a benefit of \$4-5

Rovers in the nightclub, an LGBTIQ peer based response to alcohol and drug related harms

Jack Feestone
Manager ACON

ACON Rovers Program consists of:

- 115 volunteers
- Members of LGBTIQ community
- Trained re health and well being of communities - rove through venues, etc and identify at risk and/or affected persons (alcohol/drugs)

They also distribute harm reduction items and identify other venue related risks.

The Rovers Program was developed in response to the party drug GHB in LGBT party scene 2003.

Most Rovers work in night clubs and major events eg Mardi Gras.

Rovers provide:

- Access to medical assistance
- Harm reduction services

They don't police drug use or behavior and they will work with venues which have on-ground medical support.

Partners include venues, promoters, security, medics and police via Inner City Legal Centre.

Outcomes:

During 2018-2019:

- Attended 21 events
- 1323 hours of voluntary service
- Assisted with 51 non fatal drug overdoses over 2019 Mardi Gras party

ACON's 2019 community survey:

- 84% knew who Rovers were - 98% appreciated the service
- 88/91 who received service/care agreed that Rovers Program was non-judgemental.
- Successful program

STAD in Europe (SiE): Implementation and evaluation of pilot interventions across seven different European countries to address binge drinking in young people

Rebecca Bates

Commissioned by European Union.

In UK, binge drinking and drunkenness is common with 16-20 units consumed per night (median).

There is an expectation to become inebriated when going out.

The aims of STAD were to reduce binge drinking and negative consequences of alcohol consumption. The project was led by licensing trade

Community based prevention program:

3 core elements:

- Community mobilisation
- Responsible alcohol training
- Enforcement

Outcomes:

- Reduction in alcohol consumption in home prior to night life
- Harm Reduction

Interviews

- Population survey
- Nightlife patron survey
- Alcohol test purchase attempts

Findings included that vomiting, injury were associated with preloading.

Why preload? The findings suggested that pre-loading was aimed at achieving a good time, then getting drunk quickly, rather than spending less money when out.

About half of those who preloaded were males, younger age groups, and non-students.

Intervention created safer venues due to enforcing responsible serving of alcohol, with harsh penalties for serving drunk persons. There were legal impacts of serving drunk people, and buying for a drunk person.

This intervention is part of a broader suite of interventions which continue to be rolled out. (STAD in Europe report)

The PARTi Project - Overcoming obstacles to build a healthy nightlife in Melbourne

Kate Pern

Events that led to project - Jan 2017 - 3 people died and 20 people hospitalised due to contaminated drugs.

Community response: Operation Safe Night which included searching and intervening to find drug dealers and takers.

Other community groups came together to form PARTi Projects.

- Peer-led harm reduction project
- Based in Stonnington and Port Phillip
- Work to reduce drug-related harm and sexual violence in nightlife
- Training, education for nightlife workers and young people who participate in night life.

Worked with night clubs and venue managers - training and advice.
GHB cheap, not detected by sniffer dogs and roadside drug testing.

Current security system for clubs and venues may or may not be appropriate. Security

guards are often poorly paid, under qualified with very little medical training and no knowledge of drugs, sexual assault etc. But they may be the first responder. Training has now been offered and is well accepted by security guards.

Legislation vs Best Practice harm reduction

Drunk or disorderly person on premises may attract a high fine, resulting in vulnerable people being evicted without support, which can increase the likelihood of sexual assault.

A Venue license may be impacted by multiple callouts to police, ambulance and therefore acts as a disincentive to assist patrons.

Now using instagram memes - to provide information. @sesh.ed

Conclusion

Harm reduction is a complex and often underfunded strategy which when properly implemented is highly effective but which is vulnerable to political and social intervention.

Despite an abundance of empirical evidence to support harm reduction strategies, there are many examples of harm reduction strategies being undermined by populists, ideologues and vested interests.

Despite the obstacles, harm reduction strategies are increasingly deployed to benefit the public health.

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14-15th October 2019: Council to Homeless Persons Conference

CCCLM World Homelessness Day Roundtable

The CCCLM has chosen ending homelessness as its key focus and top priority, as 63% of people without homes in Australia are in our capital cities. It's encouraging to see the leadership of the CCCLM in this space; particularly as local government is at the grassroots level, we see and know what's going on in our communities. We also already have strong partnerships with community and other private and public sector stakeholders to develop communities of practice informed by lived experience, current research, and local knowledge and context to create tailored policies of best practice.

I had conversations with David Pearson from Zero Adelaide in preparation for his Institute of Global Homelessness visit to Hobart, as well as with Roz Chivers from ALGA (she is forwarding information on people doing research on best practice in local government), and Rob Pradolin on the role of the private sector in providing housing and homelessness services, as well as on changing language to play to Treasury's interests.

Without the obvious need for our advocacy to state and federal governments on big picture thinking and planning, there are three key roles for local government in ending homelessness over which we have control:

1. We need to ensure we are providing a supportive policy framework (or a supportive environment for such policies to be developed) for the provision of support services in our cities. 63% of people experiencing homelessness nationally are concentrated in capital cities because they need to be close to the services and support which is concentrated there.
2. Because of this, we need to do the necessary changes to planning schemes. Social and affordable housing are economic development: inclusionary zoning needs to be mandated, along with relevant incentives/disincentives for developers to provide these.
3. We need to use our existing assets efficiently. Some of our assets in nipaluna/Hobart LGA are ageing and underutilised; are there opportunities for co-investment efforts to refurbish these for social/community needs?

This was a valuable opportunity for me to meet and talk with those working on housing and homelessness in the local government sector, as well as help David prep for his upcoming talk in Hobart.

National Local Government Councillors' Mental Health Conference

As the only Tasmanian attendee, I was invited to speak at the NLGCMHC about the state of mental health service provision, support and policies in my area. Along with this, I attended roundtable discussions on the following topics:

- Bullying and domestic abuse
- Substance abuse and addiction
- Homelessness and mental health
- Generational tensions
- Adjustment to migration (two-way assimilation)
- Stress, anxiety and depression in the community

A white paper is being developed from the roundtable conversations, which I look forward to; and a copy of the speech I delivered is available here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Zf2lr6Do35l8cJtNaN872yVqwclu9lENO5VXYyxCgJA/edit?usp=sharing>

Council to Homeless Persons Conference

I attended plenary and workshop sessions on advocacy, LGBTIQ+ issues, mental health and disability, First Nations perspectives and needs, as well as policy analysis of current state-based, federal and international perspectives. I have substantial conference notes, which I am happy to share upon request; but I feel the most important thing for me to mention is the peer assisted program (CHP's PESP). I met with people who have gone through the program and discussed the possibility of bringing them down to educate and support our Housing With Dignity group. The program is an advisory and advocacy group established by CHP, and works by supporting and educating people living with homelessness through the program, which lasts three years. People are continuously cycled through and are mentored and supported by peers who have been through the program previously. They are given the skills to give formal feedback on policies and advocate for themselves, as well as working with service providers to identify gaps in services and to develop best practice based on their lived experience. I understand the HCC community development team are now in conversation with PESP about bringing some people down to mentor our Housing With Dignity reference group to invest in and develop our members' skills in these areas.

After conference, Danielle and I were given a tour of the Salvation Army Bourke Street Centre during the dinner shift. The space is spread over three floors of a heritage building in the CBD of Melbourne, and operates 21 hours a day closing only between 2 and 5 for cleaning. The service operates storage facilities, Australia Post post boxes, coordinates recreation and activities, laundry, lounge rooms and a table-service cafe which serves free food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We discussed matters relating to safety and security, funding, and collaborative and strategic partnerships with staff and volunteers- more information available on these matters upon request. Danielle and I have also since given a briefing of the centre to the Housing With Dignity group, the Greater Hobart Homelessness Alliance, as well as the HCC staff involved with developing our housing and homelessness strategies.

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Australian Council of Social Services Conference, 26-27th November 2019, Canberra

Unfortunately my flight was delayed by about five hours, meaning I got stuck in Sydney overnight and arrived at the conference late on the 26th, but that was a bit of an adventure in itself anyway.

I attended plenary discussions on the adequacy of Newstart and related payments- no surprises that all the service providers, academics and people with lived experience agree they are totally insufficient, and are encouraging all community groups, organisations, businesses and levels of government to advocate in support of raising the rate. HCC got a mention for the motion we passed in support of raising Newstart!

There was a presentation from Dr Guy Debelle from the RBA on labour and supply- discussed statistics on job creation and wage stagnation as being caused by “females” and older people participating in the workplace, and high unemployment rates respectively. I found this narrow interpretation of statistics quite astounding, as there was no further context provided such as changing global trade conditions, winding back of domestic manufacturing work, and the systematic dismantling of the welfare state.

I was extremely impressed by the ACT Government's Community Wellbeing Strategy, which is currently out for community consultation. It sets out to measure and improve the socio-emotional wellbeing of the community alongside economic and environmental outcomes. ACT Gov also has a strategic plan to become the most LGBTIQ+ inclusive city in Australia- I have all the discussion papers and documents available upon request; and I will be discussing these with relevant stakeholder groups and staff about how HCC can look at developing similar work.

I also attended workshops on messaging, developing campaigns, housing, mental health and Aboriginal community perspectives. There was a great panel discussion by prominent members of the Aboriginal community, the take-home of which was that we need to do all we can to support and promote the Uluru Statement from the Heart to get Aboriginal voices in Parliament. I am following this up with HCC staff to see whether it is appropriate for us to do anything more with the statement, such as formally and explicitly supporting it, or whether it comes under our newly adopted Aboriginal Commitment Plan.

**6.4 Applications Approved Under the Delegated Authority of the Acting
Director Community Life for Quick Response Grants
File Ref: F20/8421; 19/81**

Memorandum of the Acting Director Community Life of 23 January 2020
and attachment.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

MEMORANDUM: COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Applications Approved Under the Delegated Authority of
the Acting Director Community Life for Quick Response
Grants**

The Acting Director Community Life submits for information the attached table of Quick Response Applications approved under delegated authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

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

Luke Doyle
ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY LIFE

Date: 23 January 2020
File Reference: F20/8421; 19/81

Attachment A: Quick Response Applications Approved Under Delegated
Authority ↴

**APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF
THE ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY LIFE
FOR QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS – FILE REF: 19/81**

Applicant	Project Description	Grant Stream	Value of Grant \$ excl	Date of Approval
Danielle Conlan 25/12/2019	<i>Our Table: A Christmas to Remember 2019</i> Loss comes in many different forms. Many people find Christmas Day - and its traditional festivities - a particularly lonely experience. Kindred Life invited people to take a seat at Our Table as a guest or volunteer for the common purpose of coming together, rejoicing in the loved one's memory and making Christmas one to remember.	Community Christmas Activation	\$750	10/12/2019
Vietnamese Student Association Tasmania 19/1/2020	<i>TET Lunar New Year 2020 Celebration</i> Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations in Vietnamese culture to start of the new year. This event was organised in Tasmania to invite and gather families and kids within the community to celebrate their new year and wish for the best year coming.	Community	\$500	10/12/2019
Queer Youth of Tasmania 1/2/2020	<i>Rainbow Prom 2020</i> The Rainbow Prom is a fun, safe and inclusive social event for LGBTIQ+ young people and their allies to celebrate their diversity. It's a great crowd of people enjoying a great night of dancing, chatting together, and celebrating their individuality.	Community	\$500	21/1/2020
Bicycle Network Tasmania 1/3/2020	<i>Women on Wheels</i> This is the 20th Women on Wheels event run by Bicycle Network Tasmania. Women on Wheels is an annual public group bike ride for women from all backgrounds and abilities. It supports women who lack confidence cycling by providing bike checks, building bike skills and providing a safe social ride.	Community	\$500	13/1/2020
Karen Cooper 31/1 – 16/2/2020	<i>Right up your Alley</i> The project aims to improve an alleyway in the neighbourhood that has been targeted by taggers and graffiti. Permission has been granted from United Garage, local council and neighbours to paint the alley that leads from Federal Street to Feltham Street in North Hobart.	Creative Hobart	\$1,000	7/1/2020

Applicant	Project Description	Grant Stream	Value of Grant \$ excl	Date of Approval
Tassie Rockers Hobart 8/2/2020	<i>Aussie Fire Relief Fundraiser</i> The project is a social event organised jointly by the Tassie Rockers and the Lions Club of Clarence to raise funds on behalf of the Australian Lions Foundation Bushfire Appeal. All profits generated are to be donated to assist the bushfire victims. The principal organisers of the event are the Tassie Rockers who have arranged many such dance/social events over the years. The Clarence Lions are providing the logistical support.	Event Support	\$1,000	16/1/2020
Klub Kollywood Inc 7/3/2020	<i>Hobart Holi Colour and Food Festival 2020</i> Holi, the festival of colour, is one of the most widely celebrated festivals across Nepal, Bhutan and India. Australia is receiving a large number of migrants from these countries, so it is important that the broader community is aware of the culture of these people. Holi is a festival which gives people of all cultures a chance to celebrate together in unity. The love of colours and music brings everyone to a common platform.	Event Support	\$1,000 in-kind	16/1/2020

7. COMMITTEE ACTION STATUS REPORT

7.1 Committee Actions - Status Report

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee

Attachment A: CCEC Open Status Report

COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – STATUS REPORT

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

December 2019

Ref	Meeting	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
1	<p>INCLUSION ZONING</p> <p>AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DEVELOPMENTS AND PRECINCTS</p> <p>Council, 8/10/2018, Item 11</p> <p>Council, 18/6/2018, Item 13</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A report be prepared that provides options for the Council to seek State Government support for legislative changes that gives the Council a “Head of Power” under the Local Government and/or <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Acts</i> specifically allow the Council to require the provision of affordable and/or long term rental apartments/housing in certain developments and or precincts. <p>That the report also consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Further planning incentives such as bonuses to density, building envelopes, dwelling unit factors or permitted height allowances similar to those within the Commercial Zone of the <i>Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015</i> for affordable and/or long term rental accommodation; (b) Guidelines for binding agreements between the Council, developers and/or social housing providers to manage any affordable housing provided in accordance with any new head of power outlined above; and (c) Options to require any dwellings approved under bonus provisions to remain on the rental market for a minimum of 5 to 10 years depending on the development or planning bonuses. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The matter be included as part of the Council’s review of its <i>Housing and Homelessness Strategy</i>. 	<p>Director Community Life</p>	<p>The issue of affordable housing and homelessness continues to be a strong focus requiring staffing resources to be fully utilised in this area.</p> <p>A workshop on Inclusionary Zoning was held on 25 November with a further workshop on Transient Populations currently being arranged.</p>

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2	FOOD VAN PROGRAM Council, 18/2/2019, Item 12	Notice of Motion "That the Council undertake a review of the Food Van Program and associated relevant regulations including other temporary food service structure to ensure: 1) The guidelines and food and hygiene regulations are contemporary and preserve a 'level playing field', especially when permanent food vans are located near established businesses that pay rates and other fees; 2) The relevant planning schemes are contemporary and that the use categories in the schemes respect the fact that temporary and permanent food vans may be located close to existing businesses. In particular those businesses seeking to trade in permanent positions; and 3) That consultation occurs with relevant peak bodies and stakeholders. In preparing the report, an analysis be included of trends and requirements in other cities that operate food truck programs."	Director Community Life	Officers have initiated a review of the Hobart Food Truck Program. The review period will be from December 2019 to January 2020. The results of the review and any recommendations stemming from it will be presented to the February meeting.

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3	DEVELOPMENT OF A RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN Council, 16/12/2019, Item 15 Council, 21/10/2019, Item 15 Council, 22/7/2019, Item 12 Council, 18/2/2019, Item 15	<p>That the Council endorse the final Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan January 2020 – January 2022, marked as Attachment C to item 6.1 of the Open Community Culture and Events Committee agenda of 4 December 2019 for implementation, with an amendment to the first deliverable to Action 6 within the Plan to read as follows:</p> <p><i>Engage a researcher to develop an employee resource about Aboriginal language, stories and history relevant to specific sites and Hobart broadly, to support current and future work.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Include research into the history of the City of Hobart as an organisation.</i> • <i>Make research findings public, with an appropriate response including the potential of a formal apology to Tasmanian people at the appropriate time.</i> <p>1.</p>	Director Community Life	This item is now complete.
4	THE TASTE OF TASMANIA POST FESTIVAL REPORT Council, 18/3/2019, Item 11	<p>(v) The Council write to the Federal Government seeking funding assistance for the event.</p>	Director Community Life	<p>Close</p> <p>Officers have reviewed portfolios and potential grant opportunities and unable to identify Federal funding applicable at this time. It is noted that Federal Government grants are being prioritised to assist with drought relief and national bushfire recovery efforts.</p>

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5	DRAFT PUBLIC ART FRAMEWORK Council, 23/9/2019, Item 18 Council, 15/4/2019, Item 18	That consideration be given regarding a process to make amendments to the 2015 Interim Planning Scheme, and any subsequent schemes, to include a mandatory requirement for developments valued at or above \$3,000,000 to contribute 1 per cent of the value to public art on the development site or in public space within specific zones (Sullivans Cove, Central Business Zone, Commercial Zone). Details of this process would be presented in a future report to Council prior to implementation.	Director Community Life	A further report relating to the potential developer contributions to public art will be prepared for early 2020.

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6	<p>SOCIAL INCLUSION INDEX - CONNECTED COMMUNITY PROGRAM</p> <p>Council, 16/12/2019, Item 15</p> <p>Council, 17/6/2019, Item 15</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council endorse the establishment of a Greater Hobart Housing and Homelessness sub-index as an addition to the Connected Community Program with the Connected Hobart Action Plan. 2. The Council review and accept the identified data point inclusions (inputs) to a Greater Hobart Housing and Homelessness Index as identified in the report marked as item 6.3 on the Open Community Culture and Events Committee agenda of 4 December 2019. 3. The Council pursue data sharing agreements with the relevant State and Federal authorities to enable access to reliable de-identified data for use in a Housing and Homelessness Index. 4. The Council endorse further analysis to establish requirements for the development of a fully representative Social Inclusion Index incorporating data sources for health, safety, education, employment, economic and transport domains. 5. Regular reports be provided to the relevant Council committee in relation to progress on both the establishment and movement of the index. 	Director City Innovation	Complete

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7	PUBLIC ART – FROM THE SHADOWS SUBMISSION Council 16/12/2019, Item 18 Committee, 9/10/2019, Item 6.1	That the Council decline the request by From the Shadows Inc. for a contribution of \$30,000 towards one sculpture noting that there is not a budget allocation for this project in the 2019-20 financial year and the public art annual allocation is fully committed to the delivery of City of Hobart initiated and implemented public art projects.	Director Community Life	Complete
8	NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME Council, 16/12/2019, Item xx	That: 1. The Council authorise the Lord Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on the participation of local councils in the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse, marked as Attachment A to item 6.2 of the Open Community Culture and Events Committee agenda of 4 December 2019. 2. Given Elected Members often attend functions where there are young and vulnerable community members present a report be prepared investigating the requirement for Elected Members to undertake a Police check and registration to work with vulnerable people. The report to also consider the referral of the matter be to the Local Government Association of Tasmania for consideration.	Deputy General Manager	Officers are progressing this matter.

8. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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

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

9. CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

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

- Commercial information of a confidential nature that, if disclosed, is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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	Committee Action Status Report
Item No. 4.1	Committee Actions - Status Report LG(MP)R 15(2)(g)
Item No. 5	Reports
Item No. 5.1	Dark Mofo 2020 LG(MP)R 15(2)(c)(i)
Item No. 6	Questions Without Notice