



CITY OF HOBART

AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Open Portion

Thursday, 17 March 2022

at 5:15 pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall

THE MISSION

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

THE VALUES

The Council is:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting (Open Portion) held Thursday, 17 March 2022 at 5:15 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

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

The title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant s.61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman J R Briscoe (Chairman)
Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor H Burnet
Alderman D C Thomas
Councillor J Fox
Councillor Dr Z E Sherlock

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Nil.

NON-MEMBERS

Lord Mayor Councillor A M Reynolds
Alderman M Zucco
Alderman Dr P T Sexton
Councillor W F Harvey
Alderman S Behrakis
Councillor M S C Dutta
Councillor W N S Coats

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Open Portion of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on [Thursday, 17 February 2022](#), 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 Chief Executive Officer.

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 Petition - Request Removal of Dogs on Lead Signs at Garrington Park **File Ref: F22/19883; R1021**

Report of the Manager Development Compliance and the Acting Director City Life of 7 March 2022.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: PETITION - REQUEST REMOVAL OF DOGS ON LEAD
SIGNS AT GARRINGTON PARK****REPORT PROVIDED BY:** Manager Development Compliance
Acting Director City Life**1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to respond to a petition containing 56 signatures that was presented to the Council at its meeting held on Monday 6 December 2021 calling for the Council to remove the “Dogs on Lead” signs in Garrington Park, New Town and permit dogs off lead in the area.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. Garrington Park is designed as a dog on-lead area only under the City's current endorsed Dog Management Strategy (the **Strategy**).
- 2.2. Signs were recently installed in accordance with the legislative requirement under the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the **Act**) after officers identified no signage in place.
- 2.3. Removal of the signage would be breach of the Act.
- 2.4. Garrington Park is not an appropriate dog off-lead area.
- 2.5. The Strategy will be reviewed in 2023 with community engagement expected to commence in late 2022. Residents of the area will have the opportunity to give feedback to be considered as part of the review at the appropriate time.

3. Recommendation***That:***

1. ***Garrington Park be retained as a dog on-lead only area.***
2. ***The current signs remain in place in accordance with the legislative requirements under section 27 Dog Control Act 2000.***
3. ***The petitioners be advised of Council's decision.***

4. Background

- 4.1. Garrington Park, located at the end of Noble Drive in Garrington Estate, New Town is approximately 0.37 ha in size, is open, has a footpath around the perimeter of the park and largely services Garrington Estate residents.



Photo 1: Aerial of Garrington Park

- 4.2. Garrington Estate, formerly K and D Brickworks site is a relatively new housing development. Garrington Park sits within the estate.
- 4.3. New “Dogs on Lead” signs were recently installed at the Park after Council officers received a number of complaints that people were allowing their dogs to use the space without being restrained by a lead. One of the complaints advised that the unrestrained dogs were chasing and alarming young children using the space.

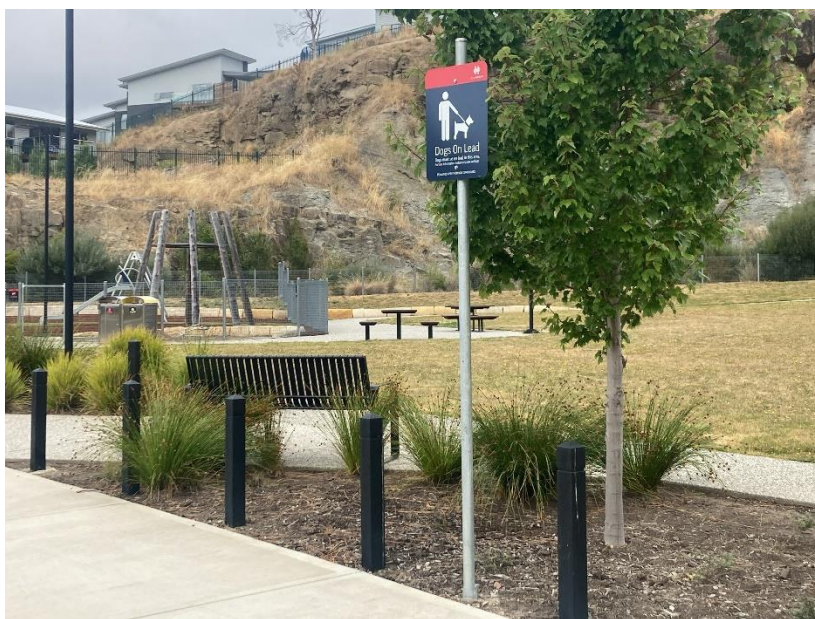


Photo 2: Signage with Garrington Park and children's playground behind

- 4.4. An inspection identified there was no signage in place in this area and therefore new signage was installed.
- 4.5. The installation of signage is consistent with the Council's obligations under the Act to erect and maintain signs sufficient to identify designed areas under the Strategy.
- 4.6. The style and number of signs is consistent with other signage installed under the Act in the City of Hobart.
- 4.7. Council's current Strategy was subject to significant consultation in 2018-2019. Garrington Park is not separately listed in the Strategy as having specific restrictions or allowances and so this area, like all areas in the City not specifically listed, default to:

"Dogs can only be exercised on-lead on managed tracks and trails, and grassed areas in all Council parks, reserves and bushland areas where indicated."
- 4.8. The signage reflects the legal requirements under the Strategy and the Act. Dogs are allowed on-lead in this area.
- 4.9. Council would be in breach of its statutory obligation under section 27 of the Act to erect and maintain signs sufficient to identify designated areas if the signs are removed.
- 4.10. Officers recommend this area remains on-lead for dogs.
- 4.11. The City provides a generous amount of off-lead areas including public spaces, beaches, sports grounds and a dedicated off-lead dog area at John Turnbull Park.
- 4.12. All off-lead areas are carefully considered having regard to their location, size, shape and suitability of spaces, potential users, fencing, services, proximity to other public spaces, location of Council infrastructure including vegetation, proximity to bushland reserves and proximity to residential areas.
- 4.13. Garrington Park is not considered a suitable off-lead area having regard to its size, it is open and unfenced, and has a footpath around the perimeter of the park. It is immediately adjacent to a children's playground and located in close proximity to residential houses at the end of a cul-de-sac with limited parking.



Photo 3: Open and unfenced



Photo 4 Children's playground on left hand side

- 4.14. In 2020, the Parks and Recreation Committee made a recommendation to the City Amenity division that a revised concept plan to improve Garrington Park be adopted, pending community support. The concept plan involved the installation of two barbeques, a shelter, a picnic setting, bike hoops, tap and drinking fountain.

- 4.15. During consultation, many respondents did not support the Garrington Park upgrade concept plan due to the small size of the park and the location of the park at the end of a cul-de-sac. There was concern over increased traffic volume and the absence of car parking. One respondent noted “Noble Drive is small and the fact it has only one entry / exit which will lead to traffic issues and compromise the safety of residents and children”.



Photo 5: Nobel Drive and cul-de-sac, Garrington Park on right hand side of photo

- 4.16. Council officers are aware that dog owners often travel outside their neighbourhood and even municipal area to visit dedicated off-lead areas. Declaration of Garrington Park as an off-lead dog area has the potential to increase traffic which a number of residents opposed during consultation of the upgrade proposal.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. It is proposed to retain Garrington Park as a dog on-lead area with the existing signage to remain in place.
- 5.2. No action is required to implement the proposal.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The current Strategy was endorsed by Council in accordance with the Act in 2019 and continues until 2023.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 7.1.1. There is no impact on the current year operating result of retaining Garrington Park a dog on-lead area only.
 - 7.1.2. If Council wish to review the declaration and consider designating Garrington Park a dog off-lead area, there will be costs associated with consultation and new signage if declared an off-lead area.
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
 - 7.2.1. There is no expected impact on future years' financial result.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
 - 7.3.1. There are no asset related implications of retaining Garrington Park as a dog on-lead area only.
 - 7.3.2. If Garrington Park is declared a dog off-lead area, suitable infrastructure would need to be installed, for example, dog bags, and maintenance requirements of the area including cleansing and turf would increase.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. The dog on-lead signs are installed in accordance with Council's legislative responsibility under section 27 of the Act and correctly identify the designation of the area under the Strategy.
- 8.2. Removal of the signs would be in breach of section 27 of the Act.
- 8.3. Designation of an area can only be amended following the legislative process prescribed by the Act. Review of the designations under the Strategy is due in 2023.

9. Environmental Considerations

- 9.1. Designation of Garrington Park as a dog off-lead area has the potential for undesirable impacts including increased traffic in a residential area, increased noise and conflicts between users.

10. Social and Customer Considerations

- 10.1. It is acknowledged that retaining the area as on-lead only is not the outcome sought by the petitioners however, Garrington Park is not an appropriate off-lead area.
- 10.2. Use of public spaces by dogs is a polarising issue within the community. It is recognised that there are members of the public who

wish to see more areas available for dogs and others who wish to restrict dogs from areas of the City.

- 10.3. Council's parks are spaces enjoyed by all members of the community and the restrictions that apply seek to achieve a balance and compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners, neighbours and other users of the area.

11. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 11.1. This report responds to a petition containing 56 signatures. No other public consultation has been undertaken at this time.
- 11.2. The current Strategy was subject to significant public consultation in 2018 – 2019 before it was endorsed under the provisions of the Act.
- 11.3. The current Strategy is due for review under the Act in 2023. Community engagement is expected to commence late in 2022 as part of the revision process in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

12. Delegation

- 12.1. 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.



Kirsten Turner
**MANAGER DEVELOPMENT
COMPLIANCE**



Karen Abey
ACTING DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 7 March 2022
File Reference: F22/19883; R1021

6.2 Petition - Riding the Mountain
File Ref: F22/18146

Report of the Program Leader Bushland Recreation, Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways, and the Acting Director City Life of 11 March 2022 and attachment.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: PETITION - RIDING THE MOUNTAIN

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Program Leader Bushland Recreation
Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways
Acting Director City Life

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit

- 1.1. To respond to a petition of 114 signatures calling for the Riding the Mountain plan to be sent 'back to the drawing board' and to call a halt to Council's plans to commence construction of the Rocky Wheel'n, Free Wheel'n, Skid Road & Upper Luge tracks.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. The Riding the Mountain plan responds to a pressing community recreational need and has been developed through extensive and thorough community consultation. On balance the plan reflects Hobart's capital city needs to provide a mix of services for community, business and tourism benefit.
- 2.2. Endorsed by Council on 26 October 2020, Riding the Mountain is a win-win plan for all recreational users. The proposed network will be safer, more rewarding and more connected. Implementing the plan in full will provide a better recreational network for riders, walkers and trail runners and one that delivers significant health and economic benefits.
- 2.3. A cost benefit analysis for implementing the Riding the Mountain plan has recently been completed. This work by SGS demonstrates that the proposed network upgrade would deliver a substantial net community benefit to the people of Tasmania, with at least \$1.54 in benefits generated for every \$1 spent (BCR 1.54).
- 2.4. It is recognised that some people in the community do not want more tracks on the mountain. However, the City has a strong strategic basis to the work and has followed a meticulous approach through design and construction to identify, protect and interpret all significant values.
- 2.5. While it is not disputed that values protection is vitally important, Wellington Park has a different statutory basis to that of a National Park. The Wellington Park Act clearly states the primary objective of the park is to provide recreation and tourism uses and opportunities that are consistent with the preservation and protection of values.
- 2.6. The City of Hobart has grant deeds in place with the state and federal governments and is contractually committed to completing construction of seven kilometres of new tracks. Construction is complete for two of the tracks (~3km) and construction for the remaining two tracks is well underway (scheduled for completion by May 2022).

3. Recommendation

That:

- 1. *The Council continues to support the Riding the Mountain plan, which was endorsed on 26 October 2020.***
- 2. *The petitioners be advised of the outcome.***

4. Background

- 4.1. The [Riding the Mountain](#) plan was developed with extensive community input over a two year period leading up to its endorsement by Council on 26 October 2020.
- 4.2. The Riding the Mountain plan responds to a pressing recreational need and identifies the potential to establish 37 kilometres of new tracks in the foothills of kunanyi / Mt Wellington to improve mountain bike experiences in Hobart and deliver new riding product for tourists and locals at Tasmania's third most visited tourist destination.
- 4.3. During development of the plan the community was consulted widely and extensively. The project achieved almost record level participation for a project of similar scope / scale with more than 2,100 responses to surveys and the draft plan.
- 4.4. Alongside consulting representatives from a range of mountain bike riding interests, the project invited and involved other recreational trail users in its design. Walking and trail running representative groups were specifically consulted and confirmed their support for the plan prior to endorsement by Council on 26 October 2020.
- 4.5. The Riding the Mountain plan is a win-win plan for all users. Implementing the plan in full will provide a better recreational network for mountain bikers, walkers and trail runners that delivers significant health and economic benefits. The proposed network is safer, more rewarding and more connected.
- 4.6. The plan is a commensurate response to the significant growth in mountain biking as a recreational activity in recent years.
- 4.7. Some people in the community are concerned that track development could damage natural, cultural and heritage values. The lead representative of the petition has campaigned against the implementation of the plan on the basis of inadequate consultation.
- 4.8. A petition containing 114 signatures was tabled at the Council meeting of 6 December 2021, requesting the Riding The Mountain plan be sent 'back to the drawing board' and to call a halt to Council's plans to commence construction of the Rocky Wheel'n, Free Wheel'n, Skid Road & Upper Luge tracks.

Current project status.

- 4.9. Seven kilometres of new trails are under contract for construction. Construction is complete for two of the tracks - Skid Road & Upper Luge track (3km). The Rocky Wheel'n and Free Wheel'n track construction is well underway and scheduled for completion by May 2022.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. Construction of the four tracks (Rocky Wheel'n, Free Wheel'n, Skid Road & Upper Luge tracks) continue to completion and further implementation of the plan be pursued on the basis of the social and economic benefits that are expected to accrue.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The Riding the Mountain plan is an endorsed Council plan (26 October 2020).

Regional and state-wide context.

- 6.2. In the last five years Tasmania has experienced massive growth in mountain biking (MTB) led by the development of new trail networks at Blue Derby, St Helens and Maydena. Tasmanian is now recognised as Australia's premier mountain bike riding destination.
- 6.3. Hobart's North South track and Tolosa Park led the way for mountain bike trail development in Tasmania a decade ago, but have now been overtaken by the newly developed mountain bike network destinations in the regions. Mountain biking needs are not properly serviced in the Hobart region for locals or tourists.
- 6.4. Tasmania needs a better 'anchor' mountain bike tourism experience in Hobart - one of the three key arrival points in the state. The Riding the Mountain plan responds to this need, complements the regions and enhances the overall Tasmanian MTB tourist offer.
- 6.5. Key goals of the City of Hobart's Riding the Mountain plan are to:
- cater for more riders, expand the range of rides, and improve the network by fixing key gaps and improving access
 - enhance the tourist appeal of the mountain bike trail network
 - support local tourism providers to deliver new services

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
- 7.1.1. The four current tracks under construction are funded through a partnership between local, state and federal government. The

Council is legally committed through the grant deeds and works contracts to complete the works and has all the necessary planning permits in hand.

7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result

7.2.1. If implementation of the plan were to be halted it would forego significant community health and economic benefit.

- Mountain biking tourism is a jobs generator. The Tasmanian Government recognises that mountain biking tourism is an important economic stimulant.
- In the year to June 2019, \$67M was spent around Tasmania by 25,417 visitors who engaged in mountain biking whilst travelling in Tasmania. These visitors stayed substantially longer and spent more than the average visitor (Tourism Tasmania 2019 research). On average they stayed 14 nights in the state and spent \$2,600 each (nearly six nights and \$730 more than the average visitor).
- SGS has recently completed a cost benefit analysis and economic impact assessment for implementing the Riding the Mountain plan. This work demonstrates that the proposed network upgrade would deliver a substantial net community benefit to the people of Tasmania, with at least \$1.50 in benefits generated for every \$1 spent on construction and ongoing maintenance.
- The benefits accrue from local health outcomes and tourism expenditure and factor in the full capital and operational costs.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. The City of Hobart is contractually committed to completing construction of the four tracks.
- 8.2. The proposed network will be safer for all recreational users – as it separates use where required. For example walkers and runners can safely share uphill tracks, but descending mountain bike trails will be mountain bike use only.

9. Environmental Considerations

- 9.1. The City of Hobart has followed a meticulous approach to identifying, avoiding and protecting all significant cultural, heritage and environmental values. This was the basis for achieving all the required project approvals – both a planning permit and a works permit from the Wellington Park Management Trust.

10. Social and Customer Considerations

- 10.1. On balance the plan reflects Hobart's capital city needs to provide a mix of services for community, business and tourism benefit.

11. Marketing and Media

- 11.1. The community has strongly held associations with the mountain. Accordingly, development of new facilities on the mountain is not expected to be universally supported by everyone in the community.

12. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 12.1. The lead petitioner has criticised Council for inadequate consultation in the development of the Riding the Mountain plan.
- 12.2. However, officers stand by the Riding the Mountain consultation process as extensive, inclusive of all users and fair.

Two specific criticisms are made in the petition introductory text that require rebuttal:

Claim 1. *"Council officers openly admit in their report that they mainly targeted mountain bike riders".*

Response. Although the plan's primary goal is to improve mountain bike riding - **all** the main recreational users of the track network were consulted. Alongside consulting a range of mountain bike riding interests, the project invited and involved other recreational trail users in its design. Walking and trail running representative groups were specifically consulted and confirmed their support for the plan endorsed by Council on 26 October 2020.

Claim 2. *"The evidence shows that they did not make every effort to try and contact a wide range of kunanyi users, and other citizens who love and respect kunanyi".*

Response. In addition the point already made above:

- there were two stages of wide ranging consultation inclusive of affected interest groups and the wider community, including three surveys (> 2,100 responses).
- the release of the draft plan was heavily promoted to stakeholders, park users and the wider community including the opportunity for all to provide feedback.
- an article was published in the Mercury during the consultation phase where the Lord Mayor specifically invited feedback from the entire community (**Attachment A**).

- a 936 ABC Hobart radio interview advised the community of the project and the opportunity to review the draft plan and contribute feedback.
- dedicated consultation sessions were held for walking and trail running users - including the Pandani Walking Club, Hobart Walking Club and Hobart Trail Runners.
 - Riding the Mountain. Walkers and Runners - Focus Group Meeting - 24 September 2019 (6.00pm - 8.15 pm)
 - Changes were made to the final plan to accommodate issues or ideas raised by organisation or club representatives.
- additional promotion methods that were used included:
 - direct email notification to almost 3,000 individuals
 - social media posts - all info on City's *Your Say* website
 - posters placed at numerous track heads
 - face to face surveys
 - promotion to members by riding, walking and running clubs themselves

13. Delegation

13.1. 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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Karen Abey
ACTING DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 11 March 2022
File Reference: F22/18146

Attachment A: Mercury Article inviting input ↓ 

4/28/2020

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NEWS 11

Bespoke trails for mountain bike riders

HITTING THE TRAIL: Riders on the North-South track in Mount Wellington Park that links The Springs with Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park. PICTURE: HOBART CITY COUNCIL

KASEY WILKINS

MOUNTAIN bikers will soon be able to experience Mount Wellington like never before.

A draft plan released by the City of Hobart outlines 47km of mountain bike trails, a vast leap on the 3km of bike trails available on the mountain.

City of Hobart bushland manager John Fisher said at present there were very few areas of the mountain where bikers could use the trails

without impacting on other users.

Bikes are permitted on formed roads, fire trails and selected walking tracks, but the dedicated trails would be able to separate bikers and walkers to prevent any potential conflict, Mr Fisher said.

"We see it as a real opportunity to provide a greater spectrum of recreational activities," he said.

Following a consultation period, Mr Fisher said the response from mountain bikers

and walkers was "outrageous".

"We got about 1200 comments on the first draft from the mountain bikers, and then 500 to 600 from walkers," he said.

"All of them were really excited and really positive."

"What we wanted was for them to be in that easy to intermediate range, mainly for people who were locals or for people who were using Hobart as a base to explore."

Mr Fisher said a few of the "spectacular" trails had been

completed but not officially opened.

Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds invited the community to have their say on the plan.

"We know there are many people who are missing their regular mountain rides or walks right now," she said.

"It's a great time to be thinking about how we can enhance the experience of riders in the future."

She said the council had worked closely with mountain bike trail consultants Dirt Art and mountain bikers

to design trails that would meet the future needs of locals while also attracting visitors to the city.

"We expect mountain biking and other eco-tourism activities to play an enormous role in the economic recovery of our city and region," she said. "These plans would create a unique experience for mountain bike riders, and balance out the mix of tracks on the mountain." The draft plan is available at your.say.hobartcity.com/riding-the-mountain.

More jail for repeat girlfriend basher

AMBER WILSON

A JEALOUS abuser who smothered his girlfriend with a pillow in a Hobart hotel – as she struggled to breathe and cried out for her children – will spend more time in jail after a successful Crown appeal.

Hobart man Matthew Luke Johnson was jailed for two years and two months following the "brutal" August 2018 attack, according to a newly published Court of Appeal judgment. His one-year non-parole period was due to expire in October last year, but Tasmania's Director of Public Prosecutions appealed, arguing the sentence was manifestly inadequate.

Johnson had been released from jail 12 days prior for previously assaulting the woman when he called her a taxi to his hotel, becoming "irrationally jealous" when she received a text message from a friend.

The 41-year-old – who has assaulted and stalked five women in the past – called his girlfriend "a lying, cheating slut" and told her he loved her before grabbing her hair, pulling a clump from her scalp, pushing her head on the bed, striking her face four times and verbally abusing her.

He then held her face into a pillow for several minutes, sitting on top of her and using his weight to push her down.

The woman, who thought she would die, couldn't move and struggled to breathe but screamed "my girls, my girls".

Johnson stalked the woman over the coming week before turning himself into police. He pleaded guilty to a number of charges.

Acting Justice Shane Marshall allowed the appeal. Johnson was re-sentenced to three years' jail, with a non-parole period of 18 months.

K-Block helipad at final stage

THE helipad at the Royal Hobart Hospital's K-Block redevelopment is a step closer to operational use.

From today, two days of familiarisation flights for aeromedical retrieval crew on the helipad will take place. Health

Minister Sarah Courtney said the imminent operation of the helipad would take the pressure off road paramedics. She said the helipad was in the final stages of operational commissioning and would begin receiving patient retrievals soon.

Family 'ashamed' of death crash driver

A WOMAN claiming to be the mother of the Porsche driver allegedly involved in a crash that killed four police officers says his family is "ashamed".

The woman, who did not wish to be named, yesterday

read a statement to Melbourne radio 3AW, making it clear Richard Pusey, 41, had been estranged from the family.

"We were incredibly shocked and deeply ashamed by the (alleged) events that unfolded

surrounding the accident and thereafter," she said.

Pusey was charged on Friday with nine offences.

Earlier yesterday, the truck driver, 47, was charged with four counts of culpable driving.

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6.3 Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan
File Ref: F22/10504

Report of the Park Planner, Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways, and the Acting Director City Life of 8 March 2022 and attachment.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: SOLDIERS MEMORIAL AVENUE ACTION PLAN

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Park Planner
Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways
Acting Director City Life

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to gain endorsement for a new action plan that will guide management of Soldiers Memorial Avenue, one of the City's most significant memorial sites and the state's most recent addition to the Tasmanian Heritage Register.
- 1.2. Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032 catalogues the significant values of the site, sets objectives and guidelines for management, and clarifies roles and responsibilities for management. In particular, it enshrines the important role of the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue as the key stakeholder group.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. A new management plan has been prepared for Soldiers Memorial Avenue, (**Attachment A**). Called Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032, it identifies the significant natural and cultural values contained by the site and provides objectives for management and a framework to assess proposals for future use of the site.
- 2.2. The plan was prepared in close consultation with the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue.
- 2.3. Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032 takes into account developments on the Queens Domain since the first management plan was written in 2004 and importantly the listing of the site as a place of state heritage significance, on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

3. Recommendation

That:

1. ***The Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032, marked as Attachment A to this report, be endorsed, and used by the City as the guiding document for management of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue.***
2. ***The Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032 be made available to the public through the City's website in accordance with the City's Brand Identity Style Guide.***

4. Background

- 4.1. Soldiers Memorial Avenue (the Avenue) runs for 2.5 km from Aberdeen Street, underneath the Bridge of Remembrance, up and around Queens Domain past the TCA Ground and around Crossroads and Soldiers Memorial Ovals, see below.



- 4.2. The Avenue is defined as the pathway, plinths, planted trees and the extent of the mowed area of grassland that defines the winding visual element in which these features are contained.
- 4.3. In 2021, there were 535 trees in the Avenue, mostly in four rows, with a gravel path through the centre. Each tree has a bronze plaque for a particular soldier.
- 4.4. The Avenue commemorates men and one woman from the Hobart area who died during World War I. It represents 18% of the total number of Tasmanians who died in service during World War 1. It is one of Tasmania's most significant war memorials.
- 4.5. The first management plan for Soldiers Memorial Avenue was completed in 2004. An assessment of that plan's implementation in

2018 reported that 17 of the 19 recommendations had been fully implemented, and seven of the ten objectives had been fully realised.

- 4.6. On 12 May 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee endorsed preparation of a new management plan for the Avenue. The 23 May 2016 meeting of full Council voted unanimously that the following recommendation be adopted:
 - 4.6.1. A review of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue Management Plan 2004 be undertaken with the development of a new management plan, at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to be funded from the Open Space Planning Function in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.
 - 4.6.1.1. The management plan consider the utilisation of the 'Tree Widows' material for the interpretation and promotion of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue.
 - 4.6.2. The Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue be advised of the Council's decision.
- 4.7. The scope of the new management plan was expanded to consider art and interpretation of the Avenue generally and not limited only to the Tree Widows play.
- 4.8. The City has worked closely with the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue (FOSMA) to produce a document that provides adequate protection for this very significant memorial that is actively used for commemoration.
- 4.9. The Action Plan points to existing documents to direct specific works and site maintenance activity. These documents include the City of Hobart Tree Management Plan and Tree Inspection Program, the Safe Operating Procedure Slashing Queens Domain, Queens Domain Vegetation Management Plan, the Bushland, Parks and Sportsgrounds Signage Guide, the Infrastructure Manual for Hobart's Open Spaces and the Removal of City of Hobart Trees Policy.
- 4.10. Major developments in the area and plans since 2004 include the Bridge of Remembrance, Queens Domain Master Plan, Queens Domain Vegetation Management Plan and Legacy Park and the City to Garden's Way project. Therefore, a new plan for management was required to take account of these changes.
- 4.11. Soldiers Memorial Avenue was listed provisionally on the Tasmanian Heritage Register in August 2021. A Certificate of General Exemption is being prepared by the Tasmanian Heritage Council such that maintenance activities done in accordance with the relevant policies and plans are exempt from needing to be referred to Tasmanian Heritage Council. Any new works that have the potential to have an impact on the Avenue would still need to be referred to the Tasmanian Heritage Council.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. It is proposed that Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032 be endorsed as a final operational document, and be made available to the general public through the City's website.
- 5.2. The Action Plan and its implementation should be reviewed in five years' time (2027) and again in 2032.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-2029 Outcome 1.1: Hobart keeps a strong sense of place and identity, even as the city changes.
 - 6.1.1. Work with community and stakeholders to protect and enhance core elements of Hobart's identity – kunanyi/Mt Wellington, the River Derwent, natural areas, quiet spaces and Hobart's heritage, culture and human scale – so they are valued as central features of Hobart's landscape and social fabric.
- 6.2. Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-2029 Outcome 7.2: Development enhances Hobart's unique identity, human scale and built heritage.
 - 6.2.1. Collaborate with stakeholders, including the Tasmanian Heritage Council, for the best possible care of heritage sites and streetscapes.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 7.1.1. There are no financial implications as long as the relevant units within the City have adequate on-going budget for continuing maintenance of Soldiers Memorial Avenue.
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
 - 7.2.1. No impact.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
 - 7.3.1. No impact as assets contained on the Avenue are listed in the Council's asset register and renewal funds are already apportioned according to the defined life of the asset.

8. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 8.1. The City is obliged to continue managing and maintaining Soldiers Memorial Avenue, for public safety and for protection of significant natural and cultural values as specified in legislation, and under the *Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015*.

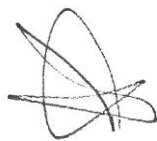
9. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 9.1. The City has worked closely with FOSMA to evaluate the most significant risks to the site and determine the most appropriate measures to ensure not only long-term protection but also enhancement of the site.
- 9.2. The input of FOSMA has been invaluable. FOSMA brought a wealth of historic heritage knowledge and passion, and also the perspective of running significant commemoration events on the site over many years. The City is very appreciative of the time and energy given by this volunteer group. The Action Plan is the richer for FOSMA's input.
- 9.3. The City also worked closely with Heritage Tasmania to determine practical boundaries for the Tasmanian Heritage Register nomination, to show Heritage Tasmania the natural values of the site and provide insight into management of these values.
- 9.4. This engagement provided clarification to the provisional nomination and developed a general certificate of exemption for maintenance of the Avenue natural and cultural values.
- 9.5. Other groups with an interest in the Avenue, such as the RSL and the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, were given the opportunity to contribute to the development of this plan.

10. Delegation

- 10.1. This matter is delegated to 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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Attachment A: Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan ↓ 



City of **HOBART**

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL AVENUE ACTION PLAN

March 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

The Soldiers Memorial Avenue commemorates men and one woman, who came from Hobart or their families were connected with Hobart, who during World War I were killed in action or died of wounds, sickness, disease or in accidents. It represents 18% of the total number of Tasmanians who died in service during World War 1. Soldiers Memorial Avenue (herein referred to as the Avenue) is one of Tasmania's most significant war memorials. It provides a direct link to the stories of love, loss and commemoration that arose from the tragedy of World War 1.

The first dedicated management plan for Soldiers Memorial Avenue was completed in 2004 (Howard 2004). That plan became the basis for planning and works along the Avenue coordinated and managed by the City of Hobart and the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue (FOSMA). An assessment of that plan's implementation in 2018 reported that of 19 recommendations, only two had not been fully implemented, including an interpretation plan. Of the ten objectives identified, only three had not been fully realised.

A recent history report was prepared by Adrian Howard (2018) to chart changes on the Avenue since 2004. A new management plan was commissioned in 2019 to provide a greater focus on interpretation and wayfinding, to provide guidance on development of a stronger entry/entries to the site and a relationship with the Bridge of Remembrance and the City to Gardens Way, and to relate to the relevant plans and strategies developed since 2004.

This Action Plan builds on the draft Management Plan provided by consultants in 2020 (Context 2020), providing a more succinct document aimed at guiding CoH operations across the site, and at providing a framework to assess proposals for use of the site by external organisations.

This Action Plan is to be reviewed within ten years.

2. LOCATION

The Queens Domain is a 230 ha reserve located on the eastern edge of Hobart local government area, to the north of the central business district, between the Brooker Highway

and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, see Figure 1. The site was reserved from sale in 1860 for the use of the people. The Queens Domain is vested in the City of Hobart with the exclusion of Government House and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, which are owned by the Crown (Tasmanian State Government).

Soldiers Memorial Avenue (the Avenue) covers about 14 ha and runs for nearly 2.5 km on the eastern side of Queens Domain (Figure 2). It starts at Aberdeen Street in the south-east, runs past the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, underneath the Bridge of Remembrance and along the Tasman Highway, up and around the slope past the TCA Ground and Gunpowder Magazine and around the Crossroads and Soldiers Memorial Ovals in the north-west.



Figure 1 Location of the Queens Domain, north of Hobart's central business district, shown in yellow and Soldiers Memorial Avenue highlighted in blue

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The Avenue consists of a three metre wide gravel path with generally two rows of planted, exotic conifers (predominantly Himalayan and Lebanese Cedar trees) on each side of the path. This establishes a total of four rows generally, although there are two rows of trees around the ovals, near the Gunpowder Magazine and near the aquatic centre. Each tree was planted as a memorial to a particular soldier and one nurse, and all have a bronze plaque mounted on a low concrete plinth in front of the tree. In 2021, there were 535 trees in the Avenue.

It should also be noted that there are two additional remaining trees adjacent to the Cenotaph that were part of an extension to the Avenue planted in the 1920s to connect the Avenue with the Cenotaph. These two trees are now dedicated to Alec Campbell and Frank MacDonald, former FOSMA patrons and Tasmanian veterans of World War 1.

The City of Hobart is the land owner and asset manager. FOSMA is the key community group associated with the Avenue. FOSMA has been the driving force in reinvigorating the Avenue after it fell into a state of neglect. Their actions, supported by the City, have re-established the connection between the fallen soldiers and their families, as well as highlighting the significance of the Avenue as one of Tasmania's most important war memorials. Since the formation of FOSMA in 2002, the group has facilitated and organised regular commemorative events on the Avenue, as well as providing support, information,

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guided tours and presentations for descendants, school groups and community organisations.

The extent of the Avenue footprint used in this plan is slightly different to that defined in the listing of the site on the Tasmanian Heritage Register (Tasmanian Heritage Council 2021 – THR 11987). This report uses tenure boundaries that relate to changes in land manager, and confines 'the Avenue' to land managed for this purpose by the City of Hobart. The site boundaries defined by Heritage Tasmania extend ten metres out from the trunk of the outer row of Avenue trees.

3. VALUES

3.1 Historic Heritage Values

The Soldiers Memorial Avenue (hereon called the Avenue) is of historic heritage significance for its 'demonstration of the deeply felt impact of Tasmania's soldiers' combat deaths in overseas conflicts, and evolving community approaches towards the commemoration of war dead. The 2002 to 2015 extensive restoration of the Avenue exemplifies late-20th and early-21st century Australian processes of reshaping the understanding of ANZAC soldiers and World War I generally' (Tasmanian Heritage Council 2021).

The Avenue is considered by Heritage Tasmania to meet three of the eight criteria for assessment of historic cultural heritage significance under Tasmania's *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, thus meeting the threshold for being significant at a state level. Soldiers Memorial Avenue has been combined with the South African (Boer) War Memorial and the 2/40th Battalion monument, situated on either side of the Bridge of Remembrance, in a Tasmanian Heritage Register listing, registered in 2021 (site THR 11987).

In an assessment by historic heritage consultants GML Heritage trading as Context, in 2019/20 (Context 2020), the following features of the SMA were identified as being of 'exceptional significance':

- All surviving elements of the original design layout and planting, in particular the double avenue
- Predominant use of cedar trees. The original trees were Himalayan, Blue Atlas and Atlas cypress. All the replacement trees planted since 2008 are Lebanese cedars, chosen for their better tolerance of dry conditions.
- Original cedar trees of outstanding form and size, for historic and aesthetic reasons
- Pedestrian pathway that spans the length of the Avenue, which is relatively rare for a commemorative avenue.
- Ceremonial activities on special days and associated with community groups
- Cultural traditions and practices that demonstrate the process of commemoration, reflection and grieving. Some of these have physical expression, such as small personal mementos resting on or beside plaques, some are ephemeral.
- Private contemplation and commemoration and reflection for individuals and families.
- Related objects: The memorial plaques that survive are held in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, as a remnant of the original Avenue and for associations

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with the original commemoration event. (The original 1918-19 plaques were wooden and deteriorated quickly. Replacement plaques in the late 1920s were zinc plate and these are the ones that are now in the Museum collection).

The Avenue varies considerably in the age and condition of the trees, as 340 of the 535 are replacement trees planted since 2008. However, the Avenue's integrity and expression of the original intent, as a formal tree-lined commemorative avenue, still remains. Where original plantings have reached a good height, near the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre and adjacent to the TCA Ground, it shows how the Avenue was intended. The large number of new plantings were required because many original trees died or struggled to grow. While the different size and growth habits have detracted from the overall visual appearance of the Avenue, it is hoped the new plantings will reach a good mature form in the years to come, providing a more cohesive structure for the Avenue.

For a history and analysis of the integrity and age of the Avenue, see the Tasmanian Heritage Council Tasmanian Heritage Register datasheet (Tasmanian Heritage Council 2021) and the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue website (soldiersmemorialavenue.org.au/history). Unpublished, internal City of Hobart reports include Soldiers Memorial Avenue Recent History 2004-2018 by Adrian Howard (2018) and the draft Soldiers Memorial Avenue Management Plan, prepared by Context, June 2020.

The entire avenue is also listed in the Significant Trees Register (listing D27) of the *Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2015* (www.hobartcity.com.au) and a White Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) that is adjacent to the avenue is also on the Significant Tree Register (listing D28).

3.2 Natural Values

One threatened vegetation community, seven threatened plant species and five threatened animal species occur within the Avenue.

The grassland that extends across the width of the Avenue between Davies Avenue and the stairs up to Soldiers Memorial Oval is native grassland, classified as Lowland Native Grasslands of Tasmania (City of Hobart 2018). This vegetation community is classified as such despite being an induced grassland, that is, the native trees were removed by humans during the last century. However, prior to invasion the area would have been more open, with fewer trees due to local Aboriginal intensive and active burning practices.

The native grassland on the Avenue is listed as Critically Endangered under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This area of native grassland is diverse in native species, rich in threatened species and relatively healthy, with few weeds. The vegetation and threatened species are actively managed under the guidance of the Queens Domain Hobart Vegetation Management Plan (City of Hobart 2018).

Twenty-two species of threatened plants, listed under the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* (TSPA), have been recorded from within or close to the Avenue. Seven of these species have been confirmed as occurring within the Avenue footprint (see Figure 3):

- *Austrostipa bigeniculata*, doublejointed speargrass – rare

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- *Carex gunniana*, mountain sedge - rare
- *Hydrocotyle laxiflora*, stinking pennywort - endangered
- *Scleranthus fasciculatus*, spreading knawel - vulnerable
- *Senecio squarrosus*, leafy fireweed - rare
- *Vittadinia gracilis*, woolly new-holland daisy - rare
- *Vittadinia muelleri*, narrowleaf new-holland daisy - rare

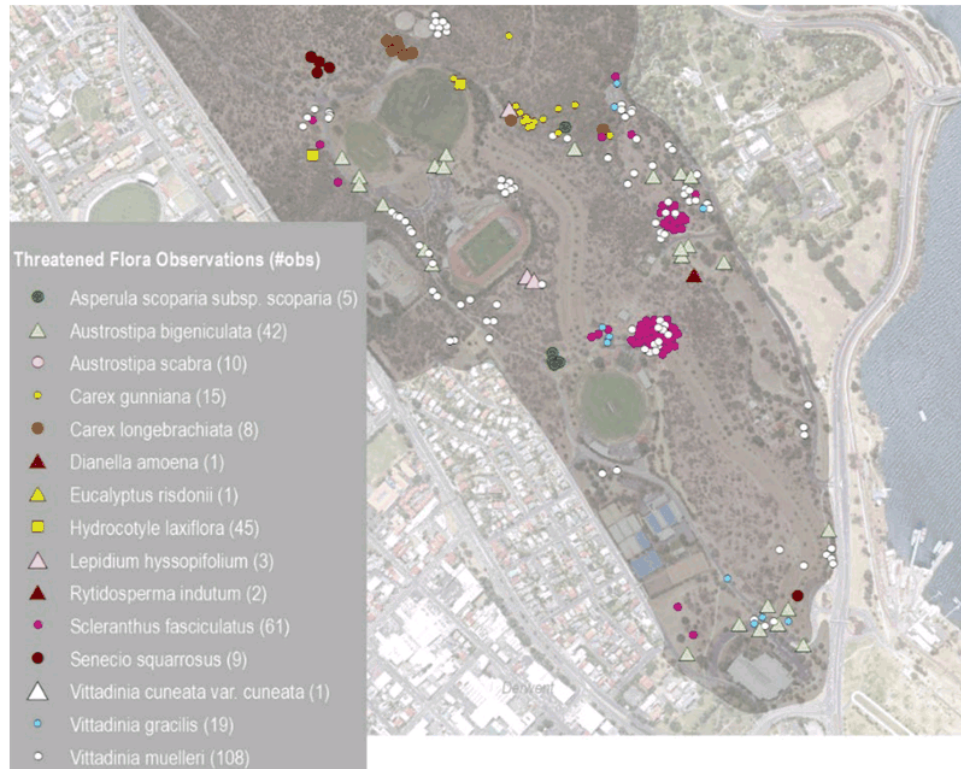


Figure 3 Location of threatened plants mapped in the area of Soldiers Memorial Avenue, reproduced from Queens Domain Hobart Vegetation Management Plan (City of Hobart 2018; 55). Note; the number of plants observed relates to the entire Queens Domain area.

Eight species of terrestrial fauna are recorded from within 500 m of the Avenue. Habitat or potential habitat exists within or immediately adjacent to the Avenue footprint for five of these species; eastern quoll, *Dasyurus viverrinus* (endangered EPBC Act), swift parrot, *Lathamus discolor* (endangered TSPA, critically endangered EPBC Act), eastern barred bandicoot, *Perameles gunnii* (vulnerable EPBC Act), tussock skink, *Pseudemoia pagenstecheri* (vulnerable TSPA) and masked owl, *Tyto novaehollandiae* (endangered TSPA, vulnerable EPBC Act).

Natural values in the area are being monitored and managed under the Queens Domain Hobart Vegetation Management Plan, the Biodiversity Action Plan (City of Hobart, 2019) and the Queens Domain Vegetation Management Policy (City of Hobart 2019).

*Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032***3.3 Aboriginal Values**

The Queens Domain is an area of strong cultural significance to Aboriginal people. The domain was managed by Tasmanian Aboriginal people for thousands of years and their active land management is still visible in the landscape today. The grasslands were created by Aboriginal firestick farming, providing a bountiful hunting ground. The foreshore provided access to the river and its resources. Over the 200 years since British invasion, this area has developed a more complex and layered historic significance.

The Queens Domain Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd 2002) identifies a zone of high cultural sensitivity that extends from the River Derwent foreshore up to the 50 m contour. Therefore, the Avenue from at least the Davies Avenue crossing up to almost the Gunpowder Magazine is within the high cultural sensitivity area. Also, 'the native grasslands are considered culturally significant to the Aboriginal community'. The remaining native landscape forms an integral part of the Queens Domain Aboriginal cultural landscape.

All Aboriginal sites are protected under the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* and subsequent regulations.

The native grassland of the Avenue is to be maintained 'as an important Aboriginal cultural value which provides an association between the modified landscape today and the Aboriginal landscape which was sustained in the area for many thousands of years' (Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd 2002; 4).

*Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032***4. VISION FOR THE SITE**

Soldiers Memorial Avenue is a living memorial to be protected in perpetuity. It is a place for private and public commemoration. Soldiers Memorial Avenue enhances and is part of the natural and cultural heritage values of the surrounding Queens Domain landscape.

5. OBJECTIVES FOR MANAGEMENT

- I. Conserve and maintain or enhance the Avenue as a living war memorial
- II. Conserve and maintain or enhance the Aboriginal and historic heritage values
- III. Conserve and maintain or enhance the natural values
- IV. Improve interpretation of heritage values to provide a thematic experience of the site
- V. Provide opportunities for public and performance art, particularly temporary installations that are aligned with the Avenue's cultural values
- VI. Improve wayfinding and clarify entry points to the Avenue to improve the visitor experience in ways that do not diminish the integrity, primary form or visual appearance of the Avenue.

6. RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT AND ACTIONS**6.1 Works and Development**

No developments or works (defined below) are to occur within the Avenue footprint except where:

- absolutely necessary because an alternative location does not exist **and**
- the development is of a minor or temporary nature, **and**
- there is no lasting or detrimental impact on the significant cultural or natural heritage features, or
- the cultural or natural heritage features are enhanced because of the development.

The definition of 'development' is as per the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and includes; the construction, demolition or removal of a building or works, the construction or carrying out of works, the subdivision or consolidation of land, including buildings or airspace, the placing or relocation of a building or works on land, and the construction or putting up for display of signs. 'Works' are defined as per the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and include; any change to the natural or existing condition or topography of land including the removal, destruction or lopping of trees and the removal of vegetation or topsoil.

The *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* defines 'works' to include; any development, any physical intervention, excavation or action which may result in a change to the nature or appearance of the fabric of a place, any change to the natural or existing condition or topography of land, and any removal of vegetation or topsoil.

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In addition:

- All 'works' as defined under the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* will require approval by the Tasmanian Heritage Council. This approval may be through a certificate of exemption, where the work is assessed to have no or negligible impact on the heritage values of the place, or through a discretionary permit application. An exemption for a range of routine and ongoing maintenance work has been negotiated with the Tasmanian Heritage Council (refer to section 7 for details of the terms and scope of this exemption). Heritage Tasmania's advisory staff can be contacted to discuss any proposed work, where there may be any ambiguity in the scope of the maintenance exemption, or where the proposed work falls outside the scope of the existing exemption.
- Any works that could have an impact on the nationally listed native grassland community could require referral to the Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy (or equivalent) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- Any works that could have an impact on the threatened flora or fauna within the Avenue will require an on-ground assessment by a suitably qualified person, and may also require a 'permit to take' under the *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*
- Any works or activity that could disturb the ground within the Avenue footprint within the zone of high sensitivity or near any Aboriginal site requires consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land Council to determine whether a physical assessment by an Aboriginal Heritage Officer is required, before the works occur
- Any works or development that is not exempt under the relevant planning scheme requires a planning permit
- Development or works not undertaken by the City of Hobart are likely to require a Public Spaces By-law permit
- Development or works that are significant in time, scale or geographical extent may require a licence or lease from the City of Hobart
- FOSMA are to be consulted regarding any proposals for new works or development within the Avenue
- Works to be undertaken by utility companies within the Avenue footprint or in close proximity to the Avenue must involve the City, and through the city FOSMA, at the design stage. They may require a Public Spaces By-law permit and they will require a site-specific induction before works commence.
- Once the necessary approvals have been granted, anyone (CoH staff, contractors, commercial operators, volunteers) undertaking new works or development has to undertake a site-specific induction for the Avenue run by or with input from FOSMA, in addition to any mandatory City of Hobart induction.

*Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032***6.2 Maintenance**

Adequate site and asset maintenance is to continue, in order to protect, conserve, maintain or enhance the significant historic, Aboriginal and natural heritage values of the Avenue:

- Maintenance works are only to occur as per approved City of Hobart asset management plans, inspection regimes, policies, plans, design manuals, maintenance schedules or Standard Operating Procedures
- Regular slashing for maintenance of the native grassland within the Avenue footprint is to be undertaken, as per the City of Hobart approved Standard Operating Procedure, in a manner that does not damage the Avenue trees, plaques, other historic heritage features or the threatened flora
- Slashing of the Avenue and brushcutting around plaques should occur before ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day in order to assist commemorative events
- Weed spraying is to occur only as per the Standard Operating Procedure
- Fire could be used within the Avenue to manage grassland biomass and biodiversity, as per the Queens Domain Hobart Vegetation Management Plan and any relevant Standard Operating Procedure, as long as it is used in a manner that does not threaten or damage the Avenue trees, plaques, other historic heritage features or the threatened flora
- The area subject to slashing is not to be extended into the native woodland bordering the Avenue unless for natural values management as part of an approved plan
- Management actions to conserve the threatened flora or threatened fauna or their habitat within the Avenue must be guided by the Biodiversity Action Plan (City of Hobart, 2019).
- Infrastructure such as signage, interpretation panels, lighting, seats, bollards, drinking fountains and rock barriers can be replaced or upgraded, as long as the replacement follows (where appropriate) the Infrastructure Manual for Hobart's Open Spaces or equivalent.
- FOSMA is to be engaged on any proposals for new, replacement or upgraded infrastructure. FOSMA are encouraged to join the Queens Domain Network, to stay informed of developments across Queens Domain.

6.3 Tree Management

The planted trees that form the Avenue are to be maintained in good health:

- A formal and documented risk assessment of all the Avenue trees will be undertaken at the frequency stated in the City's Tree Inspection Program
- Inspections are to be undertaken by suitably qualified personnel and inspection reports are to be stored in the City's asset management system
- A walk-through of the Avenue will be done annually by arboriculture unit personnel, to determine whether any tree replacement or obvious work is required
- Care and maintenance activity is to occur as required to maintain tree health and structure (formative pruning), based on inspection reports

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- Tree maintenance activity is not to damage threatened species or their habitat
- Arboriculture and Nursery workgroup is to liaise with the Fire and Biodiversity workgroup before any changes to the tree maintenance regime are undertaken
- All trees removed from the Avenue must be replaced with Lebanese cedar
- The City of Hobart Nursery is to maintain access to sufficient suitable stock of Lebanese cedar for replacement of Avenue trees as required, for the long-term
- If an inspection report recommends removal of an Avenue tree (because of damage, death or disease), FOSMA is to be consulted before a decision is made for the tree to be removed
- If an Avenue tree is to be removed, FOSMA is to liaise with the descendants of the commemorated soldier (if known), before any removal
- FOSMA is responsible for any rededication if it is necessary.
- Watering of vulnerable (old or newly planted) trees in situations of prolonged dry weather or declared drought should occur where necessary.

6.4 Commemoration

Continue to manage the Avenue to enhance its significance as a place for commemoration:

- Use of the Avenue for commemoration is to be prioritised over other public uses
- No use or development is to compromise the use of the Avenue for commemoration
- Signage, interpretation and use of the Avenue for public art is not to detract from the use of the Avenue for commemoration
- Signage and interpretation should be predominantly focussed on the Avenue's history and its role as a place of commemoration
- Ensure linkages are maintained and enhanced with Legacy Park, so that commemorations can include this site, especially the amphitheatre
- FOSMA is to be consulted before any new use of the site for commemoration, and FOSMA is to inform the City of any proposal for a new use of the Avenue for commemoration
- FOSMA is to manage or co-manage any commemorative events within the Avenue.

6.5 Wayfinding and Entry Points

Define entrances to the Avenue and improve wayfinding across the Avenue:

- Use signage, a structure or some other means such as paving to identify entrances to the Avenue. Entrance locations could include: Aberdeen Street, north of Davies Avenue opposite the Bridge of Remembrance, the TCA Ground northern car park, the track from Grassland Gully just below the stairs to the ovals, the amphitheatre next to Legacy Park and the carpark on the northwest side of Soldiers Memorial Oval
- Provide new signage in the Cenotaph precinct directing people to the Avenue across the Bridge of Remembrance

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- Any new interpretation or wayfinding signage is to be in accordance with the Bushland, Parks and Sportsgrounds Signage Guide (City of Hobart 2021) and is to complement the City to Gardens Way signage
- Wayfinding should not disrupt the commemorative value and visual integrity of the Avenue and any physical works such as new paths across the Avenue should be subservient in scale, form, location and visual qualities to the Avenue
- FOSMA should be consulted regarding new Avenue entrance designs, signage content and locations and lighting.

6.6 Public Art

Increase use of the site for public art, particularly temporary art, installations and performance.

Public art must not occur within the Avenue footprint except:

- Where an alternative location does not exist and the art is of a minor or temporary nature **and**
- There is no lasting or detrimental impact on the significant cultural heritage or natural heritage features or aesthetic values of the Avenue, **and**
- The historic heritage and/or natural heritage features of the Avenue and/or its use for commemoration are enhanced because of the art.
- The City is to explore options for increasing the use of the site for innovative and publicly accessible works of art, and provide opportunities for a diverse range of artists to develop meaningful experiences on or about the Avenue for residents and visitors, as per the City of Hobart Public Art Framework 2019 (City of Hobart 2019)
- For new art, a written proposal to the City is required, specifying how the proposed art enhances the values and how it will avoid significant impact to the Avenue
- Both FOSMA and the City of Hobart must approve proposals for artistic use or promotion of the Avenue
- The installation of any artworks also requires a Public Spaces By-law permit which will specify management of access, installation and supervision by City of Hobart officers.

6.7 Interpretation

Review the existing interpretation signage on the Avenue and upgrade if necessary:

- Interpretation is to focus on the history and commemoration significance of the Avenue
- Other interpretation on cultural heritage and natural values can be considered near the Avenue if this does not detrimentally affect the aesthetic appearance of the Avenue.
- Interpretation could include additional digital or printed material as well as on-site signs
- FOSMA and the City must support both the content and the location of any proposed interpretation.

*Soldiers Memorial Avenue Action Plan 2022-2032***6.8 Management of a Heritage Site**

Maintenance of the Avenue as a state-listed Heritage Site;

- A certificate of exemption is to be created for the City's regular and maintenance activities on the Avenue, such that they do not require referral to Heritage Tasmania for approval each season
- Any development or works, that are not maintenance, that could have a lasting and/or detrimental impact on the Avenue need to be referred to Heritage Tasmania
- Any novel activity that could have a lasting and/or detrimental impact to the Avenue needs to be referred to Heritage Tasmania.

7. Tasmanian Heritage Register Listing

Soldiers Memorial Avenue is listed as site THR 11987 on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Site maintenance undertaken by the City of Hobart and activities that fit with this Action Plan and are regulated through the following documents and their successors, are to be covered by a certificate of exemption and, therefore, these activities do not need to be referred to Heritage Tasmania:

- Mowing/slashing of the Avenue as per the City of Hobart - Safe Operating Procedure Slashing Queens Domain
- Threatened species and habitat management and monitoring, and weed control as per the Biodiversity Action Plan, Queens Domain Hobart Vegetation Management Plan and the Queens Domain Vegetation Management Policy
- Maintenance and management of the planted Avenue trees as per the City of Hobart Tree Inspection Program, Australian Standard AS 4373 *Pruning of Amenity Trees*, the City of Hobart Street Tree Strategy 2017, the Tree Management Plan 2021 and the Removal of City of Hobart Trees Policy and as specified in this Action Plan
- New art that fits within the City of Hobart Public Art Framework and/or the Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan, except new art that is permanent or that could have an lasting and/or detrimental impact on the Avenue's historic heritage values
- New or upgraded signage that conforms to the Bushland, Parks and Sportsgrounds Signage Guide and as agreed with FOSMA
- Replacement of infrastructure such as seats, bollards, drinking fountains and rock barriers, following the Infrastructure Manual for Hobart's Open Spaces.

8. References

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6.4 Narryna Heritage Museum, Battery Point - Lawn Maintenance
File Ref: F22/15943

Report of the Program Leader Parks and Reserves, Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways, and the Acting Director City Life of 11 March 2022 and attachment.

Delegation: Council

**REPORT TITLE: NARRYNA HERITAGE MUSEUM, BATTERY POINT -
LAWN MAINTENANCE**

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Program Leader Parks and Reserves
Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways
Acting Director City Life

Report Purpose and Community Benefit

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's endorsement to provide ongoing support to Narryna Heritage Museum Inc.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. A recent review of council's maintenance programs revealed that garden and tree maintenance within the grounds of Narryna Heritage Museum (NHM), 103 Hampton Road, Battery Point was being undertaken by the Council but the facility is not a Council owned property.
- 2.2. The Council has been supporting the museum with garden maintenance since 1957. This included a garden restoration program in 1988 and ongoing maintenance including tree inspections and maintenance.
- 2.3. The President of the Narryna Heritage Museum Inc. has written to the Council requesting the council continue with lawn maintenance. **(Attachment A)**.
- 2.4. It is proposed that given the long running assistance that council support the Narryna Heritage Museum's request, by providing assistance with lawn maintenance.
- 2.5. This type of support is consistent with support provided for not for profit and community based groups that the Council works with to provide community benefits. This includes the Catholic Church and the Hobart Regatta Society.
- 2.6. Undertaking a fortnightly lawn maintenance service has been estimated to cost \$2,050 per annum.
- 2.7. If this proposal is endorsed by the Council, the intention would be to formalise an agreement between the Narryna Heritage Museum and the Council.

Recommendation**That:**

- 1. The ongoing support for lawn maintenance to Narryna Heritage Museum Inc. be endorsed.**
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions of a formal agreement outlining the level of support.**
- 3. The benefit provided by Council be reported in the Council's Annual Report in accordance with the Council's Policy: Leases to Non-Profit Organisations.**

3. Background

- 3.1. A recent review of the Council's maintenance programs revealed that garden and tree maintenance within the grounds of Narryna Heritage Museum (NHM), 103 Hampton Road, Battery Point was being undertaken by the Council.
- 3.2. The museum is not owned or managed by the City of Hobart. Narryna Heritage Museum Inc. as a community council (or board) determines all policy for the site, oversees daily operations and covers the cost of staff.
- 3.3. The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) provides operational support for NHM. TMAG does not provide any funding to NHM. All costs incurred by the museum are met by NHM fundraising.
- 3.4. The Council has been supporting the museum with garden maintenance since 1957. This included a garden restoration program in 1988 and ongoing maintenance including tree inspections and maintenance.
- 3.5. Over the years various volunteers have taken on parts of the garden maintenance and tree maintenance. The garden maintenance is undertaken by NHM volunteers and the Camelia Society of Tasmania.
- 3.6. NHM has now taken on the responsibility of tree inspections and maintenance.
- 3.7. The Council wrote to the NHM in December 2021 to clarify if the NHM wished the Council to undertake periodic maintenance and tree inspections.
- 3.8. The President of the Narryna Heritage Museum Inc. has written to Council requesting the council continue with lawn maintenance.
(Attachment A)

4. Proposal and Implementation

- 4.1. It is proposed that given the long running assistance that the Council support the Narryna Heritage Museum's request, by providing assistance with lawn maintenance.
- 4.2. Undertaking a fortnightly lawn maintenance service has been estimated to cost \$2,050.
- 4.3. If this proposal is endorsed by the Council, the intention would be to formalise an agreement between NHM and the council.

5. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 5.1. The proposal is compatible with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-2029:

Strategic Outcome 1.2 Hobart's cityscape reflects the heritage, culture and natural environment that makes it special.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 6.1.1. Nil, work is currently being undertaken and is funded within existing budgets. The cost will be identified in the current zero based budget build for 2022-23.
- 6.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
 - 6.2.1. An allocation of \$2,050 within the proposed Bushland, Biodiversity and Waterways operating budget will be identified for the purpose of reporting.
- 6.3. Asset Related Implications
 - 6.3.1. Nil

7. Legal, Risk and Legislative Considerations

- 7.1. If this proposal is endorsed by the Council a formal agreement will be drafted in consultation with the NHM.

8. Delegation

- 8.1. The matter is delegated to the Council.

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



Peter Kerstan
**PROGRAM LEADER PARKS AND
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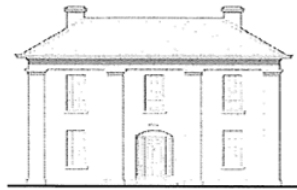
John Fisher
**MANAGER BUSHLAND BIODIVERSITY
AND WATERWAYS**



Karen Abey
ACTING DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 11 March 2022
File Reference: F22/15943

Attachment A: Narryna Heritage Museum request for lawn maintenance assistance. ↓ 



Narryna
The Merchant's House
103 Hampden Road, Battery Point, 7004
www.narryna.com.au
6234 2791

18 January 2022

John Fisher
Acting Director City Amenity
City of Hobart
GPO Box 503
HOBART TASMANIA 7001

Dear Mr Fisher,

Garden maintenance and inspection of Trees

I refer to your letter of 1 December 2021, your ref F21/119782.

Narryna Heritage Museum Inc. (NHM) manages Narryna – *the Merchant's House* at Battery Point. Narryna and its grounds have been open to the public since 1957. NHM is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission as a custodian of community heritage and provider of education services.

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) provides operational support for NHM. That said, Narryna Heritage Museum Inc. as a community Council (or board) determines all policy for the site, oversees daily operations and covers the cost of staff, who are employed as state public servants under the arrangement with TMAG. TMAG underwrites but does not fund NHM. Any cost incurred by the community museum needs to be met by NHM through fundraising.

Hobart City Council has provided Narryna's lawn maintenance (as opposed to garden maintenance which is undertaken by NHM volunteers and the Camellia Society of Tasmania) since c1957. We understand that the arrangement was formalized during Doone Kennedy AM's period as Lord Mayor of Hobart (1986-1996). I am not aware of Council's separate budget arrangements for this. In the past HCC has provided tree inspections. Since the retirement of Andrew Robert-Tissot c2015, NHM has commissioned arborist reports independently.

Narryna – *the Merchant's House* is open to the public five days per week, currently Tuesday to Saturdays, 10am -4.30pm. Narryna is rare in Hobart as an historic house and garden open to the

public. It stands at the entry to the Battery Point – Salamanca Place precinct where tourists to Hobart seek an experience of Tasmania's rich historic environment. Its attractive forecourt is accessed by the public including tourists, photographers, garden aficionados and Hobartians who lunch in the grounds but don't come into the museum.

Given Narryna's charitable status and contribution to Hobart's urban amenity and tourism economy, we would appreciate that the Hobart City Council continues to provide lawn mowing services *gratis* to the community museum. NHM will be more than pleased to continue to acknowledge the support of Hobart City Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Watson AM
President
Narryna Heritage Museum Inc.

cc. Cr Anna Reynolds, Lord Mayor of Hobart

**6.5 Wilson Street, North Hobart - Proposed upgrade to Pocket Park
update.
File Ref: F22/14817**

Report of the Program Leader Parks and Reserves, Manager Bushland
Biodiversity and Waterways, and the Acting Director City Life of 7 March
2022 and attachment.

Delegation: Council

REPORT TITLE: WILSON STREET, NORTH HOBART - PROPOSED UPGRADE TO POCKET PARK UPDATE.

REPORT PROVIDED BY: Program Leader Parks and Reserves
Manager Bushland Biodiversity and Waterways
Acting Director City Life

1. Report Purpose and Community Benefit

- 1.1. The purpose for this report is to provide and update the Council on the progress of the upgrade to the Wilson Street, North Hobart pocket park.

2. Report Summary

- 2.1. At the Council meeting on the 16 December 2019 it was resolved

That: 1. The landscape plan for the Wilson Street Pocket Park, North Hobart, marked as **Attachment A** to item 6.3 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 5 December 2019 be endorsed.

2. Funding for site improvement works be considered when the Council determines the 2020-21 Capital Works Program and Annual Budget at an estimated cost of \$21,100 with an estimated annual operational expense of \$1,000 per annum.

- 2.2. This project has not proceeded due to capital works funding being reduced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and no allocation given to this project in the capital budget development.

3. Recommendation

That:

1. ***The continued support for the landscaping for the Wilson Street Pocket Park, North Hobart, marked as Attachment A to the report be endorsed.***
2. ***Funding for site improvement works be considered when the Council determines the Capital Works Program and Annual Budget at an estimated cost of \$25,100 with an estimated annual operational expense of \$4,320 per annum.***

4. Background

- 4.1. The Wilson Street Park is a small landscaped park located in North Hobart situated at end of a cul-de-sac that is the entrance to an Argyle Street overpass bridge.



- 4.2. A draft landscape plan was subsequently developed and provided to surrounding residents who had been involved throughout the process and the process identified broad support for the proposed plan.
- 4.3. At the Council meeting on the 16th December 2019 it was resolved
- That: 1. The landscape plan for the Wilson Street Pocket Park, North Hobart, marked as **Attachment A** to item 6.3 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 5 December 2019 be endorsed.
2. Funding for site improvement works be considered when the Council determines the 2020-21 Capital Works Program and Annual Budget at an estimated cost of \$21,100 with an estimated annual operational expense of \$1,000 per annum.
- 4.4. This project has not proceeded due to the project not receiving capital works funding.
- 4.5. In the past 6 months there has been queries as to the timing of this project by local residents prompting a review of the proposed works.

- 4.6. An external review of the costing was obtained and the funding of the project has increased to \$25,100. Fortnightly maintenance of the site has been externally costed at \$4,320 which is a significant increase on previous estimates.

5. Proposal and Implementation

- 5.1. The Council's continued support of this project in recognition of the increased cost of construction and maintenance.
- 5.2. Council endorsement will allow the project to be considered in the following year's capital works funding.
- 5.3. If approved the funding of an estimated \$25,100 will allow for site improvement project to proceed after being included in the City's Capital Works Program
- 5.4. Additional operational annual funding of \$4,320 will need to be included in the following year's annual budget in order to properly maintain the area.

6. Strategic Planning and Policy Considerations

- 6.1. The proposal is compatible with the Capital City Strategic Plan 2019-2029:
 - Strategic Outcome 2.3
Hobart communities are active, healthy and engaged in lifelong learning
 - Strategy 2.3.2:
Progressively enhance the City's sporting and recreational infrastructure

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Funding Source and Impact on Current Year Operating Result
 - 7.1.1. Nil
- 7.2. Impact on Future Years' Financial Result
 - 7.2.1. It is proposed that the funding of \$25,100 be considered for inclusion in the City's future Capital Works Program.
 - 7.2.2. An increase of the Parks and Reserves annual operational funding of \$4,320 be included in the financial year of completion in order to maintain the area.
- 7.3. Asset Related Implications
 - 7.3.1. The infrastructure if approved will be added to the Councils asset register and be included in future renewal programs.

8. Delegation

8.1. The matter is delegated to the Council.

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



Peter Kerstan
**PROGRAM LEADER PARKS AND
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John Fisher
**MANAGER BUSHLAND BIODIVERSITY
AND WATERWAYS**



Karen Abey
ACTING DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 7 March 2022
File Reference: F22/14817

Attachment A: Attachment - Parks and Recreation Committee - 5 December
2019 - Landscaping Concept Plan - Wilson Street ↓ 



PRELIMINARY	
ISSUE	DATE
PROJECT	Wilson Street Garden
CLIENT	Parks and Recreation
DWG	Landscape Plan
DATE	2 July 2019
SCALE	A3
DRAWN	D Beaver
CHKD	REVISION

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: Parks and Recreation Status Report - February
2022

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - STATUS REPORT

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

November 2014 to February 2022

Ref.	Detail	Report / Action	Action Officer	Comments
1	SOLDIERS MEMORIAL AVENUE – MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW Open Council 25/1/2016, Item 13 Open Council 23/5/2016, Item 18	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. (i) The management plan consider the utilisation of the 'Tree Widows' material for the interpretation and promotion of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue. The Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue be advised of the Council's decision.	Director City Life	The report is attached to the agenda of 17 March 2022.
2	KUNANYI/MOUNT WELLINGTON - ORGAN PIPES Open Council 19/12/2018, Item 12 Open Council 19/3/2019, Item	The below report was deferred at the Council meeting on 19 March 2019 to allow an opportunity to discuss with the State Government its level of support for the proposed listing of the eastern face of kunanyi / Mount Wellington onto the National Heritage Register. <i>That a report be prepared to consider the merits or otherwise;</i> (i) <i>Of seeking national heritage listing for the Organ Pipes of kunanyi/Mount Wellington and/or</i> (ii) <i>An extension of the South West World Heritage area to include the Wellington Park; and</i> (iii) <i>The report to also investigate and ascertain who is the correct party to formally make the nomination to seek a national heritage listing or inclusion in the South West World Heritage area.</i>	Director City Life	The Council decision is being actioned with advice sought from the Minister to confirm the State government position on a nomination.

4	<p>BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER BROOKER AVENUE - PROPOSED NAME 'ROSE GARDEN BRIDGE'</p> <p>Open Council 18/3/2019, Item 18</p> <p>Open Council 19/8/2019, Item 16</p>	<p>That 'Rose Garden Bridge' be submitted as the Council's recommended name for the new bicycle and pedestrian bridge across Brooker Avenue, located between Bathurst Street and the University Rose Gardens on the Queens Domain, to the Nomenclature Board of Tasmania, pursuant to the Survey Co-ordination Act 1944 (Tasmania).</p> <p>The City explore ways to commemorate persons and groups of significance with strong connections to the development of the University Rose Gardens, including Kitty Henry and TT Flynn.</p>	Director City Life	<p>The Nomenclature Board has accepted the name for the Bridge.</p> <p>The City is in discussions with UTas to integrate the University Gardens with the Rose Gardens and explore the significant people connected with the gardens in order to prepare a naming protocol for the rose beds.</p> <p>This is the subject of the plans for the movement of UTAS to the City and the architects are preparing a draft plan for the required works.</p>
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5	<p>REGATTA GROUNDS BUILDINGS - REQUEST FOR LEASE</p> <p>Open Council 17/12/2020, Item 21</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A lease to the Royal Hobart Regatta Association over two buildings located on the Domain Regatta Ground foreshore (as indicated in paragraph 4.3 of the report marked as item 6.2 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 10 December 2020) for a period of ten (10) years, be approved, subject to no objections being received during the statutory community engagement process required under Sections 178 and 179 of the Local Government Act 1993. (i) Should any objections be received during the community engagement period, a further report will be provided to the Council. 2. The leased area be provided at a nominal annual rent (\$50 per annum) 3. The General Manager be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions of the lease. 4. In accordance with the Council Policy 'Grants and Benefits Disclosure' the benefit recognised to the Royal Hobart Regatta Association by way of reduced rental as part of the new lease be disclosed in the City's Annual Report. 5. The lease include a clause that allows the City to re-negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease between the City and the Royal Hobart Regatta Association in relation to the two buildings located on the Domain Regatta Ground foreshore in the event that any development should proceed in that vicinity of the foreshore. 	Director City Life	<p>Preparation of the lease is progressing but is now subject to review with the announcement by the State Government of a new covered stadium for the site to be built by 2027.</p>
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6	<p>TCA GROUND, QUEENS DOMAIN - CLUBROOMS, CHANGE ROOMS, KIOSK - LEASE RENEWAL - HOBART FOOTBALL CLUB</p> <p>Open Council 22/2/2021 Item 16</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A lease to the Hobart Football Club over the clubrooms, change rooms and kiosk at TCA Ground, 2 Davies Avenue, Queens Domain for a period of five (5) years, with an option for a further five (5) years, be approved, subject to no objections being received during the statutory community engagement process required under Sections 178 and 179 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>. (i) Should any objections be received during the community engagement period, a further report will be provided to the Council. 2. The leased area, as indicated in paragraph 4.1.2 of item 6.1 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 11 February 2021, be provided at a nominal annual rent (\$50 per annum). 3. The General Manager be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions of the lease. 4. In accordance with the Council Policy 'Grants and Benefits Disclosure' the benefit recognised to the Hobart Football Club by way of reduced rental as part of the new lease be disclosed in the City's Annual Report. 5. Council officers engage with the Hobart Football Club, and other kiosk lessees, to promote healthy kiosk food options. 	Director City Life	Completed - a lease is no in place.
7	<p>410 ELIZABETH STREET, NORTH HOBART – NAMING OF SWAN STREET PARK</p> <p>Open CPC 15/3/2021, Item 7.2.6</p>	<p>That in consultation with the property owner, consideration be given to naming the park (currently known as Swan Street Park).</p>	Director City Life	<p>The City is in discussions with the adjoining Church that owns the land but no decision has been made. Future ownership options for the site is being reconsidered.</p>

8	<p>PETITION - STREET TREE PLANTINGS RUPERT AVENUE, MOUNT STUART</p> <p>Open Council 10/5/2021, Item 6</p> <p>Open Council 21/6/2021, Item 19</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City undertake detailed investigations and design work for the potential installation of new street trees within Rupert Avenue, Mount Stuart, involving the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Local area consultation and engagement; (ii) Determination of potential locations and number of tree plantings, including suitable species selection; (iii) Traffic safety audit and traffic impact assessments; (iv) Impact of on-street parking availability; (v) Cost assessment for the installation of the trees within the road reservation to ensure appropriate tree root treatment and backfilling with structural soil to ensure surface surrounds remain trafficable; and (vi) Prioritisation of any installation to consider: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The timing of any potential road works scheduled for the Street. (b) Available funding (that is to be accommodated within the City's existing budget provision for its wider street tree planting program). 2. Elected Members be kept informed of the matter via advice memorandums. 3. The petitioners be advised of the Council's decision. 	Director City Life	<p>The Council decision is being actioned with draft plans prepared and undergoing assessment.</p>
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9	<p>SANDY BAY ROWING CLUB, MARIEVILLE ESPLANADE - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE FOOTPRINT</p> <p>Open Council 23/8/2021, Item 17</p> <p>Open Council 22/11/2021, Item 15</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An extension of the lease footprint to the Sandy Bay Rowing Club over a section of land outside of its premises at Marieville Esplanade, Battery Point (marked as Attachment A to item 6.1 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 12 August 2021), be approved. 2. A letter be sent to the objector of the lease during the community engagement period to advise of Council's decision and to provide advice on appeal rights. 3. The extended lease footprint area be added to the existing lease which, if all lease options are pursued, expires in 2030 under the same terms and conditions as the current lease. 4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise the terms and conditions of the lease, including a clause relating to the possible implications due to climate change and ensuring the area isn't used as a car park for the Club outside of its operating times. 5. In accordance with the Council Policy 'Grants and Benefits Disclosure' the benefit recognised to the Sandy Bay Rowing Club by way of reduced rental as part of the amended lease be disclosed in the City's Annual Report. 6. The Club submit a landscaping plan, including furniture design, to the satisfaction of the Director City Amenity, prior to any on-ground improvements being undertaken by the Club. 	Director City Life	The draft lease is being prepared
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10	CLARE STREET OVAL, NEW TOWN - CHANGE ROOM AND TOILET IMPROVEMENTS Open Council 23/8/2021, Item 18	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council endorse the proposal to significantly upgrade and enhance the public toilet and change rooms facilities at Clare Street Oval, New Town, as detailed in the report of 6 August 2021 marked as item 6.2 of the Open Parks and Recreation Committee agenda of 12 August 2021. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Council note the City's current asset replacement budget allocation of \$900,000, together with State Government's 'Levelling the Playing Field' grant funding of \$450,000 for the improvement works. 2. The CEO be delegated authority to secure all statutory permits for the development to proceed. 	Director City Life	A public tender for the construction has been advertised.
11	REVIEW OF COUNCIL TREE COMPENSATION POLICY Open Council 6 December 2021 Notice of Motion	<p>That Council review its tree removal compensation policy, to ensure that it balances the need to maintain significant tree coverage with the need for additional housing development, and to ensure it remains consistent with community expectation.</p>	Director City Life	The review of the policy is progressing

8. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

The Chief Executive Officer 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 Rose Garden Bridge
File Ref: F22/5749

Memorandum of the Acting Director City Life of 11 March 2022.

That the information be received and noted.

Delegation: Committee



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS**

ROSE GARDEN BRIDGE

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting date: 16 January 2020

Raised by: Alderman Briscoe

Question:

Could the Director please provide an update in relation to the Rose Garden Bridge and when it is expected for the official opening of the bridge to be undertaken?

Response:

A formal opening of the Rose Garden Bridge has been delayed due to the restrictions placed upon gatherings by the Chief Medical Officer due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

These restrictions are being progressively lifted and a suitable opening date will be selected in the near future to officially open the bridge.

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.

Karen Abey
ACTING DIRECTOR CITY LIFE

Date: 11 March 2022
File Reference: F22/5749

9. 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 Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer'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, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer'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.

10. 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:

- Minutes of the Closed Portion of a meeting
- Proposal for Council land
- Possible legal action involving the Council.

The following items are listed for discussion:-

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| Item No. 1 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Closed Portion of the Committee Meeting |
| Item No. 2 | Consideration of supplementary items to the agenda |
| Item No. 3 | Indications of pecuniary and conflicts of interest |
| Item No. 4 | Reports |
| Item No. 4.1 | Proposed licence - 16 Eureka Avenue & Bicentennial Park
LG(MP)R 15(2)(c)(i) and (f) |
| Item No. 5 | Committee Action Status Report |
| Item No. 5.1 | Committee Actions - Status Report
LG(MP)R 15(2)(d) |
| Item No. 6 | Responses to Questions Without Notice |
| Item No. 6.1 | kunanyi / Mount Wellington Facilitation Act 2017
LG(MP)R 15(4)(b) |
| Item No. 7 | Questions Without Notice |