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COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 18 MAY 2020

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1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. *CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 April 2020, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed.

3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION**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
Budget Discussion	4 May
Budget Discussion	11 May

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the workshops conducted.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ALDERMAN OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE

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.

6. ***TABLING OF PETITIONS
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(Note: Petitions received by Aldermen are to be forwarded to the General Manager within seven days after receiving the petition).

Petitions are not to be tabled if they do not comply with Section 57(2) of the Local Government Act, or are defamatory, or the proposed actions are unlawful.

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.

Nil.

7.2 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Mayor may address Questions on Notice submitted by members of the public.

Nil.

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.

Questions are to relate to the activities of the Council. Questions without notice will be dependent on available time at the meeting.

Council Policy provides that the Chairperson may refuse to allow a question on notice to be listed or refuse to respond to a question put at a meeting without notice that relates to any item listed on the agenda for the Council meeting (note: this ground for refusal is in order to avoid any procedural fairness concerns arising in respect to any matter to be determined on the Council Meeting Agenda).

When dealing with Questions without Notice that require research and a more detailed response the Chairman may require that the question be put on notice and in writing. Wherever possible, answers will be provided at the next ordinary Council Meeting.

8. DEPUTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(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)

9. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ALD EWINGTON
BELLERIVE BEACH PAVILION**

(File No 10-03-05)

In accordance with Notice given Ald Ewington intends to move the following Motion:

“A That Council initiate a review of the master plan for Bellerive Beach and surrounds with consideration given to the addition of a “ bathers pavilion” and other associated amenities including, but not limited to a café/restaurant, a public beach promenade, public DDA compliant toilets and showers, a possible equipment hire facility and other amenities to enhance the recreational, sporting and cultural/arts events that are currently held, or could be added to the beach, park, foreshore coastal trail and surrounds.

This review should also consider options for funding that includes private/public partnerships as well as or any other funding options that may be available.

B That a separate staff report be prepared for Aldermen to consider a policy to allow food vans to operate using our coastal foreshore trail, and parks and other suitable recreational areas as soon as possible once public health guidelines allow”.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Council has a responsibility to develop policies that help to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

A key part of this includes the provision of appropriate infrastructure to enable participation in organised sport as well as community recreation and events, plus attractive spaces for social interaction.

We also need to consider providing improved public amenities to users of public open space and sports/recreational space, including business opportunities to do so. Options for public private partnerships should also be considered and the public benefits debated.

Bellerive Beach is our highest use regional park and most iconic location in close proximity to major sporting and recreational infrastructure such as the beach itself, the toddlers' playground, Bellerive Oval, the iconic coastal trail and is centrally located in our city.

The toddlers' playground installed in recent years is hugely popular with children aged under 10, but the amenities for older children and adults are very limited. We also need to consider ways to make it more comfortable in all weather conditions.

Council has a plan to remove the old carpark asphalt and do some landscaping starting very soon but this plan does not address the DDA toilets, showers and change rooms or the recreational needs of all ages and interests. This alone would suggest a review of the master plan be considered.

Activities such as the children's triathlon, the weekly park run, regular water craft users, ocean swimmers and walkers, joggers and cyclists have very limited public amenities, except for an old toilet block that is in need of replacing, and very limited picnic/BBQ infrastructure.

The recent addition of the swimming pontoon in March 2020 was very well received by the community, with strong calls for more to be added in other locations, which showed strong support for increased recreational infrastructure.

This gap in activities for teenagers, and other users, including older adults, needs to be addressed for this area to be utilised to its full potential, and will provide the city with an iconic location to help the whole community adopt a healthy, active and socially connected lifestyle.

The park is also in need of other infrastructure to make it suitable to host community festivals, arts and music events such as appropriate lighting and electrical infrastructure plus an amphitheatre.

Corona Virus has obviously thrown our world into a spin, but we still need to look at projects that can attract funding from other levels of government as well as keep our Council workforce going. This takes time to plan for and we can start a planning process without committing Council to any significant funding during this planning phase.

The opportunity for private/public partnership to construct a café/restaurant plus provide the public amenities in the change rooms and toilets, is also a model successfully used in recent Council decisions such as Rosny Hill which could be considered for this location. This model could also be used for other locations around the city to create other amenities that enhance recreational spaces and infrastructure.

We also need to take advantage of the surge in use of our coastal trail during the lockdown and do something to maintain the momentum of that, plus look at ways to provide as many people as possible with low cost recreational activities in the current and ongoing economic climate.

There has also been a shift away from organised sport and we have an obligation to create infrastructure to support individual sport and recreation participation. Which this does. A precinct like this will also create a meeting place for all the community to strengthen our social connections in an active setting which we know is important for mental health and wellbeing, which is also especially important in this Covid 19 age.

It is also important for Council to have infrastructure projects with significant community benefits to be shovel ready to attract stimulus funding, which may become available through state and federal government grants.

This project importantly also gives the community something to look forward to while we are all dealing with negative impacts and social upheaval of this time.

And lastly this is a project that Council has direct control over and will provide us with something we can do to create economic activity in our community, unlike some of the other high profile projects in the pipeline in our City.

D Ewington
ALDERMAN

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

By way of background, the revised Bellerive Beach Park Master Plan was adopted by Council on 16 March 2015. Council has completed the eastern end carpark and pathway improvements; new carpark at the western end, all abilities playground, irrigation, outdoor gym area and picnic + BBQ shelters. A Development Application for the promenade walkway and associated landscaping is presently being advertised and funds are approved for its construction. Officers have received consultant reports on a changing places addition to the existing toilet facility and the proposed sea wall. This information is being prepared for discussion at a future Council workshop.

Noting the above, if Council wishes to review the master plan and update it to include additional communities amenities and business opportunities, subject to community consultation, it is able to do so.

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.

- **COPPING REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE JOINT AUTHORITY**

Representatives: Ald James Walker
(Ald Luke Edmunds, Deputy Representative)

Quarterly Reports

March Quarterly Report pending.

Representative Reporting

- **TASWATER CORPORATION**

- **GREATER HOBART COMMITTEE**

10.2 *REPORTS FROM COUNCIL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVE BODIES****BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT**
(ECM 3798328)**Chairperson's Report – Alderman D Ewington**

Report to Council for the 3-month period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

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 Cycling South 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**Clarence Foreshore Trail – Tasman Bridge to Montagu Bay Park, Montagu Bay**

Construction of the first stage, from the area under the Tasman Bridge, through the ex-SES site and around the primary school oval is complete. Design and completion of the next stage is dependent on progress by the Department of Education (DoE) of new building works near the foreshore reserve area of their property. It is noted that DoE have commenced building works for new classrooms in this area. Nonetheless, a decision has been made to re-direct the remaining funds to the next section of path, south of Montagu Bay, towards Rosny Point.

Detailed design is complete and Aboriginal Heritage and Crown approval has been obtained. Works to be programmed for construction by Council's works crew.

Clarence Foreshore Trail – Simmons Park to Anzac Park, Lindisfarne

Civil works for the section from Simmons Park to Ford Parade are complete. Funds have been allocated in the 2019/2020 capital budget for the next section to the Lindisfarne Yacht Club. Design is largely complete; however, stakeholders have commented on loss of parking associated with the proposed design. Stakeholder engagement is ongoing around these issues. Approval for the works has been obtained from Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania and Crown Land Services have approved a variation to Council's lease.

Tasman Highway – Extension from Tasman Bridge to Montagu Bay Road

Council has been successful in receiving funding of \$70,000 under the Vulnerable Road User Program for this project, with additional funds to be provided by Council. A road reserve maintenance agreement has been negotiated with the Department of State Growth (DSG), to establish responsibilities between DSG and Council, as the works are located within the State Road Reserve. Construction by Council's works crew is nearing completion (see photo below). This path will be a good alternative route for cyclists travelling from the Tasman Bridge to Rosny, rather than riding uphill on Riawena Road.



Construction of Tasman Highway Path – Tasman Bridge to Montagu Bay Road

Rosny Hill Road – Highway Overpass to Rosny Barn Carpark

A contract has been awarded for these works and establishment works have commenced on-site. The works involve significant upgrading of the existing path from the top of Rosny Hill Road to the Rosny Farm carpark.

Lauderdale Shared Path Upgrade

Council's works crew has completed upgrade of the shared path on South Arm Road from Lauderdale Primary School to Ringwood Road. The path has been replaced in concrete and widened to 2.5m (see photo below).



South Arm Highway, Lauderdale – upgraded shared path

3. RECURRENT INITIATIVES

Nil.

4. DESIGN AND INVESTIGATION WORK IN PROGRESS

At its Meeting of 11 February 2020, the Committee discussed priorities for funding consideration by Council in forming the 2020/2021 capital budget. Projects nominated, in order of priority, for Council's consideration were:

1. CFT Lindisfarne – Ford Parade to ANZAC Park, continuation of work funded in 2019/2020, through to ANZAC Park.
2. CFT Montagu Bay Primary School “missing section” (remains dependent on School completing their building).
3. CFT Rosny Point – design through to Rosny Point. Consider opportunities for viewing platforms and the alignment at the sewage treatment plant.
4. Further funds for design and detail investigation, Howrah Road from Service Station to Cleve Court.

5. 2019/20 CAPITAL BUDGET.

The following cycling infrastructure related projects were allocated funds in the 2019/2020 capital budget:

- Clarence Foreshore Trail at Lindisfarne - Ford Parade to Yacht Club - \$150k;
- Clarence Foreshore Trail at Bellerive - Beach Street to High Street - \$150k;
- additional funds for Rosny Hill path - \$150k;
- Howrah Road multi-user path between the Clarence Foreshore Trail at the service station to the beach access opposite Bingley Street - \$106k. Noting that this project has been deferred, with the funding reallocated to the Rosny Hill path upgrade;
- Howrah Road design for cyclist improvements between the Clarence Foreshore Trail and Clarence Street - \$40k; and
- Rosny Hill Road pedestrian overpass to Kangaroo Bay - design for connection improvements - \$25k.

6. GOVERNANCE MATTERS.

Committee Meeting

The Committee held one meeting during the quarter; on 11 February 2020.

7. EXTERNAL LIAISON

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council.

Attachments: Nil

Alderman Dean Ewington

CHAIRPERSON

TRACKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT
(ECM 3798340)**Chairperson's Report –Alderman D Ewington**

Report to Council for the 3-month period for 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

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 track and trail 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 the internal referral processes 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**Clarence Coastal Trail – Cremorne to Mays Beach**

Work is complete on the section of track between Cremorne and Calverts Hill Nature Reserve. The track crew are working on the section north of Calverts Hill Nature Reserve to Forest Hill Road.

A new track alignment has been created between Forest Hill Road and Mays Beach that eliminates a steep drop over an embankment. It will be a spectacular track once completed.

Simmons Hill Descent Track (Cycle Tourism Grant)

A contractor has been appointed with work to commence after Easter on a new Black Diamond (difficult) descending mountain bike track in the Meehan Range.

Barilla Rivulet Track – Backhouse Lane to Cambridge Bypass

Work is ready to commence on a new track along the rivulet.

3. RECURRENT INITIATIVES – MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

Tangara Trail

Ongoing maintenance work is being carried out in accordance with the trail audit.

Signage has been manufactured for the Black Peppermint Track at Single Hill and the Llanherne Track at Seven Mile Beach.

Clarence Mountain Bike Park

A track audit has been done and maintenance work will be carried out over the next couple of months.

4. DESIGN AND INVESTIGATION WORK IN PROGRESS

Clarence Coastal Trail – Mays Point

Aboriginal Heritage surveys and Natural Values Assessments are underway at Mays Point for a future track to connect Roches Beach to Mays Beach.

Cremorne Avenue Track

Contact has been made with the residents adjoining Cremorne Avenue and a survey has been done to identify the property boundaries.

Flagstaff Hill Track – Stage 2

Planning work is complete, and a DA will be submitted prior to work commencing.

5. GOVERNANCE MATTERS.

Committee Meetings

One committee meeting was held on 20 February 2020.

6. EXTERNAL LIAISON

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Chairperson's Report be received by Council.

Attachments: Nil

Alderman D Ewington

CHAIRPERSON

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND GRANTS COMMITTEE – QUARTERLY REPORT**Chairperson’s Report – Alderman Beth Warren**

Report to Council for the 3-month period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

1. PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The Committee’s prime objectives are to:

- advise Council on the strategic planning and management of bushland and coastal reserves and parks throughout the City;
- provide advice on Council’s Reserve Activity Plans and Catchment Management Plans in the context of the “Clarence Bushland and Coastal Strategy”;
- administer, in conjunction with Council, the Land and Coast Care Grants Program;
- facilitate and provide guidance for the implementation of Council’s adopted “Clarence Bushland and Coastal Strategy”; and
- promote information sharing of natural resource related matters affecting the City.

In working towards these goals, the Committee, in conjunction with Council’s Natural Assets Officer, implemented a range of activities which are set out below.

2. CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS**Waverley Flora Park Avenue of Honour**

Sandstone seating has been installed at the Avenue of Honour Memorial Site at Waverley Flora Park using a 14-tonne excavator (see **Figure 1**). The seats have bevelled edges and a smooth finish on top to make the sandstone block comfortable to sit on. The larger sandstone seats weigh over a tonne and match in well with the other sandstone installations about the memorial site.



Figure 1 – Sandstone seating installed at Avenue of Honour Memorial Site

Additional plants have been planted about the site with fresh mulch applied making the site look great.

Additional sandstone walls are to be installed in the next quarter, with a single advanced blue gum tree ordered to replace one that did not survive initial planting.

Richmond Recreation Reserve

Three boom gates have now been installed at Richmond Recreation Reserve. The boom gates, combined with the sandstone blocks installed last quarter, prevent unauthorised entry into the reserve.



Figure 2 – Three Boom Gates were installed at Richmond Recreation Reserve

3. RECURRENT INITIATIVES

Development of Natural Area Activity Plans and NRM Planning

- **Brinktop Bushland Reserve Activity Plan 2020-30**

Following the closure of the consultation period at the end of February, the final version of the draft plan has been completed by incorporating community feedback into the plan. Council to consider the matter.

- **Lauderdale Saltmarsh Reserve Activity Plan 2020-2030**

Extensive community feedback was received during the consultation period that closed in early March. This feedback has been incorporated into the draft plan to construct a final version of the plan. A Council Agenda item for the plan is being prepared by Council's NRM Planner.

- **Single Hill Reserve Activity Plan 2020-2030**

Expressions of Interest submissions are being received for the development of a draft Single Hill Reserve Activity Plan. This follows the handing over to Council of the Single Hill Bushland Reserve as part of the subdivision conditions for Toronto Pastoral Estate.

- **Clarence Natural Area Strategy 2020-2030**

Expression of Interest documents for the development of the Clarence Natural Area Strategy 2020-2030 have been prepared and will be considered by Corporate Executive before release.

- **Clarence Tree Strategy 2020-2030**

A draft Council Tree Policy has been developed and will be discussed at a Council Workshop prior to consideration for endorsement.

Following this an Expression of Interest will be issued to seek external consultant assistance in preparing a Clarence Tree Strategy 2020-2030.

- **Seven Mile Beach Urban Tree Strategy 2020-2030**

Following Council adopting a Council Tree Policy, Expression of Interest documents will be issued for external consultant assistance on the preparation of a Seven Mile Beach Urban Tree Strategy 2020-2030.

Implement Natural Area Reserve Activity Plans

- **Thoona Bushland Reserve**

Thoona Bushland Reserve was treated for weeds (mostly thistle species) and brush cut. Established garden bed plots were hand weeded and tidied up.

Rubbish was collected and disposed of from the swale areas of Thoona Bushland Reserve with basin areas and the end point grate acting as efficient collection points for rubbish and debris. The swale was also brush cut and contractors involved with the maintenance of the reserve received positive feedback from local reserve users about the improvements within the reserve over the last several years.

- **Rosny Hill Bushland Reserve**

All entrances to Rosny Hill Bushland Reserve were tidied up during the quarter. Grass was brush cut, rubbish was removed, and vegetation pruned to make the entrances look more inviting.

- **Brinktop Bushland Reserve**

David's Walk, the approach track to Brinktop Bushland Reserve was treated for weeds including African boxthorn, gorse and briar rose using a vehicle mounted quick spray unit.

- **Seven Mile Beach Coastal Reserve**

Contractors were engaged to clean up several fallen limbs about carpark areas to Seven Mile Beach Coastal Reserve. Some minor pruning of coastal wattle and other vegetation about reserve entrances was also done.

- **Roscommon Reserve**

Two new sections of robustic fencing have been installed at entrances to Roscommon Reserve from Terrina Street (see Figure 3).



Figure 3 – Robustic Fence Installation at Entrance to Roscommon from Terrina Street

All entrances to Roscommon Reserve from Terrina Street, Lauderdale, have now had robustic fencing upgrades to replace old rural fencing that was falling apart and dangerous.

All the newly installed sections of fencing at entrances to Roscommon Reserve will be treated with oil in the next quarter to protect timber and extend the life of the fencing. It is beneficial to leave the raw timber for several weeks to weather before oiling, as instructed by the contract installer.

- **Tranmere Coastal Reserve**

The section of reserve from the toilet block to Pindos Park was weeded for declared and environmental weeds by Tasflora contractors. The main weed species was African boxthorn, but other weeds were removed including tree mallow, blackberry, boneseed and mirror bush. The weeds removed will be replaced with frontline native coastal species in April 2020.

- **Old Lauderdale Tip**

The entrance to the Old Lauderdale Tip, including the area about the water points, was tidied up of rubbish and long grass was brush cut. The track that takes walkers around to the saltmarsh at Racecourse Flats was also brush cut prior to World Wetlands Day events where patrons participated in a “walk and talk” organised by Council.

- **Richmond Recreation Reserve**

The area of Coal River at Richmond Recreation Reserve was tidied up by contractors. Grass was cut, rubbish was transferred off-site and vegetation (mostly silver wattle) pruned or thinned.

- **Rosny/Montagu Bay Coastal Reserve**

The section of Rosny/Montagu Bay Coastal Reserve from Hesket Court toward Montagu Bay Park was maintained during the quarter. Garden beds along this stretch were weeded, grass areas brush cut and other weeds in the reserve managed. Track-side timber edging was removed from track verges as it was broken in sections and had become a hazard.

Natural Area Volunteer Support

- **Volunteer Working Bees**

There were seven working bees supported by Council during the quarter. A total of 35 volunteers attended the working bees who contributed 70 hours of their time to help care for Council’s natural areas. At the current “in-kind” rate of \$40 per hour, volunteer support quantitatively amounted to \$2,800. It must be noted that this period included the Christmas/New Year holiday period as well as the out-break of Coronavirus or COVID-19.

In-light-of the initial development of COVID-19 in Australia, a letter was sent to volunteer groups signed by the Manager of Open Space outlining Council’s position in relation to land and coast care volunteer activities.

Volunteers have been asked by Council to postpone or cancel working bees during COVID-19 and observe all directions from State and Federal authorities to manage the outbreak. It is apparent that COVID-19 will have a negative effect on the ability of land and coast care volunteers to conduct their on-ground activities for the near future.

- **World Wetlands Day 2020**

Council held the World Wetlands Day celebration in early February at Lauderdale Primary School and Lauderdale Saltmarsh. A large and varied cross section of people enjoyed the range of activities including guided tours of local wetlands/saltmarshes and indoor displays and activities.

Drainage Swales

- **Kangaroo Bay Rivulet**

Cumbungi growing within the Kangaroo Bay Rivulet was treated by contractors. It is very noticeable that cumbungi growth is decreasing from year-to-year.

Crack willow plants, mostly upstream of Gordons Hill Road, were treated. Previous areas where large crack willow trees were removed were planted with replacement species, including blackwood, to stabilise the rivulet banks and provide habitat for local fauna and future shade for reserve users.

- **Spinnaker Terrace Swale**

The swale that runs from the end of Spinnaker Terrace to the foreshore area of Tranmere Coastal Reserve, north of Pindos Park, was maintained during the quarter. Rubbish was removed, long grass was brush cut, weeds were treated (African boxthorn and boneseed seedlings were abundant) and fallen tree limbs removed. Some trees and shrubs were pruned also to make the area look tidy.

- **Seven Mile Beach Road Swale**

Cumbungi was treated within the swale that runs from Seven Mile Beach Road to the driving range at Royal Hobart Golf Course.

- **Barilla Rivulet**

Several Council managed sections of the Barilla Creek received maintenance works during the quarter. The section of rivulet adjacent to Cambridge Primary school was quite over-grown from several months of warm weather and was brush cut using heavy duty brush cutters. Thistles, cumbungi and several crack willow juveniles were treated also. The area of Barilla creek adjacent to the bridge at Backhouse Lane was also maintained with long grass brush cut, cumbungi was controlled, and crack willow treated as a follow up to previous works.

- **Geilston Bay Rivulet**

The length of Geilston Bay Rivulet, also known as Faggs Creek, received maintenance works from Sarean Court to Geilston Creek Road. Weeds, including blackberry, broom, boneseed, thistle and cumbungi were treated and areas of long grass brush cut.

- **Acton Creek**

Acton Creek, adjacent to the Seven Mile Beach Retirement Village, was brush cut and tidied up. Building waste within the Council reserve was piled for developers to remove and wild mustard weed manually removed when in isolated patches.

- **Lauderdale Saltmarsh Swales**

The swale network from Lauderdale Oval toward the entrance to the Old Lauderdale Tip received maintenance. Rubbish was collected and transferred off-site, long grass was brush cut and weeds were removed. Significant quantities of building waste (bricks, concrete and timber) was removed from the saltmarsh area at Lauderdale Oval.

Priority Weed Management

- **Needle Grass Eradication Program**

Two projects developed by committed local Glebe Hill and Rosny and Montagu Bay Landcare Groups were funded through the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) Weed Action Fund Round 1 Grants. These projects involved consultants extensively surveying Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve for Texas needle grass, combined with Rosny Hill Bushland Reserve and Rosny/Montagu Bay Foreshore Reserve for Chilean needle grass.

At Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve, no further infestations were recorded other than those already under management which was a positive result for the local landcare group and the natural values of Glebe Hill Bushland Reserve.

At Rosny Hill and Rosny/Montagu Bay Foreshore Reserve, there were a few range extensions within known population sites of Chilean needle grass along Bastick Street, Balaka Street and Rosny Esplanade that will be included in management areas for the 2020/2021 management program.

On a positive note, there were no additional sites identified within Rosny Hill Nature Recreation Area other than those already under management. One historical record from 2007 has not been observed in recent years and was also not rediscovered during this survey which demonstrates that local eradication is possible with ongoing monitoring, vigilance and treatment.

Other Priority Declared Weed Programs

- **Viper's Bugloss**

Viper's bugloss (a Priority 2 weed under the Clarence Weed Strategy 2016-2030) control was undertaken at all known roadside populations within the municipality including Cambridge Park, Grahams Road, Centauri Drive and Canopus Drive in the Mount Rumney area. Control was also undertaken along the section of Tangara Trail between Grahams Road and Alliance Drive and in Canopus-Centauri Bushland Reserve.

The Viper's bugloss population at Cremorne along the Cremorne Coastal Reserve was manually removed due to flowering and post-flowering plants being present, but it was too late in the season for successful herbicide treatment to be undertaken. The adjoining Cremorne Nature Reserve (managed by Parks and Wildlife Service) was also not treated due to timing issues and missing the window for effective herbicide application. A joint program between PWS and Council will be implemented in spring (October – November) 2020 to ensure that all Viper's bugloss plants are treated at the rosette stage prior to flowering for effective broadscale control.

- **St John's Wort**

A final extra sweep was undertaken across all St John's wort sites due to significant late season germination, growth and flowering at some key sites including Sugarloaf Road Risdon Vale, Rosny Park Golf Course (see Figure 4) and Gellibrand Drive, Sandford. The control season has spread out over three months, much longer than previous years' but by following up at all sites over three control events, it has enabled good control of early and late season flowering, which will most likely result in significant reduction in plant numbers next season.



Figure 4 – Very late season flowering St John's wort on shared-use path edge along embankment above Kangaroo Bay Rivulet track adjacent to Rosny Park Golf Course.

Since last quarter there has been one new infestation of St John's wort identified within the Clarence Municipality located between Brinktop Bushland Reserve and the Richmond township on a roadside track which was treated immediately by the contractor who found it and it will be incorporated into the 2020/2021 management program.

- **Pampas Grass**

Known pampas grass sites on Council managed land were revisited during March 2020 to monitor success of previous years' treatment and to plan for control activities to occur in April and May 2020. A number of sites, including Natone Hill Bushland Reserve and Bedlam Walls had no regrowth from treated infestations.

Monitoring and control will continue in April and May, including following up with private landowners with pampas grass infestations on their land with a focus on known hotspots at Flagstaff Gully, Bedlam Walls, Mornington Industrial Estate, Gellibrand Drive Sandford and Clifton Beach areas.

- **Blessington Street Coastal Reserve**

A thorough "sweep through" for weeds was conducted along the Blessington Street Coastal Reserve by contractors. Boneseed and African boxthorn were the two main weeds treated, but many garden escapes or environmental weeds have established that will need to be controlled into the future.

- **New Discoveries**

Golden wreath wattle (*Acacia saligna*) is a non-declared weed, but highly invasive environmental weed that has recently been identified along the verge of the Tasman Highway, Mornington (Department of State Growth) and on the Rosny Park Golf Course, Rosny Park. Golden wreath wattle has been identified in neighbouring municipalities such as Glenorchy and due to its impacts in mainland states is considered a high priority environmental weed to eradicate at early stages of invasion. Control will be incorporated into general woody weed control of the Rosny golf course area.

One-leaf cape tulip (*Moraea flaccida* – a declared weed under the Weed Management Act 1999) was re-discovered at Gellibrand Drive, Sandford in flower during October 2019 (see Figure 5; Note: This was not reported in the previous Quarterly Report) and was subsequently manually removed by contractors at the time. It was first recorded at that site in 2014 but had not been observed since initial discovery and primary removal.

It is the only known population of this invasive species outside of the garden setting in southern Tasmania and currently not prioritised under the Clarence Weed Strategy 2016-2030.



Figure 5 - One-leaf cape tulip growing along Gellibrand Drive, Sandford

Wetland/Storm Water Retention Basins

- **Kangaroo Bay Bioretention Basins**

The two bioretention basins at Kangaroo Bay received some much needed maintenance. Weeds and grass were hand weeded from the basins and rubbish was removed.

- **Cambridge Park Wetland and Entura Wetland**

Contractors were engaged to treat cumbungi growing in Cambridge Park Wetland and the wetland at Entura, which is part of the local stormwater system. The method of wiping leaf blades with herbicide registered for use in waterways is showing very promising results. It is hoped that another several years of follow up will lead to eradication in some wetlands, including those in Cambridge Park.

Climate Change Initiatives

A nation leading specialist consultant, Donovan Burton, has been appointed to produce Council's Plan for Adapting to Climate Change. As one of the first steps, Donovan Burton, of Climate Planning, has interviewed staff from every department within Council. Staff discussed what the highest climate change risks are for their department and what are the priority actions needed to address these risks. For example, the increased risk of more intense rain events would mean that stormwater infrastructure would need to be designed and constructed to cope with heavier storm water flows to minimise flooding events. The consultation, along with other aspects of the project, was disrupted by COVID-19 and thus interviews were conducted on the telephone rather than in person.

The company "I Want Energy" has been chosen to install the electric vehicle charging station at the Council Chambers. Completion of the electrical work needed to install the station has been postponed due to the public health emergency.

Schools Landcare Support Program

- **Cottage School Landcare**

Planning to construct and develop some bandicoot refuges about Wentworth Park was being planned with Cottage School in Bellerive before COVID-19 disrupted schools in March. This project will be re-visited once students return to school in the future.

Clean up Australia Day 2020

Clean up Australia Day 2020 was a huge success in Clarence. It has been estimated that 2,500 people in Clarence volunteered their time to help clean up areas within the Clarence Municipality. Below are some figures associated with clean events held in Clarence for 2020:

- total tonnes of waste collected: 16.22 T;
- motor vehicle tyres collected and recycled: 592;
- total number of registered sites: 38;

- total number of community groups participating: 23;
- total number of school/youth groups participating: 13; and
- total number of business groups participating: 3.

Veolia were again very generous with their resources and provided a total of nine skip bins around key sites within the Clarence Municipality (these skips were provided at the request of participating groups). **Figure 6** displays a skip bin filled with waste by Mt Rumney Landcare who also collected many tyres for recycling.

A large event was held about the Clarence Plains Area this year organised by Mission Australia and Council. Both Rokeby and Clarendon Vale were “scouted” for rubbish with two 20 M³ skip bins filled with waste by the end of the day. Well over 100 tyres were collected for recycling.



Figure 6 – Rubbish and Tyres Collected by Mt Rumney Landcare

Prison Program Project

- **Potter’s Hill Labyrinth**

The Prison Crew has constructed a dolerite rock and limestone gravel labyrinth at the top of Potter’s Hill, South Arm (see Figure 7).



Figure 7 – Rock Labyrinth constructed by Prison Crew at Potter’s Hill Reserve

Extensive consultation was done with interested locals to design and construct the structure which replaced a smaller labyrinth originally installed by local residents.

The rocks are buried into the ground significantly to make the structure strong and less prone to vandalism.

An opening day was planned for late April but has been postponed due to Covid-19.

- **Lower Carella Gully Reserve**

The Prison Crew have also done extensive work at Lower Carella Gully building several dry mudstone retaining walls. One of the walls is shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8 – Mudstone retaining wall at Lower Carella Gully Reserve

The crew was able to collect several larger mudstone pieces that have been dug into the ground for seating at several locations within the reserve.

4. DESIGN AND INVESTIGATION WORK IN PROGRESS

Nil.

5. GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Committee Meeting

There was no meeting held in this quarter. The next committee meeting is unknown as this stage due to current COVID-19 restrictions.

6. EXTERNAL LIAISON

Nil.

Attachments: Nil

Alderman Beth Warren
CHAIRPERSON

11. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**11.1 ***WEEKLY BRIEFING REPORTS**

The Weekly Briefing Reports of 27 April and 4 and 11 May 2020 have been circulated to Aldermen.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information contained in the Weekly Briefing Reports of 27 April and 4 and 11 May 2020 be noted.

11.2 DETERMINATION ON PETITIONS TABLED AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**11.2.1 PETITION – TREE REMOVAL - 15 HILL STREET, BELLERIVE**

(ECM 3798377)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**PURPOSE**

To consider the petition tabled at Council's Meeting on 6 April 2020 from 44 signatories requesting the removal of a eucalypt tree located in the road reserve adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2016-2026 and Management of Trees on Council Land Policy are relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1993 requires Council to formally consider petitions within 42 days of the petition being tabled at a Council Meeting.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with residents was undertaken in September 2019 when the initial application to remove the tree was received. Twenty-two neighbours were contacted, and six responses received. Of the responses received, two supported the application to remove the tree, three were against removal of the tree and one was inconclusive.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The removal of this tree and replanting with an appropriate tree is estimated at around \$2,000 and can be funded from the Natural Environment Programme.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- A. Notes the petition.
- B. Notes the General Manager's advice that the petition complies with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (Tas).
- C. Determines that the eucalypt tree adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive be retained as the tree is healthy, stable and significant to the landscape.
- D. Authorises the General Manager to write to petitioners advising of its decision.

PETITION – TREE REMOVAL - 15 HILL STREET, BELLERIVE /contd...

ASSOCIATED REPORT**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1.** A petition containing 44 signatures was tabled at Council's Meeting held on Monday, 6 April 2020 requesting Council to: *"replace the large eucalypt tree on the Council land outside 15 Hill Street Bellerive with a more suitable species"*.
- 1.2.** An email from a nearby resident was also received on 16 March 2020 requesting that the subject tree not be removed.
- 1.3.** A recent photograph of the subject tree forms **Attachment 1**.

2. REPORT IN DETAIL

- 2.1.** An application was received to remove a *Eucalyptus Amygdalina* tree on Council land adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive on 15 July 2019.
- 2.2.** This application was assessed in accordance with Council's Management of Trees on Council Land Policy, adopted October 2015.
- 2.3.** The application was the subject of a Briefing Report to Aldermen on 5 August 2019 (**Attachment 2**).
- 2.4.** The Briefing Report included an Arborist report which identified the tree as being mature and healthy, stable and sound with good branch architecture. From a risk perspective the only requirement to undertake work was the removal of a small hanger over the path to the house. This work was subsequently completed.
- 2.5.** As the tree is healthy and stable and significant to the landscape, the request to remove was refused.

2.6. The applicant was subsequently advised of the decision to refuse the application to remove the tree on 27 September 2019.

2.7. A new application to remove the tree was received on 10 January 2020. As the application was also to remove the subject tree, and the matter had only recently been assessed, the application was refused.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1. Community Consultation Undertaken

Consultation was undertaken with the twenty-two neighbours when the initial request to remove the tree was received in July 2019. Six comments (included in **Attachment 2**) were received; two residents supporting the removal of the tree and three residents supporting the retention of the tree. The remaining resident was non-committal in their response.

3.2. State/Local Government Protocol

Nil.

3.3. Other

Nil.

3.4 Further Community Consultation

Community consultation was undertaken in August 2019 in accordance with Council's Management of Trees on Council Land Policy.

- **Consultation Plan**

Nil.

- **Consultation Aim**

Nil.

- **Community Engagement Tools**

Nil.

- **Consultation Timing**

Nil.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1.** Council's Strategic Plan 2016-2026 Environmentally Responsible City goal states:

“Clarence is a city that values its natural environment and seeks to protect, manage, and enhance its natural assets for the long term environmental, social and economic benefit of the community”.

- 4.2.** Council's Management of Trees on Council Land Policy has an objective:

“Street and reserve trees contribute to the appearance of the City through their aesthetic value by providing identity and character. In addition, trees positively contribute to the City's environment by absorbing heat, providing shade, reducing solar radiation, providing habitat to fauna and flora, utilising storm water run-off, maximising carbon storage and assisting in air purification”.

5. EXTERNAL IMPACTS

Not applicable.

6. RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1.** Council must determine any action to be taken in respect of the petition within 42 days after tabling of the petition.
- 6.2.** It is possible the tree roots may cause some deformation to the paving steps.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should it be determined that removal of this tree and replanting with another appropriate tree is required, the cost is estimated at around \$2,000 and can be funded from the Natural Environment Programme.

8. ANY OTHER UNIQUE ISSUES

Nil.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1. The Arborist report has identified the tree as being mature and healthy, stable and sound with good branch architecture, and from a risk perspective the only requirement was to undertake work to remove a small hanger over the path to the house. This work has been completed.

9.2. As the tree is healthy and stable and significant to the landscape it is recommended that the request to remove again be refused.

Attachments: 1. Photograph (1)
2. Briefing Report (12)

Ross Graham
GROUP MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

Attachment 1

Recent Photograph of Eucalypt Adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive





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Memo

To: GENERAL MANAGER FOR BRIEFING REPORT

From: GROUP MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT ON APPLICATION TO REMOVE A TREE ON COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO 15 HILL STREET, BELLERIVE

Date: 5 AUGUST 2019 **REQ:** 2019-004824 **Init:** JW:TT

An application, Attachment 1, has been received to remove a Eucalyptus amygdalina tree on Council land adjacent to 15 Hill Street, Bellerive.

This application has been assessed in accordance with Council's adopted Management of Trees on Council Land Policy, adopted October 2015.

The following attachments form the basis of this report and are provided for information;

- Application, Attachment 1,
- Arborist's Report, Attachment 2,
- Internal Assessment Report Attachment 3
- Location plan Attachment 4.
- Neighbouring resident's response Attachment 5.

This Arborist report has identified the tree as being mature and healthy, stable and sound with good branch architecture, and from a risk perspective the only requirement to undertake work is the removal of a small hanger over the path to the house.

Consultation was undertaken with the twenty two neighbours, and six comments shown as Attachment 5 were received; two residents supporting the removal of the tree and three residents supporting the retention of the tree. The remaining resident was non-committal in their response.

As the tree is healthy and stable and significant to the landscape the request to remove is refused.

Following the expiration of a 4 week period from the date of this Briefing Report it is intended to advise the applicant and the neighbours that the application has been considered and the gum tree is to be retained and pruned to remove the small hanger over the path to the house.

Ross Graham

GROUP MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

Attachment 1 Application for felling trees on Council Land
Attachment 2 Arborists Assessment Report
Attachment 3 Assessment report
Attachment 4 Location Plan
Attachment 5 Resident comments

FILE: _____

APPLICATION FOR FELLING OF TREES ON COUNCIL LAND

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 15 HILL ST BELLERIVE TAS 7018

NUMBER: _____

SITE ADDRESS OF TREE/S: CORNER OF HILL & HIGH ST

BOTANICAL NAME OF TREE (if known): _____

COMMON NAME OF TREE: GUM TREE

(DETAILS OF TREE):

TRUNK DIAMETER (Measured at 1 metre above ground level): _____

HEIGHT: _____

REASONS FOR FELLING:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> unsuitability to the immediate area | <input type="checkbox"/> shading causing solar access issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> maintaining existing significant views | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significant risk to our family, property of pedestrians
perceived risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nuisance caused by significant shedding material | <input type="checkbox"/> other (details) _____ |

A sketch plan and/or photo of the location is to be submitted with this application, giving accurate measurements of the tree's distance from other structures, eg kerbs, buildings, driveways, other trees, underground services etc.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: 3/9/2019**Privacy Statement**

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Attachment 2

Tree Inspection Data

Tree No	2205	Location details	
Street No	15		
Street Name	Hill St		
Tree Type	Street		

Proximity to Services					
Date Inspected	17/7/19				
Botanical Name	E. amygdalina				
Height (m)	13	Dia. (mm)	520		
Age	mature	Condition	healthy	Life	10-15 yrs.

Hazard ID							
	Tree Form		Regrowth		Cracks		Rots & Cankers
	History		Storm dam.	X	Bark inc.		Const. injury
	Dead wood		Root dam.		Other		Poisoned

Hazard assessment	Single trunk – stumps of 2 other trunks nearby, tall re-growth off stumps, appears stable and sound; with good branch architecture – branch extending toward the house has been reduced; small hanger in lower crown over path to house (well lodged).
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Other details	
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Current Risk

Target	House	4	Size	property	POF	5	ROH	<1 in 1 million
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Recommendation	Pruning
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Recommendation comments	Remove hanger. Consider removal of the regrowth off stumps beside this tree. Due to the exposed nature of this location, there is potential for some storm damage to the crown, despite its good architecture. This has been considered and is reflected in the current risk assessment – broadly acceptable risk of harm.
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Risk after works

Target	4	Size	Property	POF	5	ROH	<1 in 1 million
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Valuation

Base	25,064	Sp	0.7	Aesth	0.7	Loc	1.5	Cond	0.8	Value	\$14,738
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Attachment 2



ASSESSMENT REPORT (Office Use Only) REQ2019-004269

TYPE OF TREE: **E. amygdalina** **15 Hill St Bellerive**

ISSUED TO ARBORIST 15/07/19 ARBORIST RECOMMENDATION: Retain

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION LETTER SENT ON 17/7/2019

POLICY CHECKLIST - INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT

No	Is part of a significant native community identified in the Natural Assets Inventory.	No	Is recognised as part of a heritage site listed under Australian or Tasmanian Heritage Register.
No	Is required to be retained as part of a Development approval.	No	Provisions of the Planning Scheme prohibit removal, or requires a permit.
No	Is listed on National Heritage Register or has historical significance	Kylie Waldron – 18 July 2019 City Planning	

POLICY CHECKLIST - ASSET MANAGEMENT

N	Is identified under the Threatened Species Protection Act	N	Is recorded as to be retained on an approved Master Streetscape Plan.
N	Is recorded as to be retained on an approved Landscape Plan.	N	Is recorded as to be retained on an approved Land Management Plan.
N	Is recorded as to be retained on an approved Bushland and Coastal Reserve Activity Plan.	N	Is within an area covered by the Regional Forest Agreement.
N	Is located on land leased by Council where land owner's authority is required.	Y	Neighbourhood opposition to removal (responses attached)

ASSESSMENT OF REQUESTED REASONS FOR FELLING:

The applicant requested that the tree be removed because of significant risk to family, property and pedestrians. As the tree is significant to the landscape and the arborist has stated that the tree is healthy and stable, the request to remove is refused and any maintenance work recommended by the arborist will be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION: Retain

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Jon Wisbey

SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATION

From the consultation undertaken 6 responses were received; 2 residents support removal, 3 residents oppose removal and one resident was non-committal to either removal or retention of the tree.

Attachment 2

Location Map



Attachment 2

Clarence City Council – Response Sheet Tree Removal on Council Land

Site Address of Tree(s):

15 Hill Street

Common Name of Tree:

Gum Tree

Reasons Given for Removal:

- ☐ unsuitability to the immediate area
- ☐ maintaining existing significant views
- ☐ nuisance caused by significant shedding material
- ☐ shading causing solar access issues
- ☒ perceived risk
- ☐ other

I wish to make the following comments in regard to the proposed removal of the tree(s) outlined above. (Use separate sheet if required)

This is an interesting letter. The Clarence Council have taken little interest in any other issues we have raised, so why bother now

(Your Details)

Name:

Address:

Signature:

Date: 22 July 2019

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Clarence City Council, PO Box 66, BORMLEY PARK, TAS 7310

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23 JUL 2019

**BY: CUSTOMER
CONTACT**

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Site Address of Tree(s):

REQ2019-004289

15 Hill Street

Common Name of Tree:

Gum Tree

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26 JUL 2019

**BY: CUSTOMER
CONTACT**

Reasons Given for Removal.

- ☐ unsuitability to the immediate area
- ☐ maintaining existing significant views
- ☐ nuisance caused by significant shedding material
- ☐ shading causing solar access issues
- ☒ perceived risk
- ☐ other

I wish to make the following comments in regard to the proposed removal of the tree(s) outlined above. (Use separate sheet if required)

I WOULD PREFER THAT THE GUM TREE REMAINS. I AM AGAINST CUTTING DOWN TREES UNLESS THEY ARE DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC AND THIS TREE LOOKS HEALTHY AND THAT AREA WOULD LOOK VERY BARE AND OPEN/SPARSE WITHOUT IT.

(Your Details)

Name:

Address:

Signature:

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Gum Tree

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7 9 JUL 2019

BY: CUSTOMER
CONTACT

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- ☐ other

I wish to make the following comments in regard to the proposed removal of the tree(s) outlined above. (Use separate sheet if required)

REASON STATED ABOVE IS AN ACCURATE
ASSESSMENT. THIS TREE COULD FALL
ACROSS THE VERY BUSY ROAD OF HILL STREET.
CAUSE DAMAGE TO HOME AT 15 HILL STREET
AND CAUSE INJURY TO PEDESTRIANS (SCHOOL
CHILDREN) WHO WALK ALONG PATHWAY TO
SCHOOL.

(Your Details)

Name:

Address:

Date:

28/7/2019

Signature:

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15 Hill Street

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Common Name of Tree:

30 JUL 2019

Gum Tree

**BY: CUSTOMER
CONTACT**

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- ☐ maintaining existing significant views
- ☐ nuisance caused by significant shedding material
- ☐ shading causing solar access issues
- ☒ perceived risk
- ☐ other

I wish to make the following comments in regard to the proposed removal of the tree(s) outlined above. (Use separate sheet if required)

Prefer the tree to remain, pruning can reduce any perceived risks and it is very important to public amenity and quality life that CCC retain + indeed increase green spaces in Clarence. Landscape corridors are essential for citizens and Birdlife – please keep the tree and prune only

(Your Details)

Name:

Address:

Signature:

Date:

28/07/2019

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- ☒ perceived risk
- ☐ other

I wish to make the following comments in regard to the proposed removal of the tree(s) outlined above. (Use separate sheet if required)

I do not see any perceived risks. The tree doesn't look that old and it fits in well with the neighbourhood.
I am sure some endangered species would be displaced like the orange bellied parrot or the giant freshwater crayfish.

(Your Details)

Name:

Address:

Signature:

Date: 7/12

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- ☐ other

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30 JUL 2019
BY: CUSTOMER
CONTACT

I wish to make the following comments in regard to the proposed removal of the tree(s) outlined above. (Use separate sheet if required)

..... looks a good idea to remove due to damage
..... that branches/tree could cause in a storm etc
.....
.....
.....
.....

(Your Details)

Name:

Address:
.....

Signature:

Date: 27/7/19

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11.3 PLANNING AUTHORITY MATTERS

Nil Items.

11.4 CUSTOMER SERVICE

Nil Items.

11.5 ASSET MANAGEMENT**11.5.1 GORDONS HILL ROAD FOOTPATH, LINDISFARNE AND OCEANA DRIVE FOOTPATH AND RETAINING WALL PROJECT, TRANMERE - AMENDMENTS TO 2019/2020 ROADS CAPITAL BUDGET**

(ECM 3799580)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**PURPOSE**

To approve amendments to the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget by reallocating funds to the Budget Estimates of the Gordons Hill Road Footpath, Lindisfarne and Oceana Drive footpath and retaining wall project, Tranmere.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Strategic Plan 2016-2026 is relevant.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Approval of the reallocation of funds requires a simple majority of Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, s.82(5).

CONSULTATION

No public consultation has occurred in relation to the proposed budget changes. However, Council will send letters to the immediate nearby residents informing them of the intended works. Council's works crew will also undertake further consultation with residents prior to works starting on-site.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed reallocation of funds will not result in any overall change to the Roads Capital Budget. The funding changes relate to individual project budgets within the overall Roads Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

Approves the reallocation of funds from the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget as follows:

- Allocate funds totalling \$70,000 to the Gordons Hill Road footpath project from savings in:
 - the Vienne Drive, Howrah retaining wall project; \$26,883
 - the Middle Tea Tree Road reconstruction project. \$43,117
- Allocate funds totalling \$100,000 to the Oceana Drive, Tranmere footpath project from the Roads Major Dig-out programme.

GORDONS HILL ROAD FOOTPATH, LINDISFARNE AND OCEANA DRIVE FOOTPATH AND RETAINING WALL PROJECT, TRANMERE - AMENDMENTS TO 2019/2020 ROADS CAPITAL BUDGET /contd...

ASSOCIATED REPORT**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1. Council has allocated budgets in the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget for projects of defined scope, based on estimates of costs at the time of the budget preparation.

1.2. The working budgets for Council to consider are prepared on basic construction estimates at the time. Following budget approval, detailed investigation and design is undertaken where existing services are located, existing ground conditions are confirmed, and the road reservation is evaluated to make the necessary upgrade compliant to current standards. At times this reveals a greater scope of work is required compared to the original budget estimate. This has happened for two 2019/2020 approved projects being:

- Gordons Hill Road footpath, Lindisfarne – construct a sealed footpath from Excalibur Place to Cedar Street; and
- Oceana Drive, Tranmere – construct a concrete footpath, new retaining wall with safety fencing and kerb ramps for the crossing point at Tranmere Road.

2. REPORT IN DETAIL

2.1. Council's engineers and technical design officers have designed the Gordons Hill Road footpath and Oceana Drive footpath projects ready for construction. Both projects require additional funding to achieve the required scope of work necessary to complete the projects as being fit for purpose. Details of the additional scope and funding are as follows.

- 2.2.** Gordons Hill Road Footpath, approved budget \$100,000 – this project involves the construction of 230m length of new footpath between Excalibur Place and Cedar Street, Lindisfarne. The initial estimate was based on an asphalt footpath; however, the final design requires minor retaining walls and for durability reasons it is recommended the path be constructed of concrete. In addition, considering necessary traffic management and personnel management of workers on-site required for COVID-19 distancing requirements, the final estimate is \$170,000. A plan of the proposed works is **Attachment 1**.

It is proposed the additional funds for this project be sourced from reallocating savings from two completed projects being:

- Vienne Drive, Howrah retaining wall project completed with a saving of \$26,883; and
- the remaining funds from Middle Tea Tree Road reconstruction project completed with a saving of \$61,014. An amount of \$43,117 is proposed to be reallocated from the savings on this project.

- 2.3.** Oceana Drive, Tranmere footpath and new retaining wall, approved budget \$120,000 – the purpose of this project is to provide a continuation of the shared path through the recently connected section of Oceana Drive, near the junction with Tranmere Road. In undertaking the detailed design of the works, it was identified that rather than constructing a new retaining wall, there is sufficient width in the road reserve to accommodate a fill batter. While this potentially reduces the cost of the works, it was found that a significant area of the existing road pavement has settled and needs reconstruction, including replacement of the kerb and channel. The revised scope of works includes pavement reconstruction, fill embankment, new footpath and kerb ramps. The revised estimate to complete both the shared path and the pavement works is \$220,000. A plan of the proposed works is **Attachment 2**.

It is proposed the additional \$100,000 funds for this project be sourced from the 2019/2020 roads major dig-out programme as the majority of the additional works is pavement reconstruction.

- 2.4.** Both projects are shovel ready for our crew to undertake the work. Once the budget amendments are approved our depot will schedule a time for a relevant crew to commence the work and the immediate adjacent residents will be informed of the project and timing of on-site works.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1. Community Consultation

No community consultation is required for proposed budget reallocations. Internal consultation has been undertaken with Council's Chief Financial Officer.

3.2. State/Local Government Protocol

Nil.

3.3. Other

Nil.

3.4 Further Community Consultation

Council's works crew will undertake further consultation with residents prior to works starting on-site as set out in the tender documentation and in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Strategic Plan 2016/2026 within the Goal Area *A Well-Planned Liveable City* contains the following Strategy to: *"Develop and implement traffic management plans to enhance connectivity and improve road safety"*.

5. EXTERNAL IMPACTS

Nil.

6. RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The purpose of these two projects is to provide safe pedestrian connectivity.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.** Council has approved, in the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget, an amount of \$100,000 to the “Gordons Hill Road footpath, Lindisfarne” project. The revised budget estimate to complete the project is \$170,000.
- 7.2.** The proposal is to reallocate savings from completed roads projects being \$26,883 from Vienne Drive, Howrah retaining wall and \$43,117 from Middle Tea Tree Road reconstruction.
- 7.3.** Council has approved, in the 2019/2020 Roads Capital Budget, an amount of \$120,000 to the “Oceana Drive, Tranmere footpath and new retaining wall” project. The revised budget estimate to complete the project is \$220,000.
- 7.4.** The proposal is to allocate \$100,000 from the 2019/2020 roads major dig-out programme. Council approved \$2,650,000 for this program and there are sufficient funds available.

8. ANY OTHER UNIQUE ISSUES

Nil.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1.** The existing \$100,000 budget for the “Gordons Hill Road footpath, Lindisfarne” project is considered insufficient to deliver the aims of the project. The updated estimate is \$170,000 and it is proposed to source the funding from savings in completed projects being \$26,883 from Vienne Drive, Howrah retaining wall and \$43,117 from Middle Tea Tree Road reconstruction.

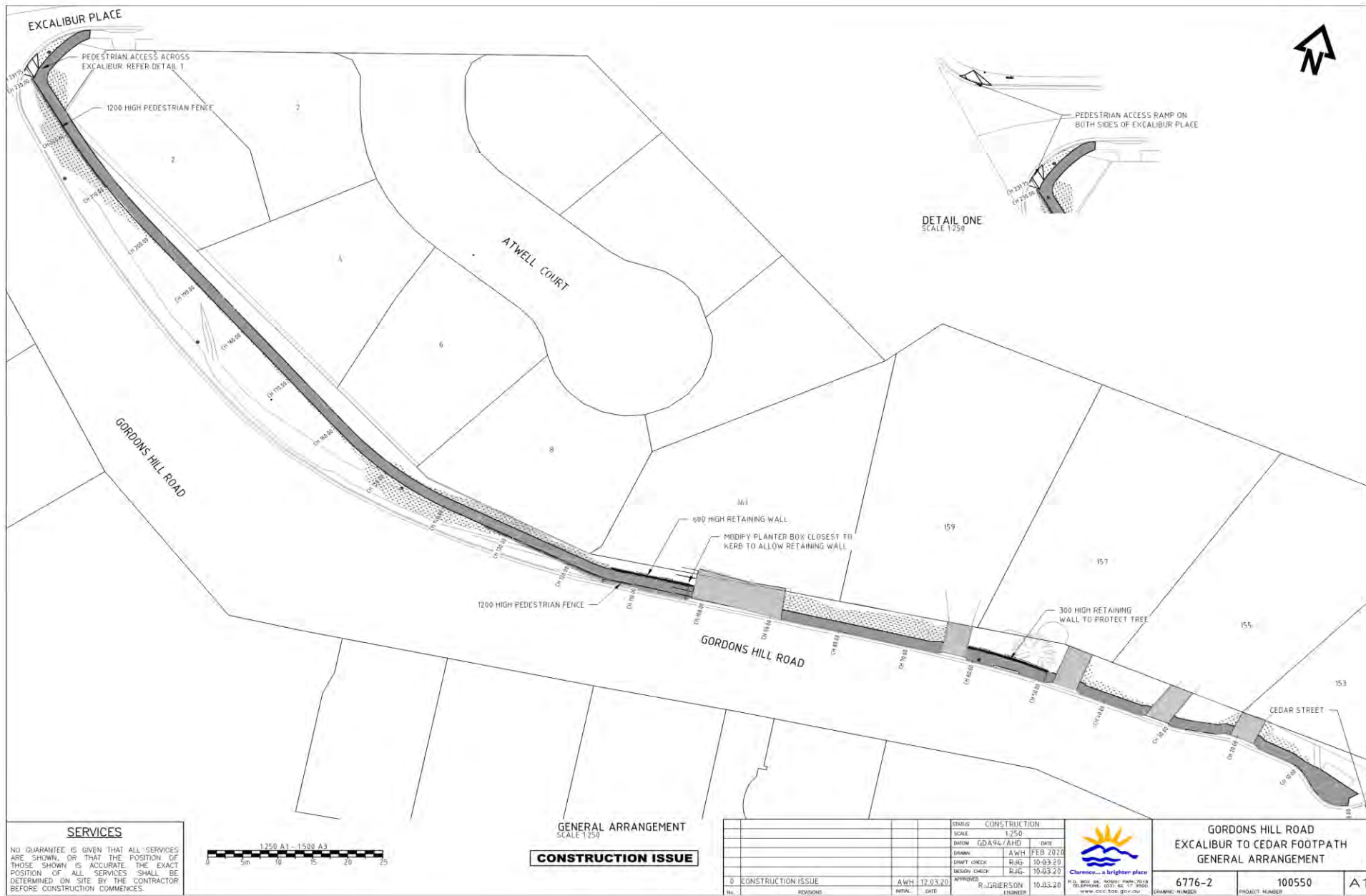
9.2. The existing \$120,000 budget for the “Oceana Drive, Tranmere footpath and new retaining wall” project is considered insufficient as settlement of the road has been observed and therefore road reconstruction with kerb and gutter replacement is required. It is considered appropriate, in this instance, to source the additional \$100,000 funds from the 2019/2020 roads major dig-out programme.

9.3. It is recommended the funding variation be approved so Council’s crews can be scheduled to undertake the works in the near future.

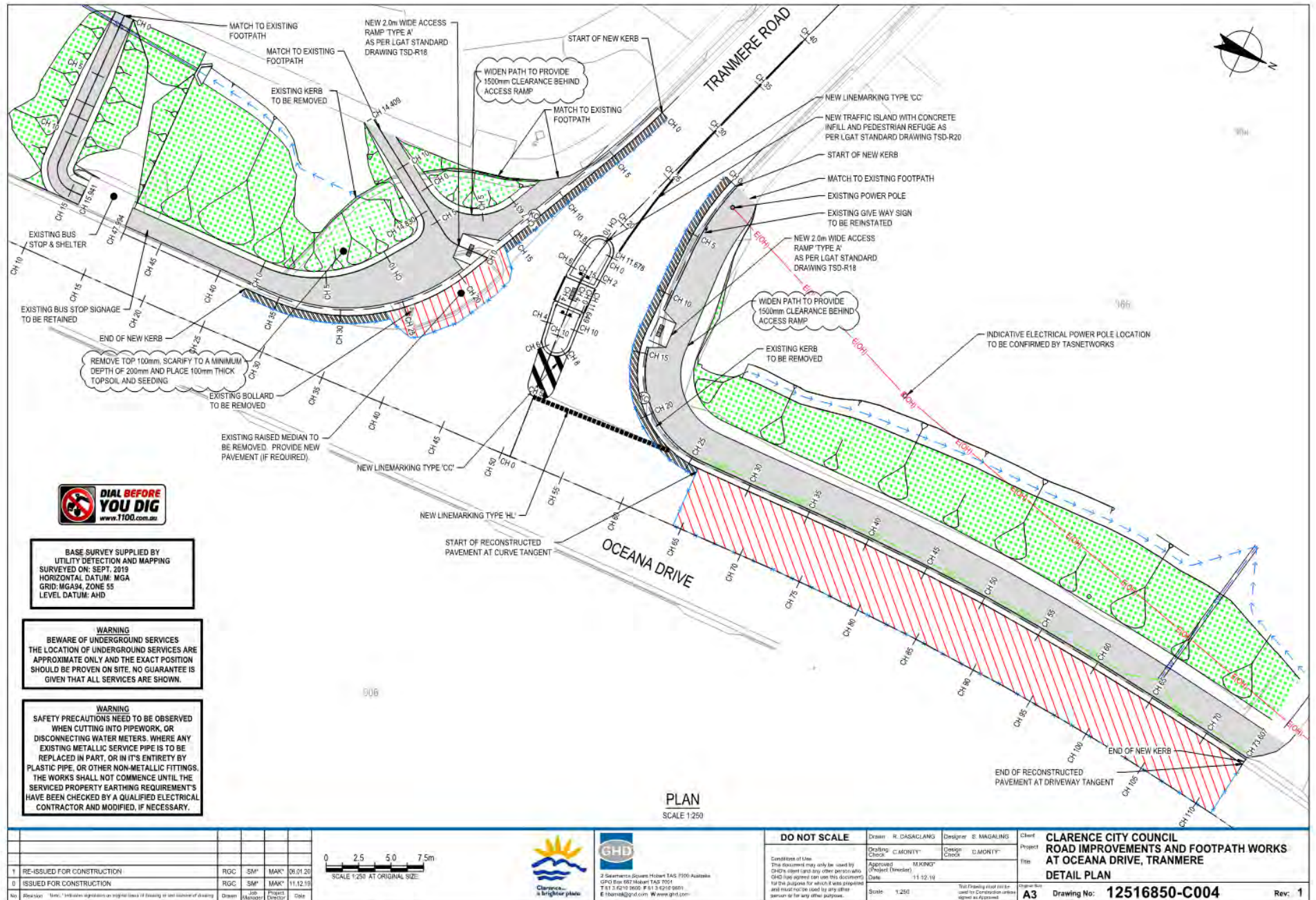
Attachments: 1. Plan of Proposed Works in Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne (1)
2. Plan of Proposed Works in Oceana Drive, Tranmere (1)

Ross Graham
GROUP MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

Attachment 1



Attachment 2



11.6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Nil Items.

11.7 GOVERNANCE**11.7.1 QUARTERLY REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2020****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider the General Manager's Quarterly Report covering the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

The Report uses as its base the Annual Plan adopted by Council and is consistent with Council's previously adopted Strategic Plan 2016-2026.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

There is no specific legislative requirement associated with regular internal reporting.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Quarterly Report provides details of Council's financial performance for the period.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quarterly Report to 31 March 2020 be received.

ASSOCIATED REPORT

The Quarterly Report to 31 March 2020 has been provided under separate cover.

Ian Nelson
GENERAL MANAGER

11.7.2 TASNETWORKS CREATION OF EASEMENTS – ATHENA DRIVE, RISDON VALE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider a request from TasNetworks to create an easement over Council's public open space at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale for the benefit of a private subdivision development at Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

As the proposed creation of easement represents a transaction of an interest in Council land, this decision is required to be dealt with under the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and requires an Absolute Majority decision of Council.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred between Council officers, TasNetworks and the private developer.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the establishment of the easement will be borne by the Owner of the private sub-division and will not impact on Council's Annual Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That Council approves the request from TasNetworks and endorses the creation of electricity easements over public open space at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale.
- B. That all costs associated with the creation of the easement, including compensation as determined by the Valuer-General, Council's legal costs and valuation fee, are to be borne by the owner of the land at 170 Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale.

NB: An absolute Majority is required for a decision on this item.

ASSOCIATED REPORT**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1.** In 2012, Council approved a staged development of land at 170 Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale.

- 1.2.** The Owner has requested Council to approve the creation of an electricity easement in favour of TasNetworks over public open space at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale.
- 1.3.** Council approval is required to create an easement on the titles for the Council land to formalise the construction and future maintenance of the electricity infrastructure in favour of TasNetworks.

2. REPORT IN DETAIL

- 2.1.** Since 2012, Council has approved a staged subdivision for land at 170 Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale.
- 2.2.** The Owner wrote to Council in December 2019 to request approval for an electricity easement to be created in favour of TasNetworks for existing infrastructure at 21 Athena Drive and proposed infrastructure at 74a Athena Drive.
- 2.3.** The Council land at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale transferred to Council on 12 July 2019 and is dedicated as public open space on title.
- 2.4.** The title for 21 Athena Drive is currently encumbered by a storm water drainage easement in favour of Council and a pipeline easement in favour of TasWater. The title for 74a Athena Drive is currently unencumbered.
- 2.5.** Council responded to the Owner and advised that granting of an easement over Council public land triggers the same statutory requirements as would disposal of land. It is necessary for Council to formally consider the easement creation and that the Valuer General is required to assess whether there is any compensation payable to Council.
- 2.6.** As the easement creation is for a private benefit all costs associated with the creation of the easement on title, it has been Council's long-established practice to require payment of compensation by the Owner.

- 2.7.** The Owner has agreed to accept all costs associated with the creation of the easement on titles including compensation, valuation costs etc.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1. Community Consultation Undertaken

Nil.

3.2. State/Local Government Protocol

Nil.

3.3. Other

Consultation has occurred between Council officers, TasNetworks and the Owner.

3.4. Further Community Consultation

Not applicable.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

5. EXTERNAL IMPACTS

Nil.

6. RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As the proposed creation of an easement represents a transaction of an interest in Council land, this decision is required to be dealt with under the Local Government Act 1993 (Tas) and requires an Absolute Majority decision of Council.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the establishment of the easement will be borne by the Owner and will not impact on Council's Annual Plan and Estimates.

8. ANY OTHER UNIQUE ISSUES

None identified.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1. Council owns public open space at 21 and 74a Athena Drive, Risdon Vale which was obtained through a sub-division. The title for 21 is currently encumbered with easements in favour of Council and TasWater.

9.2. The Owner of the land at 170 Sugarloaf Road, Risdon Vale has requested Council approval be given to the creation of an easement in favour of TasNetworks on the titles for the Council land for existing infrastructure within 21 Athena Drive and future infrastructure on 74a Athena Drive.

9.3. The creation of the easement is supported on the basis that the Owner pays the compensation and costs associated with the construction of the electricity easement and creation of the easement on title to the satisfaction of TasNetworks.

Attachments: 1. Aerial Photograph of Council Land (1)
2. Plan Showing Proposed Easement (1)

Ian Nelson
GENERAL MANAGER

Aerial Photograph. 21 & 74a Athena Drive

ATTACHMENT 1



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SITE ACCESS

ROAD RESERVE & CIVIL CONSTRUCTION SITE
DEVELOPER - SUGARLOAF HEIGHTS P/L
CONSULTANT - POORTENAAAR CONSULTING
NAME - HEIN POORTENAAAR - 0448 440 346
CUSTOMER CASE NUMBER - CS19-3779

Area of Easement
21 Athena Drive - 154m²
74 Athena Drive - 87m²

SERVICE CONGESTION. TURRET
TO BE LOCATED AS CLOSE AS
POSSIBLE TO PROPERTY BOUNDARY
TO AVOID NEARBY UG WATER MAIN
REFER NOTE 7 SHEET 3

ESTABLISHED P.O.S.

SERVICE CONGESTION TURRET
TO BE LOCATED AS CLOSE AS
POSSIBLE TO PROPERTY BOUNDARY
TO AVOID NEARBY UG WATER MAIN
REFER NOTE 7 SHEET 003 WITH REDUCED
OFFSET TO DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

GENERAL NOTES

1. DEVELOPER TO ENSURE 2.0m MIN BETWEEN DRIVEWAYS
WHERE TURRETS ARE TO BE LOCATED.

LEGEND



DETAIL 3

SCALE 1:100

SWITCHING STATION LOCATION

DETAIL 2

SCALE 1:1000

NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
PRELIMINARY

READ IN CONJUNCTION
WITH SHEETS 003, 004, 005 &
O/H WORKS 006

DETAIL 1

SCALE 1:250

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11.7.3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE – NATONE HILL AND GORDONS HILL ROAD, LINDISFARNE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To consider a request from Telstra Corporation Ltd to renew leases of Council land for telecommunications sites at Natone Hill and 95a Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Council's Leased Facilities Pricing and Term of Lease Policy is applicable.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

As the renewal of leases is a transaction of an interest in Council land, this decision is required to be dealt with under the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) and requires an Absolute Majority decision of Council.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred between Council officers and Telstra's representative.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the renewal of these leases should be borne by the beneficiary and will not impact on the Annual Plan. The leasing of these sites will continue to provide revenue to Council in the order of \$21,855 per annum plus annual 3% adjustments.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council gives notice of intention to renew the lease at Natone Hill and 95a Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne for the existing telecommunications sites.
- B. That once the notice of intention process to lease has been finalised and if no objections are received that Council approves the renewal of the leases with Telstra for a term of 10 years with two options of 5 years.
- C. That alternative to Recommendation "B" above, should objections be received, the proposed lease be referred to a future meeting of Council for consideration and determination.
- D. That subject to the outcome of Recommendation "B" or "C" above, whichever is applicable, the rental to apply is to commence at \$10,500 plus GST for each lease and be adjusted at a fixed rate of 3% per annum in accordance with Council's Leased Facilities Pricing and Term of Lease Policy.

NB: An Absolute Majority is required for a decision on this Matter.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE – NATONE HILL AND GORDONS HILL ROAD, LINDISFARNE /contd...

ASSOCIATED REPORT**1. BACKGROUND**

A request has been received from Telstra Corporation Ltd (Telstra) to renew Leases over Council land at Natone Hill and 95a Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne for existing telecommunications sites.

2. REPORT IN DETAIL

2.1. Council has leased the existing Telstra telecommunications sites since 1996 with the existing leases due to expire on 30 April 2021.

2.2. Telstra has requested that Council considers the renewal of the leases for a term of 10 years with an option for two further terms of 5 years to maintain existing telecommunications towers on Council land at Natone Hill and 95a Gordons Hill Road, Lindisfarne.

2.3. The Council land the telecommunications sites are situated on are classified as “public land” in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2.4. In 2011, Council advertised its intention to lease public land to Telstra and no objections were received. It will be necessary to re-advertise Council’s intention to renew the leases in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

3. CONSULTATION**3.1. Community Consultation Undertaken**

Nil.

3.2. State/Local Government Protocol

Not applicable.

3.3. Other

Consultation has occurred between Council officers and Telstra's representatives.

3.4. Further Community Consultation

The disposal of public land by leasing is required to follow a set statutory process. The following outlines the process required:

- a Council resolution by absolute majority is required;
- Council is to publish its intention in the daily newspaper on two separate occasions;
- Council is to notify the public that objections may be made to the Council within 21 days;
- if Council does not receive any objections it may lease or otherwise dispose of the land;
- if Council receives any objections it must consider any objections received and advise the objector of its decision;
- the objector may appeal to the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal (RMPAT) against Council's decision within 14 days; and
- the RMPAT decision on the appeal is final and neither party can appeal further, as the legislation prohibits an appeal to the Supreme Court.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The re-leasing of these sites will not have any implications on Council's Strategic Plan or any adopted policies and the general public's use of the land.

5. EXTERNAL IMPACTS

Nil.

6. RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The disposal of land is subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as outlined in Section 3.4.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

8. ANY OTHER UNIQUE ISSUES

Nil.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1. The Local Government Act 1993 requires that Council disposes of any land by lease in accordance with the Act. For public land this requires Council to give notice of its intention to lease.

9.2. Once the notice of intention process to lease has been finalised and if no objections are received, it is recommended that the renewal of the leases with Telstra be finalised.

Attachments: Nil

Ian Nelson
GENERAL MANAGER

11.7.4 COVID-19 – CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE – STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****PURPOSE**

To provide an update on Council's COVID-19 response for the 22 April to 13 May 2020.

RELATION TO EXISTING POLICY/PLANS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (Tas) and the *Local Government Act 1993* (Tas) are relevant.

CONSULTATION

Council, via the Mayor and key Council staff, has been keeping the Clarence community updated in relation to the evolving issues and responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic response are being closely monitored and are reported to council at each Council meeting via this report during the pandemic crisis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes this COVID-19 Response status report for the period 22 April to 13 May 2020.

ASSOCIATED REPORT**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1.** The COVID-19 pandemic crisis evolved rapidly but has started to stabilise as infection rates come under control because of restrictions put in place by the Tasmanian Government. Those restrictions are planned to ease over coming weeks subject to infection rates remaining under control. The community impact because of restrictions has been economically and socially significant.
- 1.2.** Council's Business Continuity and Recovery Planning Policy (BCRP) remains active.

- 1.3.** On 6 April 2020, Council approved its COVID-19 community support package. Recommendation D empowered the General Manager to take all further actions necessary to continue to address the pandemic crisis and specified several specific matters. This report provides an update on actions taken since the pandemic crisis was declared, and includes a report on additional expenditure in accordance with dot point 1 of Recommendation D.

2. REPORT IN DETAIL

Since 21 April 2020, the following actions have been undertaken:

- Council's COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy has been included on Council's website and promoted via Facebook and other media. To date, 35 applications have been received. These applications are being assessed and finalised.
- Clarence Social Recovery Committee been activated. The Social Recovery Committee is an element of the Tasmanian emergency management response and works directly with the Southern Region Social Response Committee. John Toohey has been appointed as Municipal Recovery Coordinator, with Leah Page as Deputy Coordinator.
- There have been two staff stand downs comprising casual staff at the Howrah Community Centre. This is due to the closure of the Centre.
- Council staff have continued to implement flexible work arrangements aimed at maintaining services to the community. Many council office staff continue to work from home, with Council's outdoor workforce continuing to work safely via the application of social distancing and other measures.
- Staff have commenced preparation of a COVID-19 Safety Plan to outline how, as COVID-19 restrictions are gradually relaxed, we adapt and promote safe work practices consistent with advice from health authorities. This plan will provide guidance as we work towards "Business as Usual" when it is considered safe to do so.
- We are also developing plans for a staged reopening of council facilities in line with Department of Health guidelines. These plans will apply to council-controlled facilities. Where facilities are leased or under control of other organisations, council staff will provide oversight and assistance as appropriate.

- Notices issued by the Tasmanian Government in accordance with the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (Tas) have been implemented and continue to apply.
- Council engineers are continuing to complete 2019/2020 designs to provide a pipeline of construction work to our crew and local contractors.
- Closed and social distancing signage installed at the entry of our parks and trails has been frequently damaged or removed. This has required considerable effort from our crews to maintain. As restrictions ease signage is being reviewed and/or removed as appropriate.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional cleaning services were initiated to our more frequented public toilets to address hygiene concerns. In April 2020 this resulted in an additional cost of \$34,000. As restrictions are being relaxed, the frequency of the cleaning will gradually transition back toward normal service levels. We are reviewing the Facilities Management operational budget to try and plan for no overall deficit at the end of the financial year.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1. Community Consultation Undertaken

Via Council's website, Facebook page and other media, the following communications have been undertaken for the period:

- 2 Mayors messages
- 30 Facebook posts
- 3 media releases

3.2. State/Local Government Protocol

Ongoing consultation is occurring with the Tasmanian Government in respect to community restrictions, statutory notices and other legislative requirements impacted by the current crisis, and support measures available to local government and the wider community.

3.3. Other

Consultation is continuing with the Australian and Tasmanian Governments via the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).

3.4. Further Community Consultation

Council, via regular Mayoral communications, continues to communicate with the Clarence community on a regular basis.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The current crisis will be a disruptive influence upon Council's Strategic Plan, 10 Year Financial Plan and a range of other plans for a significant period, measured in years. A substantial review of these plans will be required following the crisis.

5. EXTERNAL IMPACTS

Nil

6. RISK AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Further to Ald James' question in respect to my previous report, the IS Team provided the equivalent of 56 days of staff time to respond to the COVID crisis and transition staff to work from home arrangements. There was a total of 90 days of staff work time available for the period.

7.2. Additional expenditure of \$34,000 has arisen in respect to additional cleaning of public toilets. It is hoped that this additional cost can be contained within the current budget allocation.

7.3. All other expenditure has been within the approved Estimates.

8. ANY OTHER UNIQUE ISSUES

Nil.

9. CONCLUSION

This report provides a high-level update on COVID-19 related decisions and activities by council staff since the last council meeting.

Attachments: Nil

Ian Nelson
GENERAL MANAGER

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 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Ald Walker

1. In regard to the Victoria Esplanade Master Plan and previous advice that a workshop is imminent, given the environment I totally accept why that may not have occurred yet but it is an important project. I wonder if that is something that will be coming before us soon.

ANSWER

The General Manager is collating a list of workshops because there is a large bank of them and we need budget time as well. All the managers are giving the General Manager a list of what might be considered important for Council to consider in terms of workshops and timing.

2. Regarding outside organisations that we provide funding for, or are members of, have any discussions been had around how they might change their format to reduce the funds from us and other Councils and could an Alderman work with officers on this matter.

ANSWER

It is proposed that it would be one of the issues that we discuss in our recurrent budget session which is scheduled for 11 May as to which of those organisations do we want to continue with or open a line of discussion. I do not think that it is for officers to make that decision. It is certainly a matter for Council and therefore a matter for a budget workshop.

Ald von Bertouch

1. I would like to know whether we are still in the period where the Clarence City Council Business Continuity and Recovery Planning policy is enacted.

ANSWER

Yes we are. It is an interesting question in the sense that like most Business Continuity Plans they are subject to review in terms of when you would need to change tack or reduce the effort or return to a normal operating environment. I anticipate that in the next two weeks we will reach that decision point and I anticipate that will probably be linked to 15 May in the context of any decisions by the State Government regarding how the responses to the pandemic are going and whether any are going to be changed or amended or loosened. At this stage I would say there is no change in the short term, but I would anticipate the discussion about whether we need to continue in the Business Continuity mode for a longer period after that is certainly something that would be required. I would be keen to return to business as usual or as close as we can get to it as soon as possible after 15th if that is an option.

2. While we are under the Clarence City Council Business Continuity and Recovery Plan Policy and the plans associated with that policy am I correct in understanding that the elected members have no formal role in the emergency response and it is actually the leadership team that undertakes that role.

ANSWER

That is correct. The situation around the Business Continuity and Recovery Plan is all about the organisation responding quickly to a crisis and so the leadership process is abbreviated to deal with that in the context of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager forming a leadership team that can make decisions. Those decisions in quite a lot of instances are operational in nature not at a strategic or a long term level. They are all about responding to the immediate crisis that is in front of the organisation and it is all about maintaining services and continuity with the community. In the context of the leadership team that does not change fundamentally the role of the Mayor or General Manager under the Local Government Act. The General Manager still maintains responsibility for the operational conduct of the organisation and the Mayor has primary responsibility as the spokesperson for the organisation.

(Mayor)

I do not see the Business Continuity and Recovery Plan as being anything other than operational. Any matters that would normally involve the full Council I would insist coming back to and consulting with the Aldermen accordingly. The Business Continuity and Recovery Plan is structured directly at operational matters and it is only in that context that I have participated on that leadership team.

Ald Peers

1. Have we got any projects – roads, footpaths on main roads because it would be a good time to do those now while there's little traffic around.

ANSWER

A briefing listing on our current or recently completed projects has been forwarded to Aldermen.

2. I notice there is nothing happening with the Airport Roundabout. I thought this would be a great time to be doing work there. Have you heard anything?

ANSWER

It is understood that the Department of State Growth has awarded the tender to Hazell Brothers but it is a design and construct contract so there will be significant design work occurring and I would anticipate that it may need to go through a planning application as well so it is going to take some time for them to complete the design and get the necessary approvals before physical works will commence on-site.

Ald Mulder

1. Regarding the local planning provisions which were recently advertised and the time for community submissions has now well passed I understand that some of the procedures may have been impacted by the current issues but what is the process for Council dealing with those submissions and what sort of timeframe do we have?

ANSWER

That was one of the workshop items that we had listed for early April. It has clearly been delayed by the COVID-19 crisis and it is on the list of workshops to bring before Aldermen as soon as possible and hopefully during May.

2. With bringing them to the workshop is the idea that for each of the submissions or each of the local planning provisions we discuss the submissions and come back to a full Council Meeting to approve or recommend or not recommend the content of the submissions?

ANSWER

(Mayor) We would be workshopping it at least once and then coming back to a full Council Meeting to certify whatever we have done and send it back to the Commission.

Ald Kennedy

Could you give us an update on what percentage of staff are actually working from home at the moment?

ANSWER

I don't have a firm number but in terms of the staff working from the Chambers building it is in the order of probably around about 75 – 80% of all staff working from home. That fluctuates on a day to-day basis as some people need to come in, some areas have rosters so that people aren't working from home all the time. They come in and have some contact with work colleagues for different things but obviously practice social distancing and so forth. The outdoor workforce is all at work as there is obviously a limited opportunity to work from home. There are a couple of admin staff who are working from home but by and large nearly 100% of our outdoor workforce are out in the field. Within our child care and family day care operations those staff are also at work because child care is not something you can do remotely.

Ald James

1. A short while ago the Manager City Planning advised us that the appellants had to resubmit their appeal to the tribunal in relation to Rosny Hill. Are you in a position to provide us with an update on where we are with the appeal process and as to whether there's any indication when the tribunal may make a decision?

ANSWER

My recollection was that a hearing date was set down initially for 25 May, however, I understand that both the applicant and respondents, so the developer and Rosny Hill Friends Network through their lawyers, have sought an adjournment to a later time. At this point in time I do not think the Commission has determined that. We will provide an update to Aldermen as soon as we have a firm date.

2. Council passed a resolution for the Mayor to trot off to China with a letter from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania purporting to be the service provider in relation to the Kangaroo Bay hotel and training development. Given the Mayor's discussions and involvement with this can he provide Council with a definite timeline that Council did consider that that timeline will be met by Chambroad and the University of Tasmania in plans for the hotel and training facility to be provided to Council on or before October 2020?

(Mayor) Just to correct the record Council did not send me off with a letter from the Vice-Chancellor you sent me off for other purposes and I happened to carry a letter. That aside I will ask the General Manager if we have got an update in terms of the Chambroad application and when plans are to start work.

ANSWER

My understanding is that Chambroad and UTAS have been going through a detailed review of the design to make sure it is fit for purpose for the UTAS school proposal and as far as we are aware at the moment that is on track. As you will be aware, they have until October to achieve substantial commencement. We have not heard from Chambroad or UTAS that there has been any change to that plan.

Ald Ewington

Could I have an update on the status of works to repair the steps in Little Howrah Beach with all the people running up and down the beach and the stairs? I know I spoke to the General Manager quite a while ago and that there were funds sitting there for the repair and the disability access onto the beach from the zig-zag path going down to the beach.

ANSWER

We are awaiting final engineering details for the DDA ramp extension so our crew can schedule construction. We will further advise when works are planned for commencement. The existing sandstone steps are clear of vegetation for users. No further ready-maintenance can be undertaken to the sandstone.

Ald Edmunds

1. Last meeting I asked about Jobkeeper which was before the policy went through and I see that since then the CEO of the Local Government Association of Tasmania has significantly toughened her language on that. I just wondered if there was any update on the Clarence City Council's position?

ANSWER

(Mayor) Clarence City Council has not considered it since, therefore there has been no change.

2. I was on SEEK the other day and saw a Business Advisor job advertised and under the title Clarence City Council. Now I appreciate there might be some confusion about who is paying for this when it's under the umbrella of other Councils however, the title says Clarence City Council and the email address to enquire is a staff member at Clarence City Council so I just wondered in light of particularly Ald Walker's question about hiring of new staff if we could get some clarity about whether we are contributing to that or if it is the State Government or if it is shared or what the deal is?

It is the South East Region Development Association, a part time job, point 6, pro rata \$100,000 per year and it says Clarence City Council and if you want to enquire about the job you contact Clarence City Council. I am happy to put that on notice and will email the details through.

ANSWER

We are assisting SERDA to recruit this business advisor position. We are not contributing any funds for this position. Our support is in kind and through our account with Seek, for which Council pays a subscription fee. This business advisor position is totally funded through State Government and Sorell Council provide support for the position on behalf of SERDA.

SERDA is a separate organisation and Council funds SERDA projects on a case by case basis, not via an annual membership fee.

Ald Blomeley

My question is regarding the status of the Lincoln Street pedestrian safety report following our October 21 motion of last year.

ANSWER

The final report has been received by the consultants and a workshop is being prepared to be presented to Council when we get an available opportunity.

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 be recorded in the following Agenda.

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 have been 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 TENDER T1334 - TARA DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

These reports have been listed in the Closed Meeting section of the Council agenda in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulation 2015 as the detail covered in the report relates to:

- contracts and tenders for the supply of goods and services; and
- applications by Aldermen for a Leave of Absence.

Note: The decision to move into Closed Meeting requires an absolute majority of Council.

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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

“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”.