# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BLIGH STREET, ROSNY PARK, ON MONDAY 24 JULY 2017

HOUR CALLED:	7.30pm
PRESENT:	The meeting commenced at 7.32 with the Mayor (Ald D C Chipman) in the Chair and with Aldermen:
	HChongPCusickDDoustDHulmeR HJamesP KMcFarlaneJPeersDThurleySvon BertouchJWalker; present.
1. APOLOGIES	N M Campbell (Leave of Absence)
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IN ATTENDANCE	General Manager (Mr A Paul)
	Corporate Treasurer (Mr F Barta)
	Acting Group Manager Asset Management (Mr R Graham)
	Corporate Secretary (Mr A van der Hek)
	Manager Health and Community Development (Mr J Toohey)
	City Planner (Mr R Lovell)
	Co-ordinator Council Support (Ms J Ellis)
	The Meeting closed at 10.38pm.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor made the following declaration:

"I acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respect to elders, past and present".

The Mayor also advised the Meeting and members of the public that Council Meetings, not including Closed Meeting, are audio-visually recorded and published to Council's website.

# COUNCIL MEETING

# MONDAY 24 JULY

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## 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Refer to cover page.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (File No 10/03/01)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

#### **Decision:**

#### MOVED Ald Cusick SECONDED Ald Chong

"That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed".

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION

The Mayor, for incorporation in the Minutes, tabled a report on the delegation to Binzhou.



# CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL VISIT TO BINZHOU CITY, SHANDONG, CHINA

10 May to 13 May 2017

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Strategic Background

Clarence City Council (CCC) has had a sister city relationship with Akkeshi Town in Japan since 1982. The relationship has included multiple school to school and elected members' visits and exchanges.

At Council's 21 February 2011 Meeting it received a report related to an International Association of Trade Associated (IATA) Mission to China. The report was prepared by one of the mission delegates, then Alderman Tony Mulder, and included the following on sister cities:

'All of the cities visited had numerous sister city relationships, but very few with Australian cities. The Chinese municipal authorities are very keen to establish meaningful relations with Australian cities, not just on the business level but also on the cultural, social and political level.'

#### AUSTRALIA IN THE ASIAN CENTURY WHITE PAPER

The focus and impetus for all levels of government to foster and develop links with Asia came into greater prominence with the release of *Australia in the Asian Century White Paper* in October 2012. (Australian Government, 2012)

The paper was commissioned by the then Prime Minister Julia Gillard, with the aim of helping to actively shape the nation's future, noting that whatever else this century brings, it will bring the rise of Asia. It promoted stronger relationships with countries across the region including China, India, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea.

Key points from the paper have been distilled in the Executive Summary (Ibid, p.1) as follows:

'Within only a few years, Asia will not only be the world's largest producer of goods and services, it will also be the world's largest consumer of them. It is already the most populous region of the world. In the future, it will also be home to the majority of the world's middle class.

The Asian century is an Australian opportunity. As the global centre of gravity shifts to our region, the tyranny of distance is being replaced by the prospects of proximity. Australia is located in the right place at the right time – in the Asian region in the Asian century.

An increasingly wealthy and mobile middle class is emerging in the region, creating new opportunities. They are demanding a diverse range of goods and services, from health and aged care to education to household goods, and tourism, banking and financial services, as well as high-quality food products.

Beyond economic gains, there are many valuable opportunities for building stronger relationships across the region, including through closer educational, cultural and people-to-people links.

Our nation also has the strength that comes from a long history of engagement with countries in Asia... But in this Asian century we must enter a new phase of deeper and broader engagement.'

The Executive Summary (Ibid, pp.2-3) goes on to stress:

'Australia's success will be based on choice, not chance. In order to succeed, we must sustain the policy settings and pathways that have served us well. We need to reinforce our strong social foundations, including our national institutions, our cultural diversity and our outward-looking society.

We will need to do more than this—we all need to respond to the rapid changes occurring in our region. Australians need to act in five key areas in order to succeed in the Asian century.

First, irrespective of how the Asian century evolves, Australia's prosperity will come from building on our strengths. We need to reinforce the foundations of our fair society and our prosperous, open and resilient economy at home...Critical to this will be ongoing reform and investment across the five pillars of productivity – skills and education, innovation, infrastructure, tax reform and regulatory reform.

Second, as a nation we must do even more to develop the capabilities that will help Australia succeed. Our greatest responsibility is to invest in our people through skills and education to drive Australia's productivity performance and ensure that all Australians can participate and contribute... As a nation we also need to broaden and deepen our understanding of Asian cultures and languages, to become more Asia literate. These capabilities are needed to build stronger connections and partnerships across the region.

Third, Australia's commercial success in the region requires that highly innovative, competitive Australian firms and institutions develop collaborative relationships with others in the region... Fourth, Australia's future is irrevocably tied to the stability and sustainable security of our diverse region...Fifth; we need to strengthen Australia's deep and broad relationships across the region at every level. These links are social and cultural as much as they are political and economic. Improving people-to-people links can unlock large economic and social gains. While the Australian Government plays a leading role in strengthening and building relationships with partners in the region – with more intensive diplomacy across Asia – others across a broad spectrum spanning business, unions, community groups and educational and cultural institutions also play an important role...Success in the Asian century requires a whole-of-Australia effort, with businesses, unions, communities and governments being partners in a transformation as profound as any that has defined Australia throughout our history.'



Shanghai viewed from the Bund

#### NOTICE OF MOTION BY ALDERMAN WALKER

Consideration of CCC investigating the expansion of sister city relationships commenced late 2012. This followed the successful adoption of the following notice of motion at the 10 December 2012 Council Meeting.

"That a task force consisting of the Mayor, General Manager and an Alderman be set up to investigate and report back to Council on the merits and basis upon which further suitable sister city relationships could be developed that provide lasting benefits to the City of Clarence".

Explanatory notes that accompanied the motion as listed in the agenda included the following:

- '- Sister City relationships help foster international co-operation at the Local Government level, stimulate two way trade and educational opportunities.
- Sister city relationships provide an opportunity for the widest possible diversity of exchanges and projects. Any activity in the community may lead to an appropriate sister city project.
- Projects, for example, can relate to public safety, ageing and business development including local industry exchanges, youth, the arts, volunteerism, community problem solving and the environment.'

#### CCC SISTER CITY TASKFORCE

The taskforce determined the objective of establishing any new sister city relationship was to bring environmental, social and cultural benefits to the City, relevant to goals in Council's Strategic Plan 2010-2015, via international connections in the areas of business, education and tourism.

It was noted that benefits may include business development, promoting economic growth, facilitation of the exchange of ideas as well as exchange of cultural and educational experiences.

A suitable sister city relationship could lead to programs promoting tourism and economic development as well as specific business to business introductions or trade missions.

It was seen that identifying synergies would be crucial in selecting a suitable and enduring sister city relationship. Factors included:

- Clear Outcomes: Outcomes of joint projects such as cultural, educational and economic;
- Educational: linkages with education institutions such as TAFE or Universities;
- Economic: Comparisons of key industries and prospective trade opportunities.

In relation to exports, it was noted that the tourism (including overseas students) is Tasmania's most significant international "service" export.

In relation to the exportation of produce, the Coal River Valley is a diverse agricultural production region including stone fruit, lettuce, vineyards, vegetable seed, walnuts, olives, peas, lucerne, turf and cereals.

Council received the information obtained by the taskforce at its 30 September 2013 Meeting. It was agreed that China would be the priority country for any future sister city relationship. It was decided that Council should not actively pursue a sister city relation at that time, but rather consider doing so at some point in the future, should a strategic opportunity arise.

#### TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S ENGAGEMENT WITH CHINA

The Tasmanian Department of State Growth's *China Engagement Report 2015*, provides a clear overview of Tasmania's recent engagement with China. The Minister for State Growth, Matthew Groom, notes the following (p.1):

'China is Tasmania's largest international trading partner, our largest source of international tourists and international students, and an important source of inbound investment with significant potential for further growth.

On 18 November 2014, Tasmania welcomed the Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Madam Peng Liyuan to Hobart. This was a once-in-a-generation visit by a head of state, creating unparalleled exposure for Tasmania in China and further enhancing the Chinese people's fascination with our island state, our people and our world class produce.

In parallel to President Xi's visit, the Tasmanian Government convened the inaugural TasInvest summit to showcase investment and business opportunities in the state, which was attended by over 100 Chinese delegates and potential investors. The success of these events was a clear demonstration of the potential to further strengthen our relationship across key areas of trade and investment including agriculture and premium produce; mining and resources; renewable energy; tourism; education; the Antarctic; and scientific research.

There have been many follow up events to further develop this engagement including further TasInvest roundtables in Melbourne, Sydney, Hong Kong and Beijing, as well as the trade and investment missions to China in April and September.

Collectively this increased engagement has supported growth in trade and investment opportunities for Tasmanian businesses. We have already seen practical results for Tasmanians begin to flow, with record growth in visitor arrivals from China, export growth in premium products like salmon, apples, cherries, beef and beverages and increasing numbers of Chinese students choosing to study in Tasmania.

Beyond direct business opportunities there are also important strategic and cultural opportunities in our strengthening relationship with China. Again this can present further opportunities in education and for scientific collaboration but also direct economic benefit by providing increased business opportunities for Tasmanianbased businesses offering engineering, logistic, supply and other services in support of Antarctic activities.

Our relationship with China has never been stronger. In China and Tasmania, governments at all levels are collaborating actively with business and our educational institutions. The Tasmanian Government and Tasmanian businesses have entered into a number of agreements with the Chinese Government and with Chinese investors, signalling our intention to further increase collaboration, investment and trade. Coupled with this is the recent signing of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement which will offer even further opportunities and greater competitive advantage for Tasmanian businesses.'

Clarence Council was invited to present to the TasInvest summit and took the opportunity to showcase a number of development and investment opportunities within Clarence including the then forthcoming Kangaroo Bay precinct expression of interest process.

The Report notes (Ibid, p.12) that 'TasTAFE has signed an MOU and certificate of agreement with Chambroad Group on cooperation on education and training in the aged care and hospitality sectors.' This was the precursor to the decision to build a hospitality training school at Kangaroo Bay in Bellerive.

It is worthwhile noting that the map within the Report (after cover page, no page number) which details key areas of current engagement by Tasmania within China highlights that as at 2015 Tasmania did not have a formal connection with the province of Shandong.



#### 1.2 Specific Background

In early October 2016 a delegation from the Binzhou Municipal People's Government, China, led by Mr. Zhang Kai, standing Deputy Mayor of Binzhou City, visited Australia. As part of its itinerary, the delegation visited Clarence, including a tour of the Coal River Valley in its schedule. Several Clarence City Council Aldermen, led by Deputy Mayor Jock Campbell, hosted a dinner for the Chinese Delegation at the Coal River Farm.

In late October 2016, the Foreign Affairs Office of the Binzhou Municipal People's Government wrote to Mayor Doug Chipman inviting Council representatives to visit Binzhou in order to gain an understanding of the city and to have discussions as to the development of a long term partnership between the two cities.

On 27 February 2017, Council approved the acceptance of the Binzhou City invitation and authorised the Mayor and up to three other aldermen, plus the General Manager, Mr. Andrew Paul, to take part in the visit. Council subsequently resolved, on 20 March 2017, that Aldermen Heather Chong, Sharyn von Bertouch and James Walker, be part of the official Clarence City Council (CCC) Delegation (hereinafter referred to as 'the Delegation'), with Aldermen Daniel Hulme, John Peers and Debra Thurley also participating in the delegation at their own expense. Council at this meeting also authorized the Mayor, if appropriate, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Binzhou City to explore opportunities for closer cooperation and a long term relationship between the two Cities.

#### 1.3 Visit Brief

Subsequent to Council's February 2017 decision, Mayor Chipman noted in a media release that Council is keen to explore opportunities for formal relationships in the Asia region that promote economic development, tourism and cultural exchange within Clarence. He stressed the visit to Binzhou would give Council a better understanding of the City, and allow both parties to determine what opportunities there are for cooperation in relation to agriculture, tourism, culture, education, sport and investment. He noted that at this stage Council would not be seeking to enter into a sister city relationship; however, both parties are keen to explore opportunities for future cooperation and this may include signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

#### 2. OVERVIEW OF SHANDONG AND BINZHOU

#### SHANDONG

Binzhou is situated in the Chinese province of Shandong. Provinces are the highest-level Chinese administrative divisions. 'There are 33 such divisions, classified as 22 provinces (not including Taiwan, which is claimed but not actually controlled by the People's Republic of China), four municipalities, five autonomous regions, and two Special Administrative Regions.' (Wikipedia, 2017)



#### Wikipedia's information on Shandong states:

'Shandong's location at the intersection of ancient as well as modern north–south and east– west trading routes has helped to establish it as an economic center. After a period of political instability and economic hardship that began in the late 19th century, Shandong has emerged as one of the most populous (95,793,065 inhabitants at the 2010 Census) and most affluent 90 provinces in the People's Republic of China with a GDP of CNY¥5.942 trillion in 2014, or USD 967 billion, making it China's third wealthiest province.' (Wikipedia, 2017)



'Shandong has a well-developed transportation system, as the Beijing-Shanghai Railway, Beijing-Kowloon Railway and multiple high speed railway lines all pass through the province. Shandong is also dotted with 8 civil airports, including Jinan and Qingdao, and 7 sea ports, such as Qingdao Port.

Shandong is an economic powerhouse in China. The GDP of Shandong grew by 8% to 6.3 trillion RMB in 2015, ranking the third in the country after Guangdong and Jiangsu. As one of China's major agricultural production bases, Shandong is known for the production of grains, fruits and vegetables, oil crops, aquatic products and animal by-products. The total value of Shandong agriculture has been in the top place in China for over a decade consecutively. Shandong is also an important energy base in China. Shengli Oilfield, discovered in 1955, is the second largest of its kind in the country and lies in the north of Shandong. The crude oil produced in Shandong made up one-third of the nation's total. Moreover, Shandong has 50,000 km2 of coalfields. Shandong Energy Group, a Fortune 500 company, directly manages six coalmining groups in the province and has nearly 200,000 employees.

The industry of Shandong includes traditional sectors such as food, metallurgy, textile, household appliances, chemicals and construction materials, as well as emerging sectors such as automotive, high-speed trains, marine science, electronic information, biopharmaceutical and new materials.

Shandong is one of the cradles of the Chinese civilization. It is the birthplace of a great number of historical and cultural figures who still have influences today on Chinese culture and even the world culture: Confucius, the founder of Confucianism; Mo Zi, the founder of Mohism; Zhuang Zi, the representative figure of Taoism, etc. Shandong abounds with tourism resources, including 4 World Heritage sites (Mount Tai, the Confucian Compound, the Great Wall of Qi, and the Shandong section of the Grand Canal), many historic and cultural cities, key cultural relic protection sites, national scenic areas, nature reserves and national intangible cultural heritages. The people from Shandong are known for their hospitality and therefore the slogan of Shandong province is "Friendly Shandong".' Netherlands Business support Office, Jinan and Qingdao, 2016)

Since 1953 the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been working nationally and at a province level on social and economic 5 year plans. The 13th 'Five-Year Plan' commenced in 2016.

'According to the plan, from the year 2016 to 2020, the Shandong provincial government has specified 27 main targets in four main areas, namely economic development, innovation drive, people's welfare, and resource and environment. And some key aspects are as below,

- To increase the GDP to 9 trillion RMB in 2020
   In 2020, it aims to double the GDP of 2010 to 9 trillion RMB and the GDP per capita will be double of that in 2015, reaching 15,000 USD, with annual increase of 7.5%.
- To increase the urbanization rate to 65%
   By the end of 2015, around 3 million people in Shandong lived in poverty (provincial standard). The plan aims to lift all of them out of poverty by 2018, and increase the urbanization rate to 65%. It focuses more on people's daily life and welfare. For instance, by 2020, every 1,000 senior citizens will possess 40 elderly care beds; every family will have a qualified family doctor, and an average life expectancy of 79 years.
- To accomplish an above-average economic growth and industrial level
   By 2020, the equipment manufacturing industry is expected to contribute over 30% revenue of the province's industry; the percentage of the tertiary industry in total
   GDP should increase to above 55%. The strategic emerging industries include:
  - 1. New Energy: wind power
  - 2. New Material: biomaterial, high performance material
  - 3. New Information Technology: the Internet of Things, cloud computing
  - 4. New Medicals and pharmaceuticals: medical informatics, biopharmaceuticals
  - 5. Marine Economy: fishery processing and cold-chain logistics
  - 6. High-end equipment manufacturing: robotics, high-end agriculture equipment

- To enhance infrastructure systems

It lays emphasis on five main systems, including a comprehensive transportation system, modern energy system, modern water conservancy system, information network system and urban and rural infrastructure support system. By 2020, all the cities in Shandong will be connected with high-speed trains and all the counties connected with highways. Around 40 more domestic and international flights will be available, and the seaport throughput capacity is expected to reach 1.5 billion tons. The "Internet+" project will be further promoted, to build a 'smart' Shandong.

- To improve environment

In pursuit of green and low-carbon development, by 2020, the PM2.5 density in Shandong cities will be 35% lower than the level in 2015, and the air quality will be improved by 50% compared to 2010.

To accelerate cultural industry development
 To fully take advantage of the abundant cultural resources in Shandong, by 2020, the cultural industry will be developed into a pillar industry in Shandong.' (Ibid)

Prefectures are the next level of administration within China, sitting between the provincial and the county levels. Shandong is divided into seventeen prefecture-level divisions: all prefecture-level cities (including two sub-provincial cities).

The seventeen prefecture-level divisions of Shandong are subdivided into 137 county-level divisions (51 districts, 28 county-level cities, and 58 counties). Those are in turn divided into 1941 township-level divisions (1223 towns, 293 townships, two ethnic townships, and 423 subdistricts).

Shandong covers an area of 157,000 square kilometres. It has formed a 'one groupone circle-one belt urban agglomeration in spatial structure, i.e. Shandong peninsular urban group, Jinan metropolis circle and South Shandong Economic Belt.' (Xie & Wang, 2015)

#### BINZHOU

Binzhou is a medium sized prefecture-level city, as compared to Ji'nan (Shandong's capital city) and Quingdao which are termed super large sub-provincial cities. (Ibid)

Binzhou lies in the hinterland of the delta of China's second largest river, the Yellow River, on the southwest bank of the Bohai Sea Gulf. It is 9,600 square kilometres in area and its population is approximately 3.87 million people. 'The City enjoys sub-humid continental monsoon climate of warm temperate zone of East Asia, which is characterised by a clear distinction of four seasons.' (*Binzhou Investment Guide*, 2017)

According to the *Binzhou Investment Guide* (Ibid), the City has many economic, infrastructure and social attractions. The guide provides an extensive list which includes: geographical advantages; transport advantages; natural resources; tourism; active opening up to the world; metallurgical industry; manufacturing and equipment industry; ocean petrochemical industry; textile and garment industries; 'deep processing' value adding for grain, edible oil, fruits and vegetables; industry clusters related to aluminium, chemicals, grain processing and textiles; and construction of major port and aviation infrastructure.



Rural Binzhou

Binzhou CBD



Industrial Binzhou



Parks and gardens, bicycle lanes can be seen everywhere within the CBD

#### 3. DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP AND ITINERARY

#### **Delegation**

- Alderman Doug Chipman, Mayor
- Mr Andrew Paul, General Manager
- Alderman Heather Chong
- Alderman Sharyn von Bertouch
- Alderman James Walker
- Alderman Daniel Hulme
- Alderman John Peers
- Alderman Debra Thurley
- Ms Vivian Zhao

Senior Business Development Manager, Tasmania, Australian Trade and Investment Commission

#### Global Link China (GLC) Group Representatives (Liaison and Interpreter role)

- Mr Edwin Lee
- Mr Rick Zhao

#### **Binzhou Accompanying Officials**

Mr Zhang Guangfeng, Party Secretary of Binzhou Zhao Qingping, Deputy Mayor of Binzhou Zhang Yanyan, Standing Committee Member Yang Guangjun, Party Secretary, Binzhou Vocational College Yuan Chaohui, Secretary General of Binzhou Government Wang Qingxia, Deputy Secretary General, Binzhou Government Xu Song, Deputy Director, Binzhou Government Wang Jindong, Head of Binzhou Education Bureau Wang Xingli, Deputy Head of Binzhou Education Bureau Cui Hongtu, Deputy Director, Binzhou Foreign Affairs Office

Wednesday, 10 N	Wednesday, 10 May 2017 BINZHOU	
Local Time	Program	
1500	Visit Binzhou Urban Planning Exhibition Centre	
1800	Welcome Dinner hosted by Binzhou Government         Venue: Fangong Hall, Binzhou Hotel         Participants         Clarence City Council Delegation         Senior officials from Binzhou City         Rick Zhao	

Thursday, 11 Ma	y 2017 BINZHOU
Local Time	Program
0830	Depart for Zhan Hua District
0930-1100	Visit Xiawa Chinese Date Research Centre and Museum, and Zhanhua Haohua Juice Co. Ltd
1400-1500	Visit Du Shoutian's former Residence
1520-1600	Visit Binzhou Vocational College and Roundtable Discussion on Education Cooperation
1700-1900	Official Meeting with Binzhou Municipal Government followed by Dinner hosted by Mr Zhang Guangfeng, Party Secretary of Binzhou Venue: Zhonghai Hotel
	Participants Clarence City Council Delegation Vivian Zhao
	Mr Zhang Guangfeng, Party Secretary of Binzhou Zhao Qingping, Deputy Mayor Zhang Yanyan, Standing Committee Member Yang Guangjun, Party Secretary, Binzhou Vocational College
	Yuan Chaohui, Secretary General of Binzhou Government Wang Qingxia, Deputy Secretary General, Binzhou Government Cui Hongtu, Deputy Director, Binzhou Foreign Affairs Office
	Edwin Lee, GLC Group Rick Zhao, GLC Group Agenda
	<ul> <li>1730-1800 formal meeting between Mayor Douglas Charles Chipman and Mr Zhang Guangfeng, Party Secretary of Binzhou</li> <li>speech by Mr Zhang from Binzhou</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>speech by Mayor of Clarence City</li> <li>MOU signing</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>gift exchange and group photograph</li> <li>1800-1900 formal dinner</li> </ul>
Friday, 12 May 2	017 BINZHOU/BOXING
Local Time	Program
0830	Depart for school/college visits
	Visit Binzhou Experimental School
	Visit Binzhou Economic Development Zone Experimental School Visit Binzhou Aviation College
1430	Arrive Boxing and visit Shandong Chambroad Industry Clusters
1630	Roundtable meeting with Mr Ma Yunsheng, Chairman of Shandong Chambroad, at Shandong Chambroad
1730	Dinner hosted by Mr Ma Yunsheng, Chairman of Shandong Chambroad Venue: Shandong Chambroad Headquarters

Saturday, 13 M	ay BINZHOU/JINAN/SHANGHAI
Local Time	Program
1215	Arrive Shanghai
1330-1600	Tour of Shanghai Bund and Shanghai Tower Observatory hosted by Rick Zhao, GLC Group

The sites visited showcased some of the key aspects of Binzhou's land use planning; economic development; arts; cultural; education; and environmental projects.

#### 4. BINZHOU CBD SITE VISITS

#### 4.1 Binzhou Urban Planning Exhibition Centre

The first site that the CCC Delegation visited was the Binzhou Urban Planning Exhibition Centre. Subsequent to this visit each member of the Delegation was provided with a copy of the Binzhou Investment Guide (written in English), and a photographic depiction of the centre titled 'Urban Symphony: Green Binzhou' (explanatory information and captions written in Chinese).

The Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, which was opened in 2010, is housed in a building specifically designed to promote various aspects of Chinese urban planning. It is open to the Chinese public and overseas visitors.

The displays and written material primarily focus on the concept of urban agglomeration which the Chinese have been implementing and studying for some years. Terms such as "circles", "rings", "belts", and "roads" are synonymous with this form of planning.

'Urban agglomeration is a highly developed spatial form of integrated cities. It occurs when the relationships among cities shift from mainly competition to both competition and cooperation. Cities are highly integrated within an urban agglomeration, which renders the agglomeration one of the most important carriers for global economic development.' (Fang & Yu, 2017)

They also note (Ibid):

'...urban agglomeration is an emerging urban spatial form that is driven by concentrated industries and populations, a highly connected transportation network, an enhanced central city and favourable regional incentive policies. Urban agglomerations are evidently a product of the late stages of metropolitan development. In 2015, Fang (2015) further developed his understanding of urban agglomeration and argued that urban agglomeration enables the integration of industrial distribution, infrastructure construction, regional market establishment, urban and rural planning and build-up, environmental protection and ecological construction, and social development and social security systems.

Therefore, an urban agglomeration is both an economic and an interest community. It also synchronizes master planning, industrial chains, urban and rural planning, transportation networks, information sharing, financial concentration, marketization, science and technological development, environmental protection and remediation, and ecological construction among all of the entities within the spatial extent of the agglomeration.'

Fang & Yu (Ibid) further go on to explain:

'China has invested both financially and academically to facilitate the formation and growth of urban agglomerations (Fang & Yu, 2016). The urban agglomeration is the ultimate urban spatial form for China's New Urbanization. The nation is gradually building its urban agglomerations to become global economic cores. This becomes evident, as the current administration has announced "the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road", more commonly referred to as the "Belt and Road" strategy. In particular, China has proposed building a hierarchical urban agglomeration system with five national-level large urban agglomerations, nine regional-level medium-sized urban agglomerations and six sub-regional-level small-sized urban agglomerations.

The five large urban agglomerations are the current foci of China's New Urbanization strategy. They include the Yangtze Delta urban agglomeration, Pearl River Delta urban agglomeration, (Bei)Jing-(Tian)Jin-(Hebei)Ji urban agglomeration, Yangtze River Middle-Reach urban agglomeration, and Cheng (Du)-Yu (Chongqing) urban agglomeration.

The nine regional urban agglomerations require steady promotion. These include the Harbin-Changchun urban agglomeration, Shandong Peninsula urban agglomeration, Middle and South Liaoning urban agglomeration, West of Taiwan Strait urban agglomeration, Central Plain urban agglomeration, Central Shaanxi urban agglomeration, Jianghuai urban agglomeration, Southern Guangxi urban agglomeration, and Northern Slope of Tianshan Mountain urban agglomeration.

The six sub-regional-level urban agglomerations require careful planning and guidance for efficient management and future growth. They are the Central Shanxi urban agglomeration, Hohhot-Baotou-Erdos-Yulin urban agglomeration, Central Yunnan urban agglomeration, Central Guizhou urban agglomeration, Lanzhou-Xining-Baiyin urban agglomeration, and Ningxia-Yellow River urban agglomeration (Fang & Yu, 2016).

Over the past five years, this new spatial urbanization structure and urban agglomeration plan have been discussed in a variety of academic and governmental documents (for a detailed review, see Fang & Yu, 2016). The realization of the strong economic development driving capability of urban agglomerations further encourages the Chinese government to engage in very active research on, and involvement in the formation and development of urban agglomerations.

As the world's second largest economy and most populous nation, a national strategy of actively promoting and developing urban agglomerations sends a clear message that the urban agglomeration is likely to be the viable future spatial organization of cities and urban development in China.'

There are large numbers of static displays within the Centre, a theatre which plays a 3D film covering the history and development of Binzhou from the Stone Age to the present day, and a very large 3D model of the final iteration of Binzhou City, which is currently approximately 80% towards its completion, due in 2020.



From the ancient... To the modern Binzhou.





The guide who hosted the Delegation's tour provided many facts and figures, some notable ones being that there are 36 bridges modelled on famous bridges in history, one resembling the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and 108 gardens/parks within Binzhou, plus there are 5 large and 72 smaller manmade lakes.



#### 4.2 Du Shoutian's Former Residence

Tourism, particularly related to cultural icons, is a strong investment focus in Binzhou. The *Binzhou Investment Guide* (Ibid, p.10) has a section related to tourism resources. It notes:

'With a long history and well established culture, Binzhou acts as one of the birthplaces of the Yellow River Culture and the Qi Culture. Sun Wu, a famous ancient military strategist, Fan Zhongyan, a renowned statesman in the Song Dynasty, Dong Yong, a famous filial son in the Han dynasty were all born or grew up here. Currently, Binzhou have more than 250 places of historical interest and scenic beauty.

Such as: ... Du Shoutian's Former Residence... With the development of the tourist industry, Binzhou has strong regional characteristics of "two mountains"..."two belts"... "one Sage" (Sunwu). Binzhou will become a "Suburb Park" of Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, etc. Visitors at home and abroad are so captivated by the city's long history and culture as well as the beautiful scene of nature that they often forget to leave once they come here.'

Du Shoutian was one of China's most famous scholars and was the teacher of Emperor Xianfeng (1850-1861, Qing Dynasty.) He was considered a brilliant scholar of wide learning, who was admired and respected by all the folks in ancient Binzhou. There is an old Chinese saying "Great men's sons seldom do well ", however, this saying is not suitable in Du Shoutian's family. The generations after Du were also considered outstanding scholars.

His former residence contains situated within Binzhou is maintained as an historic reminder of the Chinese Imperial period. The house consists of 208 rooms with an architectural style that is simple and is a typical style of North Shandong in ancient times, originating from the Ming and Qing dynasty period. (Information given by tour guide at residence)

The Delegation was taken on a guided tour of the residence which is a sprawling complex, and it gave a wonderful historic context to what life for an influential figure of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century would have been like. Some of the buildings in the complex are replicas, whilst others are original, with one that was visited being approximately four hundred years old.





Life size mannequins depicting scholars at work



One of the residence's tranquil outdoor areas

Du Shoutian in gold

#### **Educational visits**

Education has long been considered very important in China – for centuries the idea of competitive exams to gain positions has been standard with exams starting at the local level and progressing up to a national level.

Today, everyone must attend nine years of education which is funded by the Government. (Wikipedia, 2017). The Delegation visited a number of different educational facilities, including a Kindergarten (operated by the Shandong Chambroad Corporation, and covered later in the report), a Vocational College/Polytechnic, an Experimental Primary School, an Experimental Secondary School, as well as the Binzhou Aviation College.

#### 4.3 Binzhou Vocational College/Polytechnic

The Polytechnic is very similar to a vocational college / polytechnic in Tasmania with a number of technical skills being taught. The facilities are geared to the major industries in the area and the training is very practically based. At the beginning of this century several colleges joined together, so that currently there are a number of different faculties, offering agricultural, horticultural, economic, industrial, and social science courses to approximately 21,000 students. Last year the institution celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Interestingly, the Delegation was advised that some universities are being transformed to vocational colleges due to skills shortages.

The Polytechnic's philosophy is "Responsibility to self, others and the community", and there is a focus on poverty alleviation and the improvement of the students' lives – "The tree must strengthen the roots". The Delegation was impressed by the size and extent of the training facilities.





Students hard at work (and trying to ignore the people walking through their study area)



The photographs above show two of the nursing training rooms. There were also a range of beds containing dummies which were used in the training.

#### 4.4 Binzhou Experimental (Primary) School

Experimental schools require students to pass an entrance exam prior to attending. They offer a wide range of subjects including English.

The Delegation was greeted by a musical arrangement "Blooming flowers and a full moon" – beautifully played on traditional instruments by 60 performers, before being shown around the school.





This school has 78 classes with 4,800 students and 246 teachers. As well as the "traditional" subjects, the children were undertaking craft (recreating old techniques of manufacturing models and toys).

There was also a strong emphasis on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics). In the lower right photograph above, the students have made virtual reality goggles to help people who are visually impaired. The Delegation observed Grade 5 children using 3-D printers to produce a number of small items such as whistles and swords.

Every day the children undertake a range of exercises – the upper right photograph above, shows the main program where one of the teachers has written a song and a dance routine with flags which the children all join in. There is a different routine twice a year which the children learn and take part in. The students chanted "If young people are strong, the whole country is strong."

#### 4.5 Binzhou Experimental (Secondary) School



(Source: Binzhou Experimental High School Solicits Public Opinion on School Planning and Construction, 2014)

The High School is very new, having only been used for just over 2 years. It is a purpose designed complex which will house 1800 students and 144 staff. (Binzhou Experimental High School, 2017)

Students attending the school live on campus and, as well as educational studies, are also offered a range of other activities including kayaking and soccer, and facilities such as basketball court and a running track. As with the primary school there is a focus on extending the curriculum, particularly using STEAM as a method in integrating art and science.



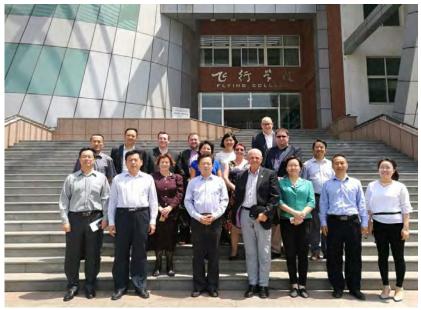
A warm welcome to the Delegation in the auditorium before a video about the school



Examples of state-of-the art outdoor facilities

#### 4.6 Binzhou Aviation College

The aviation college is part of Binzhou University and is the first regional university to offer pilot training. The College works with many airlines including Qantas and has an impressive flight simulator. The College is comprised of 4 sections – Flight; Aviation Engineering; Airport and Cabin Attendant. There are a number of specialisations including Piloting; Flight Safety, Civil Aviation Maintenance Engineering, Air Traffic Management and Dispatch, Airport Operation and Management, Flight Vehicle Propulsion Engineering, Flight Vehicle Manufacture Engineering and Flight Attendants. (Brief Introduction to Binzhou University, 2017). The College staff are understandably proud of the College which has won a number of awards and has a number of successful alumni.



A grand entrance for a superb facility

#### POSSIBLE BENEFITS FOR BOTH CITIES

The City Government (which is responsible for education) is keen to encourage student and teacher exchanges between Binzhou and Clarence schools and colleges in the Hobart area. They are also enthusiastic about sending a dance group to Clarence Harmony Day to showcase their students.

Expanding student exchanges between the two Friendship Cities would be an excellent way to facilitate better relationships and understanding. Potential opportunities exist around technical and vocational training exchanges and potential opportunities with the Aviation College and Cambridge and Hobart Airports.

In relation to the vocational training TasTAFE has signed an MOU with Binzhou to explore opportunities of mutual benefit.

#### 5. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

As Noted previously, Council at its February 2017 Meeting authorised the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Binzhou City in relation to the establishment of a Friendship City.

A formal MOU with Binzhou City was entered into at an official signing ceremony with Mr. Zhang Guanfeng, Executive Mayor, City of Binzhou, on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.



Following on from the signing of the MOU, Council will now seek to explore with Binzhou potential areas of cooperation based around the themes of education, trade and investment, tourism and cultural exchanges. Most of these areas of cooperation will require the support of the State Government and Government agencies. Specific areas of future cooperation and the details of such arrangements are yet to be finalised.

#### 6. ZHANHUA DISTRICT SITE VISITS

Agriculture has been a traditional role in the Shandong Province for many centuries. It is a coastal province (Wikipedia, 2017) and as such has not only fertile land but access to sea (fishing industry) and the ability to trade easily with other provinces / countries.

Binzhou has traditionally been an agrarian economy with the most famous products being cotton (the Hong Kong listed WeiQiao is headquartered in Binzhou) and "dongzao" (winter dates or jujube) although there is a move (covered elsewhere in the report) to expand the economic base.

WeiQiao (WeiQiao Textile Company, 2017) is the largest cotton textile manufacturer in the world, with Shandong Province being the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest cotton producing area in China (Ibid). Whilst a large enterprise in the area (the company employs some 74,000 people), the Delegation did not visit the cotton producing area or the factory as, whilst it is very important to the region, there are no likely links with Tasmania.

Whilst the Delegation also did not visit any vineyards or wineries, wine making has a long history in the wider Shandong province. There are a large number of wineries in the region and around 40% of China's wine production is produced predominantly in the Nanwang Grape Valley and along the Yan-Peng Sightseeing Highway. (Wikipedia, 2017)

#### Dongzao – Winter Jujube

Winter Jujube (dates) are the other famous industry in the area and one where there is seen to be a potential link with Tasmania for research and possible counter-season harvesting.

The Delegation visited the Xiawa Chinese Date Research Centre & Museum and Zhanhua Haohua Juice Company Limited to look at the information on winter jujube with an intention of seeing whether there could be a tie in to Tasmania.

#### 6.1 Xiawa Chinese Date Research Centre & Museum



300 year old Winter Jujube tree at the Xiawa Research Centre

The fruit is grown in cooperatives and centrally processed. A favourite pastime is to visit the farms to pick fruit, as well as purchasing them and the juice produced from them.



The fruit is grown under cover and is grafted onto root stock.

Winter Jujube at various stages of development (Photograph taken at the Research Centre)





#### 6.2 Zhanhua Haohua Juice Company Limited

Jujube are purported to have a wide range of health-related properties. The following extract from *Food Facts* shows the range of properties that the jujube includes. Whilst this is not a medical website and the information should be treated with caution, there are tests undertaken at the Research Centre which highlight the vitamin C and nutrient composition of the fruit.

#### (Food Facts, 2017)

'While they may not have a large amount of any one nutrient, jujubes contain a wide array of different ones, including magnesium, potassium, copper, niacin, calcium, manganese, phosphorus, and iron. They contain 20 times more vitamin C than any citrus fruit, strengthening the immune system and fighting infections, which may be why they've been used medicinally for millennia in many cultures, as a tea for sore throat, for example.

Medical studies have found that jujube fruits and extracts have the capacity to help lower blood pressure, reverse liver disease, treat anemia, and inhibit the growth of tumor cells that can lead to leukemia. Jujube extracts are also used in skin care products used to diminish wrinkles, relieve dry skin, and treat sunburn pain.

How one fruit can have all these benefits has to do with not just the combination, but also the complexity of its phytonutrients. Scientists have identified eight flavonoids in jujube fruit, including spinosin and swertish, which have sedative properties – undoubtedly the reason jujube seeds are used to treat anxiety and insomnia in traditional Chinese medicine.

The free radical-scavenging phenol puerarin in jujubes helps keep your cholesterol levels in the normal range and decrease your risk of cardiovascular disease. The flavonoid apigenin (also found in chamomile, thyme, and red wine) contains antioxidants as well as anti-inflammatory and anti-tumor properties, helping to reduce the risk of cancer and positively impact the liver, digestion, and allergies.

Jujubes are also loaded with 18 of the most important amino acids, which aids in the formation of more than 50,000 proteins in the body, one of which triggers the wound-healing process.' (*Food Facts*, 2017)

The main market for the dates in China is as fresh product with the fruit selling for AUD \$10-20 / kg in Perth, WA and local dried fruit \$25-45 / Kg. (Agriculture WA, 2017). There is an existing jujube growers association in Western Australia.

#### **POSSIBLE BENEFITS FOR BOTH CITIES**

Tasmania grows a wide range of fruit, with the Coal River Valley already being home to large cherry and apricot orchards as well as an increasing number of vineyards. The potential to grow the jujube trees which are tolerant of frosts – and in fact appear to like a cold winter – should be considered.

There would need to be trials undertaken to see whether there is sufficient heat in the summer for the trees to fruit but, given that there are trees already available in Australia, this would be a relatively short time scale (3-4 years at the most) to assess the suitability. With fresh fruit realising a high price, and with the increasing interest in Australia and around the world in Traditional Chinese Medicine, this would seem to have a good potential as a diversification strategy for existing orchards / vineyards as well as new entrants into the market.

## 7. BOXING COUNTY SITE VISITS – SHANDONG CHAMBROAD

Shandong Chambroad Holding Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as Chambroad) is located in Boxing County, Shandong Province. Shandong is the birthplace of Confucius, Mencius and Sun Tzu, a famous military strategist of ancient China.

Chambroad is a large sized privately run enterprise engaged in many industries such as petrochemicals, fine chemicals, culture and art, education, modern services, modern intensive agriculture and strategic investment. Its annual sales revenue exceeds 40 Billion Yuan (\$7.5B AUD). Chambroad is the parent company of Chambroad Overseas Investment Australia P/L, the proposed developer of the Kangaroo Bay Hotel and Hospitality Training School.

Chambroad is a fascinating conglomerate that appears to operate with a strong society, business and family oriented culture.

A Chambroad publication, *Chambroad Culture*, notes the following (p.37, Chambroad Culture)

# Chambroad is a Chinese enterprise that takes benevolence and filial piety as its core corporate culture.

During the Delegation's brief visit to Boxing and the short time visiting a number of Chambroad's operations the Delegation could not have been presented with a more realistic demonstration of the "culture in action".

A summary of the Chambroad visits is outlined below.

## 7.1 Shandong Chambroad\_Kindergarten

Shandong Chambroad offers a kindergarten for children of staff and other local children. Prior to the visit, the children had written to the Mayor requesting a kangaroo – Alderman Doug Chipman is shown below presenting it to a representative.

The tour of the facility was led by two young children who gave a running commentary on the school and what was happening in each classroom. Whilst the commentary was in Mandarin, the poise and confidence shown by the children was a testimony to the work done at the school.



## 7.2 Shandong Chambroad Aged Care Facility

Shandong Chambroad provides and operates a major aged care facility for employees and families of employees. The facility visited was extremely similar in nature to aged care facilities in Australia. The facility was very large, modern and provided care options along the full continuum of care. Whilst the Delegation members were only able to undertake a brief visit to a selected centre it was evident that it was a high quality facility and that it was a living breathing example of Chambroad's commitment to their philosophy of "filial piety".

## 7.3 Shandong Chambroad Horticulture Facility

A visit to Chambroad's horticultural facility was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the visit.

The company has established extensive greenhouse operations to provide a huge variety of plants, trees, vegetables and agricultural seedlings for the commercial market, and also for use in the rehabilitation of industrial sites and parklands around Boxing. The large greenhouses were fully atmospherically controlled and utilised nutrient rich reuse waste water from an adjacent aquaculture facility.

The photographs below give an indication of the size of the greenhouses. In total there were 6 such greenhouses at the site visited. Included is a photograph of one of the many varieties of orchid grown at the facility. Begonias are also being grown on a commercial scale, with both juice and concentrate being produced for health sales. The Delegation was treated to a taste of the various produce.

Given the extensive availability of wastewater within the Coal River Valley, it would be not unrealistic to imagine the development of such a large scale horticultural facility within Clarence.



## 7.4 Shandong Chambroad Headquarters

At the conclusion of the site visits, the Delegation visited the Chambroad Corporate Headquarters to tour the research and development area, museum and art gallery, It also met with the company's Chairman, Mr Ma Yuenfeng, and his executive team from Chambroad Overseas Investment Australia P/L to discuss progress in relation to the proposed development at Kangaroo Bay.

Confirmation was provided to Chambroad that all Development Approvals had gone through due process and had been approved without Appeal. Further, it was advised that Council had subsequently approved the Development and Sale agreements and looked forward to the hotel and hospitality training school proceeding. Mr Ma expressed his delight that the project was on schedule and that he was hopeful that works could commence in the last quarter of 2017.

There was no official business conducted at what was a formal meeting to exchange updates on the Kangaroo Bay Development.

As is usual at this type of meeting there was a gift giving and exchange ceremony.

Mr Ma is a well-known devotee of Confucian philosophy. It was perhaps fitting therefore that he presented a small statue of Confucius to Mayor Chipman as a gift to the City to remind the Delegation of the visit to his company. Gifts received by the City during the visit are on public display at the Council Offices.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Ma invited the Delegation to a reception and dinner at the company headquarters.



Clarence City Council's Confucius Statue

Delegation at Chambroad Offices

## 8. SHANGHAI BUND AND OBSERVATORY TOUR

Following its departure from Binzhou, the Delegation flew from Jinan to Shanghai. Given that the domestic flight into Shanghai and the international flight into Australia were from different airports there was an 8 hour stopover in Shanghai and a 3 hour trip to change airports. During the waiting time a brief stopover was made in Central Shanghai to visit the historic Bund area and to visit the Shanghai Tower Observatory. The photographs below show some of the breath-taking sights viewed by the Delegation.

## The Bund

The Shanghai Bund has dozens of historical buildings, lining the Huangpu River, that once housed numerous banks and trading houses from the United Kingdom, France, the United States, Italy, Russia, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, and Belgium, as well as the consulates of Russia and Britain, a newspaper proprietor, the Shanghai Club and the Masonic Club. The Bund lies north of the old, walled city of Shanghai. It was initially a British settlement; later the British and American settlements were combined into the International Settlement. Magnificent commercial buildings in the Beaux Arts style sprung up in the years around the turn of the 20th century as the Bund developed into a major financial centre of East Asia. (Wikipedia, 2017)





## Shanghai Tower Observatory

Shanghai Tower is one of the world's tallest buildings and is perhaps reflective of modern China's economic and commercial strength. The observation tower at 582m provides amazing and commanding views of the City.



## 9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND KEY AREAS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION

That Clarence City Council notes and endorses the Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the City of Binzhou.

That Clarence City Council works to build upon the Friendship City status with Binzhou City to provide future benefit to both communities.

That the following are the key areas that have been identified by both parties that may have potential for future cooperation. These matters will require ongoing negotiation with the relevant State Government agencies in Tasmania and the Binzhou Municipal Council.

## Education

- Student study tours and teachers' training and exchange;
- Students from Binzhou invited to perform at the annual Harmony Day in Clarence (late May).

## Trade

- Potential for export of agricultural produce from Clarence City to Binzhou. Council to arrange for future Binzhou delegations to meet with local agricultural, horticultural and aquacultural organisations to explore export and investment opportunities
- Investigate Binzhou delegate's participation in the fruit wine festival in Clarence and promote food and wine products from Binzhou, e.g. Chinese Date and Begonia juice/vinegar juice.

## Investment

- Identify the feasibility of growing the Chinese Date (Winter Jujube) in Clarence for Binzhou Chinese Date Research Centre. Introduce Binzhou representatives to local agricultural producers.
- Work with Chambroad to help identify investment opportunities in aged care facilities, timber (low valued timber) processing plant by introduction to local providers.

## Tourism

- Council and tourism department of Binzhou to work together to promote tourism, resort/destinations in respective cities.
- Identify opportunities to improve Clarence as a welcoming destination for Chinese tourists and visitors.

## Cultural exchange

• Encourage cultural exchanges between both cities, e.g. Binzhou art & craft exhibitions in CCC art galleries.

## Climate Change/Ecological Sustainability

- Develop close ties in relation to 'smart city' innovations;
- Cooperate in relation to coastal land preservation and adaptation projects.

# The following are additional learnings from the visit which could be implemented by Clarence City Council:

• An English version of the Binzhou Investment Guide Translation into relevant languages is worth noting for any future strategic Clarence City Council documents which may be provided to overseas investors/developers.

## • 3D Computer generated and physical City model

Whilst this type of exercise is very expensive, perhaps Clarence City Council could consider simpler and cheaper means of promoting, both to its community and prospective investors, the existing planning within the City and proposed innovations and changes.

## 10. CONCLUSION

The CCC Delegation members believe that it was a privilege to have experienced the Binzhou City hospitality, the authentic and delicious local cuisine, and the detailed guided tours. In such a short time so much was learnt about the City's arts, culture, education, economic development and environmental sustainability projects. The holistic connection between all of these areas of life has become much clearer to the Delegation by this visit occurring.

The CCC Delegation sincerely hopes that the fledgling friendship which has been formed to date with Binzhou City will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

The Delegation thanks Council for the opportunity to participate in this exchange.



Philosophy of life underpins every aspect of Chinese life, as experienced at a Delegation lunch hosted by the University of Binzhou, where the institution's philosophy was written in black bean powder on the soup noodles

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## Appendices

## Photographic Images

Photographic images provided courtesy of Alderman Heather Chong, Alderman John Peers and Vivian Zhao, Senior Business Development Manager, Tasmania, Australian Trade and Invest Commission.

## 4. COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In addition to the Aldermen's Meeting Briefing (workshop) conducted on Friday immediately preceding the Council Meeting the following workshops were conducted by Council since its last ordinary Council Meeting:

PURPOSE	DATE
Review of Positive Ageing Plan	
Presentation – Walk of Honour – Waverley Flora Park	
Overview of Consultation re proposed Bellerive Public Pier at Kangaroo Bay	
Voluntary Amalgamation Feasibility Studies Community	
Consultation Strategy	10 July
Presentation – Airport Roundabout	
Bellerive Bluff Fort	
Voluntary Amalgamation Feasibility Studies Consultation	
Strategy	
Annual Performance Review Framework	
LGAT General Meeting Agenda Items	17 July

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Decision:** 

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

MOVED Ald Peers SECONDED Ald Chong

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ALDERMAN OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE (File No)

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Aldermen to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary benefits or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

#### INTEREST DECLARED

Alderman PeersItem No. 13.3

General Manager Item No. 11.3.7

	6.	TABLING OF PETITIONS (File No 10/03/12)
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Nil.

## 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question time at ordinary Council meetings will not exceed 15 minutes. An individual may ask questions at the meeting. Questions may be submitted to Council in writing on the Friday 10 days before the meeting or may be raised from the Public Gallery during this segment of the meeting.

The Chairman may request an Alderman or Council officer to answer a question. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers. Questions and answers are to be kept as brief as possible.

## 7.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, a member of the public may give written notice to the General Manager of a question to be asked at the meeting). A maximum of two questions may be submitted in writing before the meeting.

Questions on notice and their answers will be included in the minutes.

Mr Ray Leonard of South Arm has given notice of the following questions.

#### **Question 1**

How did the original Multi-use Hardstand facility designed "for kids", as outlined in the original South Arm Oval Master Plan, become a single-purpose skating facility targeted towards older teens?

#### **Question 2**

When deeming that the chosen location and current design were suitable for a skating facility, did Council take into consideration issues such as accessibility, visibility, the current uses of the South Arm Oval, and the comfort of both skaters and residents situated nearby?

## 7.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The General Manager provided the following answers to Question taken on Notice listed at Item 7.1.

#### **Question 1**

The hardstand facility will be available for all users. The hardstand facility has been broken down into 2 stages: Stage 1, the skate park for skateboarders, cyclists and scooters, and Stage 2 the basketball court and tennis hitting wall.

#### **Question 2**

There was an extensive community consultation process undertaken for the draft South Arm Oval Masterplan with significant response from residents. Council sought to consider all issues and matters voiced by the public. This feedback was used to develop the final South Arm Oval Masterplan.

## 7.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

## 7.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The Chairperson may invite members of the public present to ask questions without notice.

## **Bellerive Kangaroo Bay Area**

Mr Michael Geard of Bellerive sought clarification from the Mayor regarding details relating to the height of buildings in the Bellerive and Kangaroo Bay Area that appeared in a recent press article.

## Answer

The Mayor advised that he would write to Mr Geard with the answers to his enquiry.

## Kangaroo Bay

Ms Sachie Yasuda of Lindisfarne asked a question relating to possible release to the public of the sale price for the land development site at Kangaroo Bay.

## Answer

The General Manager advised that as the matter was dealt with by the Council in "Closed Meeting", the release of this detail will need to be formally considered by Council.

The Mayor also advised that he would write to Ms Yasuda with the answer to her enquiry.

#### 8. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (File No 10/03/04)

(In accordance with Regulation 38 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 and in accordance with Council Policy, deputation requests are invited to address the Meeting and make statements or deliver reports to Council)

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/152 – 13 SURF ROAD, SEVEN MILE BEACH – ADDITION TO DWELLING AND OUTBUILDINGS** (Refer Item 11.3.1)

Mr Gregory Casimaty addressed the Meeting regarding the above Development Application.

Mr Brett Morris, on behalf of Mr Andrew Holloway, addressed the Meeting regarding the above Development Application.

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2016/420 AND SD-2016/45 – 4 AND 6 CHATSWORTH STREET, ROSE BAY – 4 MULTIPLE DWELLINGS AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT** (REFER ITEM 11.3.8)

Dr Robert Scott addressed the Meeting regarding the above Development Application.

Mr James McIIhenny addressed the Meeting regarding the above Development Application.

## 9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

## 9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ALD CHONG RECREATIONAL ANALYSIS (File Nos 10-03-05)

In accordance with Notice given it was:

Decision:	MOVED Ald Chong SECONDED Ald Cusick	
	"That Council receive a report from officers within 2 months, outlining a process, cost and scope of a recreational needs analysis for Clarence".	
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

## **10. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

This agenda item is listed to facilitate the receipt of both informal and formal reporting from various outside bodies upon which Council has a representative involvement.

## 10.1 REPORTS FROM SINGLE AND JOINT AUTHORITIES

Provision is made for reports from Single and Joint Authorities if required

Council is a participant in the following Single and Joint Authorities. These Authorities are required to provide quarterly reports to participating Councils, and these will be listed under this segment as and when received.

## SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY

Representative: Ald Doug Chipman, Mayor or nominee

## **Quarterly Reports**

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority has distributed its Quarterly Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2017.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Quarterly Report of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority for the Quarter ending 30 June 2017 be received.

## **Decision:** MOVED Ald Chong SECONDED Ald Hulme

"That the Quarterly Report of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority for the Quarter ending 30 June 2017 be received".

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Representative Reporting**

## • COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY

Representatives: Ald Jock Campbell (Ald James Walker, Deputy Representative)

## **Quarterly Reports**

June Quarterly Report pending.

**Representative Reporting** 

## TASWATER CORPORATION

The Mayor advised the Meeting that the Owners' Representatives will be meeting on 8 August 2017 and he will report back to Council.

Ald McFarlane left the Meeting at this stage (8.01pm).

## 10.2 REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

#### AUDIT PANEL (File No 07/02/12)

## Chairperson's Report 46 – June 2017

The Audit Panel held a Meeting on 20 June 2017 and attached was a copy of the draft Minutes of the Meeting for tabling.

The Panel received the following final audit project reports in the 2016/17 Audit Plan:

## **Project 49: - Review the Council's Strategic Risks and Risk Management Framework** (including the Risk Register structure and methodology)

The Consultant Alicia Leis presented the Audit findings to the Panel and answered questions on her findings and recommendations. The overall comments of the report were favourable and indicated that the management of strategic risk and the risk management framework operated by Council is sound. A number of enhancements to practice have been noted, including the introduction of regular Executive Management review of strategic risks and the need to source suitable IT software to significantly enhance risk management and reporting throughout the organisation. These matters will be monitored by the Panel through the Management Action Plan.

The Panel received an update from the General Manager and Corporate Treasurer on "Project Jigsaw" (IT implementation) and in particular the monthly Steering Committee report for June 2017.

It had been intended that the planned review of Council's Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy outcomes would be presented to the Audit Panel's Meeting in June 2017, however, the reduction in resource capacity within the Asset Management Workgroup, due to support from that area being directed to the "Jigsaw" project, has resulted in a further delay in finalising this review. When complete, it may necessitate for the Panel's review/endorsement in "out of session" or by Special Meeting.

A key focus of the June 2017 meeting was to give consideration to possible projects for the 2017/18 Annual Audit Plan. The 5 Projects identified and recommended by the Panel to form the Annual Audit Plan for 2017/18 are listed below.

## **Project 51 - Workforce Planning**

This project seeks to address the identified strategic risks associated with maintaining capacity within Council's workforce. Having regard for the recently developed "Workforce Planning Guidelines for Tasmanian Local Government", this project will seek to examine Council's existing resource management systems practices against the organisation's knowledge and skills continuity needs and key dependencies, in order to provide guidance to Council's operations through the development of a tailored Workforce Plan. Further, the Workforce Plan would consider the capacity of the organisation to deliver on Council's Strategic Plan objects and associates key corporate strategies such as the Strategic Asset Management Plan; the Long Term Financial Plan; Urban Drainage Management Plan; etc. and how delivery of these strategic frameworks may evolve.

#### **Project 52 – Identity Security and Information Protection Management System**

This project seeks to examine Council's existing and emerging systems and processes against its overarching custodial and corporate governance responsibilities in order to provide guidance to Council's operations through the development of a framework, which Council can implement that considers and covers the range of key aspects of identity security and information protection management.

## Project 53 – Risks Associated with Council's Community Engagement

This project seeks to review Council's approach to and practices in conducting engagement with its community. The review will consider/include looking at aspects such as the appropriateness adequacy and effectiveness of policies, communication methods and engagement methods; how feedback and participation is assessed and utilised and how the community is kept informed and engaged throughout processes and initiatives, etc.

## Project 54 - Council's Actions and Responses to Climate Change

This project seeks to review Council's approach to adaptation initiatives; practices and responses to the strategic risk/threat posed by climate change. Having regard to Council's areas of responsibility; dependency on joint initiatives and its resource capacity, the review will consider/include aspects such as the appropriateness, adequacy and effectiveness of Council's response of climate change. Further, the review of this strategic risk area is expected to focus on the immediate needs and requirements through to the projected forward planning response and preparedness. In doing so, the review would be expected to also provide, where appropriate, guidance and prioritisation of response measures and initiatives.

## Project 55 - An Interim Review of Council's IT implementation

The Panel intends that this project be carried out late in the review year and as such scoping for the project will be developed closer to the date of implementation.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council.
- B. That Council endorses the audit projects identified as the basis of the Audit Panel's Audit Programme for 2017/2018.

**Decision:** MOVED Ald Cusick SECONDED Ald Chong

"That the above Recommendation be adopted".

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## TRACKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT (File No 07-06-09)

## **Chairperson's Report – Alderman R James**

Report to Council for the 3 month period for 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017.

## 1. PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The Committee's prime objectives are to:

- provide advice and make recommendations, including policy, to assist Council in the development of tracks and trails in the City;
- assist in the development and periodic review of Council's Tracks and Trails Strategy;
- develop and maintain a Tracks and Trails Register which captures all existing and possible future trail and track networks (including multi-user pathways) in Clarence;
- develop and review (on a rolling basis) the Tracks and Trails Action Plan for endorsement by Council that articulates the development initiatives prioritised and proposed to be conducted over a 5 year programme which recognises the access and needs of all users eg: walkers, horse riders, mountain bikers, etc;
- monitor progress and work to address the actions of the plan according to their level of priority;
- as part of internal referral process to provide input and advice on the provision and requirements for trail networks and the provision of trail linkages as part of new subdivisions.

In working towards these goals, the Committee undertook a range of activities, which are set out below.

## 2. CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT

## **Blessington Track**

An investigation of the Blessington Track found inconsistencies in the treatment of hazards along the track requiring barriers and signage. A consultant is undertaking a review in accordance with the Australian Standard for track design. This is anticipated to be completed by August 2017.

#### Meehan Range – Kerosene Hill Track

Construction has commenced.

## **Lindhill Reserve**

New steps have been constructed into the reserve.

## **Clarence Plains Rivulet Track**

The extension to the existing track through to Hawthorn Place has been completed.

## **Tangara Trail – Airport Flats Track**

The Tangara Trail has been extended along the new airport roadway extension at Grueber Avenue.

## 3. RECURRENT INITIATIVES – MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

## **Belbins Link at Clarence Mountain Bike Park**

A report has been received on upgrading the link track to green circle easy standard for mountain bikes and Class 3 walking track standard.

## 4. DESIGN AND INVESTIGATION WORK IN PROGRESS

## **Clarence Plains Rivulet Track**

The track alignment has been finalised and approval has been given to construct the southern section of track across Education Department property.

#### Meehan Range – Meehan Skyline Link

The Natural Values Assessment is complete and has been forwarded to DPIPWE for comment. A Reserve Activity Assessment is required by DPIPWE.

## **Brinktop Road Walking Track**

The track along Brinktop Road will be handed over to Council when the subdivision is complete. Council approved the acquisition of Brinktop Reserve to complete the track through to the lookout. A plan has been developed for the lookout area with car parking and signage.

## **Rokeby to Lauderdale Track**

At its Meeting of 10 April 2017, Council approved the Ralphs Bay Coastal Trail construction and further planning work for a footway along South Arm Road.

## 5. GOVERNANCE MATTERS.

## **Committee Meetings**

The Committee held 2 meetings on 20 April and 8 June 2017.

## 6. EXTERNAL LIAISON

Nil.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council.

Decision:	MOVED Ald James SECONDED Ald Cusick	
	"That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council".	
	Ald McFarlane returned to the Meeting at this stage (8.06pm).	
	The MOTION was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

## BICYCLE STEERING COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT (File No 04-03-02)

## **Chairperson's Report – Alderman S von Bertouch**

Report to Council for the 3 month period 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017.

## 1. PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The Committee's prime objectives are to:

- advise Council on the identification, development and maintenance of cycling routes and infrastructure along roads and other easements throughout the City;
- facilitate and provide guidance for the implementation of Council's adopted Bicycle Strategy;
- be actively involved in providing design advice relating to cycling infrastructure projects undertaken by Council;
- be actively involved in providing advice to CyclingSouth on matters relating to regional cycling infrastructure; and
- promote information sharing of cycling related matters affecting the City.

In working towards these goals the Committee arranged and implemented a range of activities, which are set out below.

## 2. CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

# 2.1. Cambridge Road – Cambridge Village to Roundabout - Painted Bike Lanes

A Parking survey recorded 15% parking density along this section of Cambridge Road. The line marking design was completed and a contractor engaged following a quotation process. Line marking will be undertaken during July 2017.

## 2.2. Cambridge Road, Mornington – Painted Bike Lines

Kerb and gutter works have been completed. Following the completion of this work the road is to be resealed and line marking for the bike lanes will be undertaken.

## 2.3. Mornington Roundabout Pedestrian/Cycling Underpass

Pitt and Sherry have submitted a report for this project. Further investigation and assessment is required before proceeding.

3. RECURRENT INITIATIVES

Nil.

## 4. DESIGN AND INVESTIGATION WORK IN PROGRESS

## **Clarence Street Safety Assessment Report**

Consultation is complete and has been to Council for consideration at its Meeting held on 3 July 2017.

## **Clarence Foreshore Trail – Simmons Park to Anzac Park**

Design is underway.

## Tasman Highway – Extension from Tasman Bridge to Montagu Bay Road

Shared funding is being sought from the Department of State Growth (DSG). Project deferred until funding arrangements have been agreed in the 2017/2018 State Budget. Officers from DSG have suggested Council apply for funding via the Vulnerable Road Users Grant, which will be released in the coming period for applications. Design has commenced on this project.

## Tasman Highway - Tasman Bridge to Mornington

Cycling South has been successful in being awarded funding of \$25,000 for the feasibility and concept design for a multi-user pathway along the Tasman Highway road reservation.

## Howrah and Tranmere Roads – Investigation of Bike Infrastructure

The consultant's report is complete. Officers are currently working through the list of the recommended outcomes.

## **Clarence Foreshore Track – Marana Avenue to Montagu Bay Park**

The first section from Marana Avenue has been upgraded to a 2.5m wide concrete path. Design for a realigned path around Montagu Bay Primary School is underway. Negotiations with Montagu Bay Primary School relating to land tenure for the foreshore track is progressing.

## 5. GOVERNANCE MATTERS.

## **Committee Meeting**

The Committee held 2 meetings during the quarter on 10 April 2017 and 5 June 2017.

## 6. EXTERNAL LIAISON

CyclingSouth Meetings were held on 3 May and 28 June 2017.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Decision:

That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council.

MOVED Ald von Bertouch SECONDED Ald Chong

"That the Chairperson's Report be adopted".

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## OTHER COMMITTEES

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS EAST**

• Ald Hulme tabled the Minutes of a Meeting held on 13 June 2017.

## **Bellerive Community Arts Centre Inc**

• Ald Thurley tabled the Minutes of a Meeting held on 14 June 2017 and the Bank Statement for the period ending 31 May 2017.

## LINDISFARNE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTRE

• Ald Peers tabled the Minutes of a Meeting held on 20 July 2017.

## 11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

#### 11.1 WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS (File No 10/02/02)

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 3, 10 and 17 July 2017 have been circulated to Aldermen.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Decision:** 

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 3, 10 and 17 July 2017 be noted.

MOVED Ald Thurley SECONDED Ald Peers

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

## 11.2 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nil.

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## 11.3 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

In accordance with Regulation 25 (1) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the Mayor advises that the Council intends to act as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, to deal with the following items:

## 11.3.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/152 - 13 SURF ROAD, SEVEN MILE BEACH - ADDITION TO DWELLING AND OUTBUILDINGS (File No D-2017/152)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for an addition to dwelling and outbuildings at 13 Surf Road, Seven Mile Beach.

## **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned Village and subject to the Parking and Access Code, Stormwater Management Code, Inundation Prone Areas Code, Airport Buffer Code and the On-Site Wastewater Management Code under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

## **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which expires with the written consent of the applicant on 26 July 2017.

#### CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 1 representation was received raising the following issues:

- visual appearance;
- devaluation of property;
- overshadowing impacts on driveway; and
- acoustic impacts from use of garage.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for an addition to dwelling and outbuildings at 13 Surf Road, Seven Mile Beach (Cl Ref D-2017/152) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.

- 2. Amended plans showing the following must be submitted to and approved by Council's Manager City Planning prior to the issue of a building permit or a certificate of likely compliance (CLC) for building works:
  - use of a rendered finish on the garage/carport blockwork wall facing 15 Surf Road; and
  - details of the selected colour for the render to match the colour scheme of the dwelling located at 15 Surf Road.

When approved, the plans will form part of the permit.

B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Ald McFarlane SECONDED Ald Walker
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 11.3.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/109 - 33 RIAWENA ROAD, MONTAGU BAY - MULTIPLE DWELLINGS (1 EXISTING + 1 NEW) (File No D-2017/109)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for Multiple Dwellings (1 existing + 1 new) at 33 Riawena Road, Montagu Bay.

## **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned General Residential and subject to the Parking and Access and Stormwater Code under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

## LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which now expires with the written consent of the applicant on 26 July 2017.

## CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 1 representation was received raising the following issues:

- overshadowing;
- insufficient area for development;
- visual impact;
- privacy;
- gradient of open space areas; and
- density of development and noise.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for Multiple Dwellings (1 existing + 1 new) at 33 Riawena Road, Montagu Bay (Cl Ref D-2017/109) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.

- 2. ENG A3 COMBINED ACCESSES [5.5M].
- 3. ENG A5 SEALED CAR PARKING.
- 4. ENG S1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.
- 5. ENG M1 DESIGNS DA.
- 6. A minimum trafficable driveway width of 3.0m must be provided between the eaves of the existing dwelling and the eastern property boundary, to the satisfaction of Council's Group Manager Asset Management, prior to the issue of the occupation of Unit 2.
- 7. ADVICE Prior to the demolition of the existing outbuilding to the rear, notification must be provided to Council in the form of a Certificate of Likely Compliance Demolition (Notifiable Demolition Works) and separate plumbing approval obtained (Notifiable Plumbing Works).
- 8. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 30 March 2017 (TWDA 2017/00405-CCC).
- B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

**Decision:** 

MOVED Ald Cusick SECONDED Ald Peers

"That the Recommendation be adopted".

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 11.3.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/220 – 2 COLOGNE DRIVE. **OAKDOWNS – 5 MULTIPLE DWELLINGS**

(File No D-2017/220)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider an application for 5 Multiple Dwellings at 2 Cologne Drive, Oakdowns.

## **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned General Residential and is subject to the Road and Rail Assets Code, Parking and Access and Stormwater Management under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

## **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 -Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which expires on the 2 August 2017.

## **CONSULTATION**

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 8 representations were received. The representations raised the following issues:

- traffic impacts; •
- loss of vegetation;
- loss of privacy;
- waste collection;
- bushfire risk;
- density and streetscape comparability
- impacts on on-street parking;
- devaluation of property values;
- impacts on water pressure;
- insufficient private open space;
- impacts on easements;
- driveway adequacy; and
- upholding previous refusal.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for 5 Multiple Dwellings at 2 Cologne Drive, Oakdowns (Cl Ref D-2017/220) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.
  - 2. GEN AP3 AMENDED PLANS [the inclusion of fixed obscure glazing extending to a height of 1.7m above the floor level of the west facing "Bed 3" associated with Unit 2 and 4, or an increase in the sill height of these windows to no less than 1.7m above the floor level].
  - 3. ENG A5 SEALED CAR PARKING.
  - 4. ENG S1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.
  - 5. ENG M1 DESIGNS DA [ACCESS, CAR PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS AND SERVICE UPGRADES].
  - 6. ENG M3 GARBAGE FACILITIES.
  - 7. ENG M5 EROSION CONTROL.
  - 8. All stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces within the site must be treated and discharged from site using Water Sensitive Urban Design principles to achieve stormwater quality and quantity targets in accordance with the State Stormwater Strategy 2010. Detailed engineering designs accompanied with a report on all stormwater design parameters and assumptions (or the MUSIC model) must be submitted to Council's Group Manager Asset Management for approval prior to the issue of a building or plumbing permit. This report is to include the maintenance management regime/replacement requirements for the treatment facility.
  - 9. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 4 July 2017 (TWDA 2017/00998-CCC).
- B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

/ Refer to Page 71 for Decision on this Item...

# DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/220 – 2 COLOGNE DRIVE, OAKDOWNS – 5 MULTIPLE DWELLINGS /contd...

Decision:	MOVED Ald Peers	SECONDED Ald Thurley		
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".			
			CARRIED	
	FOR Ald Chipman Ald Chong Ald Cusick Ald Doust Ald Hulme Ald Hulme Ald McFarlane Ald Peers Ald Thurley Ald von Bertouch Ald Walker	AGAINST Ald James (abstained)		

# 11.3.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/208 - 30 DERWENTLAKEN ROAD, OTAGO - DWELLING

(File No D-2017/208)

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for a dwelling at 30 Derwentlaken Road, Otago.

# **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned Rural Living and subject to the Bushfire Prone Areas, On-Site Wastewater Management and Parking and Access Codes under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

# LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which expires on 25 July 2017.

## CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 1 representation was received raising the following issues:

- solar access;
- loss of views and land value;
- visual impact;
- site subject to strong winds; and
- nature of development multiple dwellings.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for dwelling at 30 Derwentlaken Road, Otago (Cl Ref D-2017/208) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.

- 2. GEN AP3 AMENDED PLANS [removal of the separate entry and laundry areas to the lower level and conversion of the lower level of the dwelling to a rumpus area] and insert "to satisfactorily demonstrate that the dwelling is a Single Dwelling only" at end of first sentence.
- 3. The dwelling is approved as a Single Dwelling only and must not be used for independent accommodation.
- B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Ald McFarlane SECONDED Ald Chong
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 11.3.5 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION SD-2017/9 - 102 PASS ROAD, ROKEBY - 1 LOT SUBDIVISION

(File No SD-2017/9)

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for a 1 lot subdivision at 102 Pass Road, Rokeby.

#### **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned Particular Purpose Zone 1 – Urban Growth Zone and subject to the Bushfire Prone Areas and Parking and Access Codes under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

#### LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which expires with the consent of the applicant on 26 July 2017.

#### CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 1 representation was received raising the issue of future subdivision of whole of the site.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the application for a 1 lot Subdivision at 102 Pass Road, Rokeby (Cl Ref SD-2017/9) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.
  - 2. ENG S2 SERVICES.
  - 3. ENG M8 EASEMENTS.

- 4. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 16 May 2017 (TWDA 2017/00641-CCC).
  - 5. ADVICE Whilst there is no cash payment in-lieu of open space required as part of this permit, the future subdivision of the balance lot will necessitate the payment of a cash-in-lieu contribution based on the total number of the new lots and as required by Council's Open Space Policy.
- 6. ADVICE While the submitted subdivision layout concept for the balance lot satisfies the requirements under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015; approval of this permit must not be taken as implied future approval of the concept layout.
- B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Ald McFarlane SECONDED Ald Chong
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 11.3.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/187 - 23 GEORGE LOVELESS CLOSE, RICHMOND - OUTBUILDING AND CARPORT (File No D-2017/187)

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for an outbuilding and carport at 23 George Loveless Close, Richmond.

#### **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned Rural Living and subject to the Bushfire Prone Areas, Landslide, Waterway and Coastal Protection and Natural Assets Codes under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme).

The proposal meets the exemptions under the Bushfire Prone Areas and Landslide Codes and therefore these Codes are not applicable to this development. The Natural Assets Code does not apply as there is no vegetation clearing proposed and the Waterway and Coastal Protection Code does not apply, as the development site is not within the area of the site covered by this Code.

In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development as the proposal does not meet certain Acceptable Solutions of the Rural Living Zone.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which was extended with the consent of the applicant until 26 July 2006.

#### CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 1 representation was received raising the following issues:

- 2 dwellings; and
- use of dwelling for business.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for Outbuilding and Carport at 23 George Loveless Close, Richmond (Cl Ref D-2017/187) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.

ADVICE: The Certificate of Title contains covenants which provide for a building envelope in which all buildings are to be located. Council is not a party to this covenant and therefore cannot enforce the requirements. However, it is the property owner's legal responsibility to comply with all covenants and they may wish to obtain their own legal advice regarding this issue.

B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Ald McFarlane SECONDED Ald Chong
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# 11.3.7 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION SD-2017/15 - 31 QUEEN STREET, BELLERIVE - 1 LOT SUBDIVISION

(File No SD-2017/15)

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

# PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for a 1 lot subdivision at 31 Queen Street, Bellerive.

# **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned General Residential and subject to the Historic Heritage Code under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

## LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which expires on 27 July 2017.

## CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 3 representations were received raising the following issues:

- adverse impact upon historical significance of site and area;
- impact on graves;
- loss of open space area; and
- visual impact of proposed parking spaces upon church.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the application for a 1 lot Subdivision at 31 Queen Street, Bellerive (Cl Ref SD-2017/15) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.
  - 2. GEN POS 4 POS CONTRIBUTION [5%] [Lot 2].

- 3. ENG A1 NEW CROSSOVER. Replace "3.0m wide" with "3.6m wide" [TSD-R09].
- 4. ENG S1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.
- 5. ENG A5 SEALED CAR PARKING.
- 6. ENG S2 SERVICES.
- 7. ENG S4 STORMWATER CONNECTION.
- 8. ENG M2 DESIGNS SD. Delete first 2 dot points "road design" and "road stormwater drainage".
- 9. Details of the surface colour and finish of the parking/turning areas associated with the approved office use must be submitted to and approved by Council's Manager City Planning prior to the submission of detailed engineering designs for the subdivision as required by Condition 8. The finish must be exposed aggregate concrete pavement (or similar), to a sample approved by Council's Manager City Planning.
- 10. ENG M8 EASEMENTS.
- 11. LAND 1 LANDSCAPE PLAN. Add "to show landscaping for screening and enhancement of the parking/turning areas associated with the approved office use" after "A landscape plan" in the first sentence. Delete "commencement of the use" at the end of the last sentence and replace with "sealing of the Plan of Survey".
- 12. Details of the design and colour for the boundary fencing for Lot 2 must be submitted to and approved by Council's Manager City Planning prior to the sealing of the Plan of Survey. The colours to be used must be dark greys and/or muted earthy tones, to limit visual impact and appear recessive.
- 13. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 19 June 2017 (TWDA 2017/00797-CCC).
- 14. The use and development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by the Tasmanian Heritage Council's Notice of Heritage Decision for 31 Queen Street, Bellerive, dated 13 July 2017 (THC Works Reference 5324).
- 15. ADVICE The applicant is advised that the disposal of land used as cemetery is subject to the provisions of the Burial and Cremation Act 2002.

- 16. ADVICE The sign advertising "The Yield", attached to the picket boundary fence and fronting Queen Street must be removed within 14 days of the date of this permit. A planning permit must be obtained prior to re-erection.
- B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

The General Manager declared an Interest in this Item and left the Meeting prior to discussion (8.19pm).

Decision:	MOVED Ald Cusic	ck SECONDED Ald Doust	
	"That the Recomme	endation be adopted".	
			CARRIED
	FOR	AGAINST	
	Ald Chipman Ald Chong	Ald Peers	
	Ald Cusick		
	Ald Doust		
	Ald Hulme Ald James		
	Ald McFarlane		
	Ald Thurley Ald von Bertouch		
	Ald Walker		

The General Manager returned to the Meeting at this stage (8.23pm).

# 11.3.8 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2016/420 AND SD-2016/45 - 4 AND 6 CHATSWORTH STREET, ROSE BAY - 4 MULTIPLE DWELLINGS AND **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

(File No D-2016/420)

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to consider the combined application made for 4 Multiple Dwellings and a boundary adjustment at 4 and 6 Chatsworth Street, Rose Bay.

# **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned General Residential and subject to the Parking and Access Code under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

# **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 -Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which expires on 26 July 2017.

# **CONSULTATION**

After initial advertising, the application was modified and readvertised in accordance with statutory requirements on 10 June 2017 and 11 representations (including 1 from a property owner involved in the subdivision application) were received raising the following issues:

- height; .
- density; .
- visitor parking;
- traffic:
- privacy;
- visual impact;
- loss of views;
- overshadowing;
- lack of private open space;

- drainage;
- loss of urban green space; and
- loss of property values.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for 4 Multiple Dwellings and boundary adjustment at 4 and 6 Chatsworth Street, Rose Bay (Cl Ref D-2016/420) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.
  - 2. The Final Plan for the boundary adjustment must be sealed by Council and lodged with the Land Titles Office prior to the issue of a building permit.
  - 3. ENG A2 COMBINED ACCESSES [TSD-RO9] [5.5M].
  - 4. ENG A5 SEALED CAR PARKING.
  - 5. ENG S1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.
  - 6. ENG S2 SERVICES.
  - 7. ENG S4 STORMWATER CONNECTION.
  - 8. ENG S11 SEALING OF SERVICES.
  - 9. ENG M1 DESIGNS DA.
  - 10. ENG M5 EROSION CONTROL.
  - 11. ENG M8 EASEMENTS.
  - 12. The development must meet all required Conditions of Approval specified by TasWater notice dated 12 October 2016 (TWDA 2016/01478-CCC).
  - 13. The existing 150mm Council stormwater main must be upgraded to a 225mm stormwater main and constructed in accordance with the Tasmanian Standard Drawing. The main must extend the full length of the property and be connected to Council's piped stormwater system. Prior to backfilling, an inspection of the pipe must be conducted by Council's Development Works Officer. This upgrade must be included within the engineering drawings that are submitted for approval.
  - 14. All stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces within the site must be treated and discharged from site using Water Sensitive Urban Design principles or achieve stormwater quality and quantity targets in accordance with the State Stormwater Strategy 2010.

Detailed engineering designs accompanied with a report on all stormwater design parameters and assumptions (or the MUSIC model) and a Maintenance Management Schedule/Regime must be submitted to Council's Group Manager Asset Management for approval prior to the issue of a building or plumbing permit. The facility must be maintained in accordance with this schedule.

B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Ald James SECONDED Ald Cusick	
	"A. That the Development Application for 4 Multip Dwellings and boundary adjustment at 4 and Chatsworth Street, Rose Bay (Cl Ref D-2016/420) refused for the following reasons.	6
	1. The proposal does not comply with Performan Criteria 10.4.2 P3 in that the proposed developme will cause unreasonable loss of amenity, contrary Clause 10.4.2 P3(a)(iv) of the Scheme, by creatin an unreasonable visual impact due to the appare scale, bulk and proportions of the propos dwellings when viewed from adjoining lots at 2 and 31 Marana Avenue, 2, 4 and 8 Chatswon Street, and 90 and 91 Esplanade.	ent to ng ent ed 29
	The 4 units will have the appearance of 3 stor buildings when viewed from many of the adjoining lots. This is not consistent with the scale, but massing and proportions of dwellings in t surrounding area. The predominant pattern development in the street block contained with Chatsworth Street, Topham Sreett, Yolla Street Marana Avenue and the Esplanade is of single and double storey dwellings.	ng lk, he of nin et,
	Clause 7.5.4 of the Scheme provides that: 'T planning authority may consider the releva objective in an applicable standard to he determine whether a use or development compli with the performance criterion for that standard".	int elp ies

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		The proposal is not consistent with the objective of 10.4.2(c): 'To control the siting and scale of dwellings to: (c) provide consistency in the apparent scale, bulk, massing and proportion of dwellings'. The planning report does not address the issue of consistency in the apparent scale, bulk, massing and proportion of dwellings The numerous encroachments outside of the prescribed building envelope exacerbate the unreasonable visual impact due to the apparent scale and bulk.
В.		the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this er be recorded as follows.
	1.	The proposal does not meet the acceptable solution in Clause 10.4.2 A3 (a) of the Scheme, as none of the proposed dwellings are contained within the prescribed building envelope as per diagram 10.4.2B.
		The Performance Criteria in 10.4.2 P3 must therefore be met. P3(a) states:
		'The siting and scale of a dwelling must:
		<ul> <li>(a) not cause unreasonable loss of amenity by:</li> <li>(i) reduction in sunlight to a habitable room (other than a bedroom) of a dwelling on an adjoining lot; or</li> <li>(ii) overshadowing the private open space of a dwelling on an adjoining lot; or</li> <li>(iii) overshadowing of an adjoining vacant lot; or</li> </ul>

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(in	v) visual impacts caused by the apparent scale, bulk or proportions of the dwelling when viewed from an adjoining lot;' and
•	the development does not meet the relevant Performance Criteria".
The <b>MOTION</b> was	put and LOST
FOR	AGAINST
Ald Cusick	Ald Chipman
Ald Doust	Ald Chong
Ald James	Ald Hulme
Ald McFarlane	Ald Peers
Ald Walker	Ald Thurley
	Ald von Bertouch
Foreshadowed N	Ιοτιον
MOVED Ald Hulm	ne SECONDED Ald Peers
"That the Recomme	endation be adopted".
	CARRIED
FOR	AGAINST
Ald Chipman	Ald Cusick
Ald Chong	Ald Doust
Ald Hulme	Ald James
Ald Peers	Ald McFarlane
Ald Thurley	Ald Walker
Ald von Bertouch	

# 11.3.9 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION D-2017/202 - 13 MCRORIE COURT, CAMBRIDGE - COMMUNITY MEETING FACILITY

(File No D-2017/202)

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the application made for a Community Meeting Facility at 13 McRorie Court, Cambridge.

#### **RELATION TO PLANNING PROVISIONS**

The land is zoned Commercial and subject to the Road and Railway Assets, Parking and Access Code and Stormwater Management Code under the Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2015 (the Scheme). In accordance with the Scheme the proposal is a Discretionary development.

#### LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The report on this item details the basis and reasons for the recommendation. Any alternative decision by Council will require a full statement of reasons in order to maintain the integrity of the Planning approval process and to comply with the requirements of the Judicial Review Act and the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Note: References to provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993 (the Act) are references to the former provisions of the Act as defined in Schedule 6 – Savings and transitional provisions of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The former provisions apply to an interim planning scheme that was in force prior to the commencement day of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Act) 2015. The commencement day was 17 December 2015.

Council is required to exercise a discretion within the statutory 42 day period which was extended with the consent of the applicant until 26 July 2017.

#### CONSULTATION

The proposal was advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and 1 representation was received raising the following issues:

- inappropriate in the industrial area;
- building materials;
- lack of car parking and vehicle conflict; and
- commercial kitchen.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That the Development Application for a Community Meeting Facility at 13 McRorie Court, Cambridge (Cl Ref D-2017/202) be approved subject to the following conditions and advice.
  - 1. GEN AP1 ENDORSED PLANS.

- 2. GEN M15 CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE [Community meeting centre].
- 3. LAND 1A LANDSCAPE PLAN insert additional dot point "the retention of the vegetation and additional screening vegetation along the boundary with the Tasman Highway", and add a new paragraph after the last sentence:

"All landscape works must be maintained:

- in perpetuity by the existing and future owners/occupiers of the property;
- in a healthy state; and
- in accordance with the approved landscape plan".

If any of the vegetation comprising the landscaping dies or is removed, it is to be replaced with vegetation of the same species and, to the greatest extent practicable, the same maturity as the vegetation which died or which was removed.

- 4. The existing building must be painted in muted colours which are consistent with the colours of the proposed building. Details of the colour scheme must be submitted and approved by Council's Manager City Planning, prior to the commencement of works.
- 5. LAND 3 LANDSCAPE BOND.
- 6. ENG A1 NEW CROSSOVER [TSD-R09] [8M].
- 7. ENG A5 SEALED CAR PARKING.
- 8. ENG S1 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR.
- 9. ENG M1 DESIGNS DA.
- 10. All stormwater run-off from impervious surfaces within the site must be treated and discharged from site using Water Sensitive Urban Design principles or achieve stormwater quality and quantity targets in accordance with the State Stormwater Strategy 2010.

Detailed engineering designs accompanied with a report on all stormwater design parameters and assumptions (or the MUSIC model) and a Maintenance Management Schedule/Regime must be submitted to Council's Group Manager Asset Management for approval prior to the issue of a building or plumbing permit. The facility must be maintained in accordance with this schedule.

# ADVICE

The fire separation will be required to comply with (Clause C1.6) of the National Construction Code between the Class 9b and Class 4 caretaker's residence 90/90/90 if loadbearing - /60/60 if not. This does not only apply to the part of the existing residence that is being used, but parts of the associated building within 6m; this is also likely to include the roof structures as adding to the fire load and spread between parts with different classification.

B. That the details and conclusions included in the Associated Report be recorded as the reasons for Council's decision in respect of this matter.

Decision:	MOVED Ald Walker SECONDED Ald Chong
	"That the Recommendation be adopted".
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council now concludes its deliberations as a Planning Authority under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act, 1993.

# 11.4 CUSTOMER SERVICE

Nil Items.

## 11.5 ASSET MANAGEMENT

#### 11.5.1 KANGAROO BLUFF HISTORIC SITE (File No G23-20)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE

To consider the formal taking over of the management of the Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site.

#### **RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Council's Strategic Plan 2016 – 2026 provides a range of strategic commitments towards the development, enhancement and provision of cultural activities and facilities, including the establishment of a cultural creative precinct in the Rosny Park/Bellerive area and support for cultural history in general terms.

Council has not formally adopted a Policy position specifically regarding the Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site property. The facility is recognised as a "*Site of Cultural Tourism*" in Council's Cultural History Plan (Note: this Plan is currently undergoing a review).

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

The proposal is to transfer the managing authority of the Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site to Council under Section 29(2) of the National Parks and Reserves Management Act, 2002. This, in turn, would legally obligate Council to manage the site in accordance with the requirements stipulated under the Statutory Management Plan for the site (Registered Plan Number LM 146) on an on-going basis.

#### **CONSULTATION**

There has been correspondence and meeting held with the State Government regarding this proposal for a number of years.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are potential significant financial implications for Council given the possible extent of works identified in any future site management plan. The timelines and extent of such works could be managed over an extended timeframe should it agree to take on the management responsibilities. The extent of these costs to Council cannot be readily determined unless and until a full review of the asset condition and the various Management Plans associated with the facility have been assessed and brought up to date and, based on this, a costing for general recurrent maintenance and a programmed rehabilitation/maintenance regime is prepared.

Subject to a specific budget allocation, external "heritage expertise" will need to be engaged for this purpose. This is anticipated to cost in the order of \$50,000.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That Council agrees to provide specific and formal consent to the transfer of the management authority of the Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site from Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service under the National Parks and Reserves Management Act, 2002.
- B. That Council seek early consideration for the current Management Plan to be altered by the removal of limitations concerning future development (including consideration of commercial opportunities on the site) to enhance the facility's use, as a community cultural asset.
- C. That Council consider the inclusion of funding for the review of the Management Plans for the facility in its budget for the 2017/18 financial year.

Decision:	MOVED Ald Cusick SECONDED Ald James	
	"A. That Council acknowledges and extends its appreciation in receiving the formal offer from the State Government for the transfer of the management authority of the Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site from Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service under the National Parks and Reserves Management Act, 2002 to Council.	
	<ul> <li>B. That the State Government be advised that in order for the Council to fully consider the offer and prior to its formal consideration of consent to the transfer that the Council will undertake further due diligence regarding the proposal that includes: <ul> <li>the review of the registered 'Kangaroo Bluff Historic Site – Management Plan 1981' (LM 146) its obligations and constraints</li> <li>the updating of the Strategic Asset Management Plan to ascertain built fabric condition and remediation requirements and timeframes etc;</li> <li>obtaining the views and advice of the Council's insurers on-site management responsibilities as well as insurance coverage and the costs thereof;</li> <li>consideration of the site as envisaged under the Management Plans;</li> <li>consideration of commercial opportunities and other possible enhancements at the site that could increase the facility's use as a community cultural and tourism asset;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
D.	That the General Manager be requested to provide a further report once the review of the Management Plans is completed so that Council can consider its position and the possible scope and funding that may be required to complete the Due Diligence Review".
C.	That the funding for the review of the Management Plans for the facility provided in its budget for the 2017/18 financial year be used for the purposes of the due diligence exercise.
	• identification of funding requirements and potential source of funding options including grant bequests, joint funding/joint venture etc.

#### 11.5.2 HOOKEY STREET, ROKEBY - STREET LIGHT (File No HO20)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **PURPOSE**

To seek approval to reinstate the street light in Hookey Street Rokeby that was removed by Council resolution in May 2002.

# **RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Not Applicable.

# **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

Not applicable.

## **CONSULTATION**

Correspondence has been received from a resident in Hookey Street raising safety concerns at the lack of adequate street lighting in the vicinity of the junction of Hookey Place and Hookey Street, Rokeby.

A consultant was engaged to undertake an audit report that has now been received on lighting at the above location.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

TasNetworks have advised there is no cost associated with the installation of a street light.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorises the General Manager to write to TasNetworks requesting that a street light be installed on the existing pole in Hookey Street opposite the junction with Hookey Place, Rokeby.

Ald Cusick left the Meeting at this stage (9.36pm).

/ Refer to Page 94 for Decision on this Item...

# HOOKEY STREET, ROKEBY - STREET LIGHT /contd...

Decision:	MOVED Ald McFar	clane SECONDED Ald Peers
	"That Council authorises the General Manager to write to TasNetworks requesting that a street light (with appropriate baffles to minimise light spillages on nearby private properties) be installed on the existing pole in Hookey Street opposite the junction with Hookey Place, Rokeby".	
	Ald Cusick returned	to the Meeting at this stage (9.38pm).
	The <b>MOTION</b> was	put and CARRIED
	FOR	AGAINST
	1	Ald Doust
	0	Ald James
	Ald Cusick	
	Ald Hulme	
	Ald McFarlane	
	Ald Peers	
	Ald Thurley	
	Ald von Bertouch	
	Ald Walker	

# 11.6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

# 11.7 GOVERNANCE

#### 11.7.1 VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS – PROPOSED CONSULTATION (File No 10-13-01)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider draft consultation proposals in relation to voluntary amalgamation options for the South East Councils and voluntary amalgamation options for the Greater Hobart Councils.

#### **RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS**

Council has previously resolved to consult with the community in relation to both the South East and Greater Hobart voluntary amalgamation options.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

There are no legislative requirements in regard to this matter.

#### CONSULTATION

There are a number of consultation options available to Council including direct mail out, an elector poll and active consultation. The report recommends direct or bulk mail-out as the preferred option. Consultation in regard to this matter will not be determinative in its own right but will be informative to Council in determining this matter.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council can provide for the estimated cost of consultation by the use of carryover funds and funds allocated in the 2017/18 budget.

The State Government had initially offered to support consultation where practical. This offer was primarily made to small Councils without sufficient resources to undertake detailed consultation. It is not expected that Council would receive any funding support.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. That Council approves the undertaking of community consultation in relation to voluntary amalgamation as detailed in the consultation documentation.
- B. That Council approves direct mail out to residents as the preferred consultation methodology.

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# VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS – PROPOSED CONSULTATION /contd...

	Ald Hulme proposed an Alternative Motion.		
	At 9.53pm the Mayor <b>Adjourned</b> the Meeting to allow Aldermen to read the proposed motion.		
	The Meeting <b>Resumed</b> at 9.57pm.		
Decision:	MOVED Ald Hulme		
	"A. That Council approves the undertaking of community consultation in relation to voluntary amalgamation using Attachment 1 in the Associated Report as the basis for the consultation documentation.		
	B. That the documentation be presented to the Council Workshop on Monday, 31 July for further refinement prior to its release.		
	C. That Council approves direct mail out to residents as the preferred consultation methodology".		
	The Motion <b>LAPSED</b> for want of a seconder.		
	MOVED Ald James		
	"A. That Council approves the undertaking of community consultation in relation to voluntary amalgamation as detailed in the consultation documentation.		
	B. That Council approves direct mail out to residents as the preferred consolation methodology".		
	The Motion <b>LAPSED</b> for want of a seconder.		

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# VOLUNTARY AMALGAMATIONS – PROPOSED CONSULTATION /Decision contd...

PROCEDURAL MOTIO MOVED Ald Walke	ON r <b>SECONDED</b> Ald Peers	
"That consideration Council Meeting".	of this matter be deferred	until the next
		CARRIED
FOR	AGAINST	
Ald Cusick	Ald Chong	
Ald Doust	Ald James	
Ald Hulme	Ald Thurley	
Ald McFarlane	Ald Chipman (abstained)	
Ald Peers		
Ald von Bertouch		
Ald Walker		

#### 12. ALDERMEN'S QUESTION TIME

An Alderman may ask a question with or without notice at Council Meetings. No debate is permitted on any questions or answers.

# 12.1 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

(Seven days before an ordinary Meeting, an Alderman may give written notice to the General Manager of a question in respect of which the Alderman seeks an answer at the meeting).

Nil.

## 12.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

# 12.3 ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

## **12.4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

An Alderman may ask a Question without Notice of the Chairman or another Alderman or the General Manager. Note: the Chairman may refuse to accept a Question without Notice if it does not relate to the activities of the Council. A person who is asked a Question without Notice may decline to answer the question.

Questions without notice and their answers will not be recorded in the minutes.

The Chairman may refuse to accept a question if it does not relate to Council's activities.

The Chairman may require a question without notice to be put in writing. The Chairman, an Alderman or the General Manager may decline to answer a question without notice.

#### 13. **CLOSED MEETING**

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015 provides that Council may consider certain sensitive matters in Closed Meeting.

The following matters were listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

- 13.1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 13.2 PROPERTY MATTER RICHMOND
- 13.3 TENDER T1168-17 BAYFIELD STREET STREETSCAPE REDEVELOPMENT
- 13.4 ANNUAL REVIEW GENERAL MANAGER

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 the reports in the Closed Meeting section of the Council Agenda were dealt with on the grounds that the detail covered in the reports relates to:

- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services; •
- information of a personal and confidential nature or information provided to the council on the condition it is kept confidential;
- applications by Aldermen for a Leave of Absence.

The content of reports and details of the Council decisions in respect to items listed in "Closed Meeting" are to be kept "confidential" and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by the Council.

# **Decision: PROCEDURAL MOTION** MOVED Ald Peers SECONDED Ald Hulme "That the Meeting be closed to the public to consider Regulation 15 matters, and that members of the public be required to leave the meeting room".

# **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# CLOSED MEETING /contd...

The following Closed Meeting Motions have been authorised by Council for publication in the public Minutes.

## 13.3 TENDER T1168-17 – BAYFIELD STREET – STREETSCAPE REDEVELOPMENT (File No T1168-17)

Ald Peers declared an Interest in this Item and left the Meeting prior to discussion (10.17pm).

Decision:	MOVED Ald Chong SECONDED Ald McFarlane		
	"A. That Council accepts the Tender from Batchelor Construction Group Pty Ltd for the sum of \$1,890,529.45, excluding GST, for the Bayfield Street Streetscape Redevelopment.		
	B. That, in accordance with Regulation 34(3) of the Local Government (Meetings Procedures) Regulations 2015, Council authorises for the release of Council's decision (only) in respect to this item to the general public and for communication to relevant parties.		
	C. That Council publish its decision only in regard to this matter in the open Minutes of this Meeting".		
	CARRIED		
	FOR AGAINST		
	Ald Chipman Ald James		
	Ald Chong		
	Ald Cusick		
	Ald Doust		
	Ald Hulme		
	Ald McFarlane		
	Ald Thurley		
	Ald von Bertouch		
	Ald Walker		

## 13.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE AND REMUNERATION SYSTEM (File No 540)

Decision:	Ald Peers was appointed to the General Manager's Annu	al
	Performance Review Committee for a 2 year ter	m
	appointment commencing September 2017.	

The Meeting closed at 10.38pm.