

CAPITAL city NEWS

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CITY OF HOBART PLANS BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

THE City of Hobart has endorsed the *City of Hobart Strategic Plan 2014–2019* as the Council's blueprint to help guide future decision making and ensure services are delivered efficiently and effectively.

The *City of Hobart Strategic Plan 2014–2019* is focused on achieving the best results for residents and the wider community and it will also concentrate on delivering the goals that guide the 2025 Community Vision document developed in 2006 in consultation with the community.

The new plan identifies five key priority areas for the City of Hobart over the next five years, including:

- Economic Development, Vibrancy and Culture
- Urban Management
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities
- Good Governance.



INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS: Underground tank to filter contaminants at the Council's Cleary's Gates Depot.

What does the new strategic plan mean to you?

The new plan will ensure that the City of Hobart continues to remain relevant within the community, build resilience and achieve ongoing sustainability, in particular:

- provide further opportunities to engage with the community to understand its strengths and vulnerabilities
- provide effective and efficient operations to meet community needs
- build strategic relationships at a regional, state, national and international level
- develop a city that is dynamic, vibrant and active to support business growth and investment
- manage the environment and natural resources to ensure future generations have the opportunity to appreciate and understand the values of the city's natural settings
- demonstrate a high standard of governance through good decision-making, transparency and effective communication with the community.

Achievements against the strategic plan are monitored through an Annual Plan each year and progress reports to Council and these documents are publicly available on the Council website.

The City of Hobart's new strategic plan outlines the necessary strategies to create a sustainable city, recognised nationally and internationally as a desirable destination with a strong and healthy community.

Copies of the *City of Hobart Strategic Plan 2014–2019* are available for download from the City of Hobart website, visit hobartcity.com.au/Strategic_Plan_2014-2019 ■



VIBRANCY AND CULTURE: Salamanca Market, Photo Credit: Sean Fennessy.

HOBART GIVES HARMONY DAY WELCOME

THE City of Hobart and the Hobart Networking for Harmony Advisory Group celebrated Harmony Day 2014 by hosting the Annual Welcome for International, Migrant and Humanitarian Entrant Students in the Elizabeth Mall in March.

Following eight cultural performances and the Lord Mayor's welcome, a Harmony Day procession led by the Holy Tantric Esoteric Buddhist Lion Dance Group proceeded to

the City Hall for a program of performances, human books and interactive stalls for all ages.

The message of Harmony Day 'Everyone Belongs', helps to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home and the City of Hobart has been involved in promoting the day since it began back in 1999. Over the years, Harmony Day has grown in popularity as many Tasmanians have made the day their own. ■



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HOBART BACKS RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME CAMPAIGN



CAMPAIGN: Racism. It stops with me branding will now appear on Council light vehicles, taxis and Metro buses around Hobart.

ON 17 June 2014, the City of Hobart proudly joined forces with some of Australia's leading businesses, sporting bodies and NGO's to support the national *Racism. It stops with me* campaign.

The *Racism. It stops with me* campaign aims to promote a clear understanding in the Australian community of what racism is, and how it can be reduced. The City of Hobart pledged to prevent racism by undertaking activities over the next three years to help create a community free from racism, including campaign stickers placed on all Council light vehicles.

RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

The City of Hobart aims to show leadership in helping the community reflect on what it can do to address racism wherever it may happen and create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Other official Tasmanian supporters that signed the pledge include the Office of Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Metro Tasmania, Yellow Cabs Tasmania, 131 008 Hobart, Taxi Combined Services and Glenorchy City Council.

To learn more about the *Racism. It stops with me* campaign, visit itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au

EXHIBITION SHOWCASES ARTISTS' ABILITY

THE City of Hobart recently hosted the Ability Awareness Exhibition, held between 30 May and 1 June 2014 at the Waterside Pavilion, Mawson Place.

This unique exhibition involved seven groups that showcased the diversity of work that artists with varying degrees of ability can achieve, including those living with a physical, mental and/or ageing-related disability.

The exhibition included work produced by Oak Services, Oakdale Industries, Cosmos, two community groups and two community artists, Freddy Lee-Mount and Alan Culph.



CREATIVE: Artwork displayed at the City of Hobart Ability Awareness Exhibition.

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED BY THE CITY OF HOBART

AN impressive 52 organisations were nominated for a Volunteer Recognition Award and a further nine were nominated for Awards for Best Practice in Volunteer Management as part of National Volunteer Week celebrations staged by the City of Hobart in May.

The Awards for Best Practice in Volunteer Management are presented to organisations that demonstrate best practice in coordinating, training, supporting and formally recognising volunteers, and involving them in decision making.

Best Practice Volunteer Management for an organisation with 20 or more Volunteers was awarded to Hospice Volunteers South Tas and the highly commended award was presented to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Best Practice Volunteer Management for a Community Event was awarded to the Australian Wooden Boat Festival and the highly commended award was presented to Colony 47's Community Christmas Lunch.

Volunteers make an important contribution to the Hobart community and the economy and by giving freely of their time, providing



RECOGNISED: Winners of the Best Practice Volunteer Management Community Event category, from left Cheryl Barnett and Steve Knight.

essential skills and expertise for little or no material reward.

National Volunteer Week runs annually during May and events are held throughout the state to celebrate and thank volunteers for their contributions to the community.

NEW ONLINE PORTAL FOR EASY APPLICATIONS

THE home for online access to planning, building and plumbing application details with the City of Hobart has changed.

A new e-services portal has been introduced on the City's website which gives the option of searching both current and historical planning, building and plumbing application information.

Applications currently being considered by the City can be tracked to determine their status in the process. The planning button on the applications page also enables access to

currently advertised applications including associated documentation.

The service will be expanded over the next few months to enable online lodgement of applications as well as retrieval of permits for a range of applications.

The new e-services portal on the City of Hobart website also provides a link to a payments page for the online payment of rates, dog registrations and parking infringements.

To visit, go to hobartcity.com.au/e-Services

CITY OF HOBART BUDGET OVERVIEW 2014-15

IN a first for the City of Hobart, the Council will deliver an underlying budget surplus for the third consecutive year.

For the last three years, the City of Hobart has embedded a cost management ethic to minimise the cost to ratepayers. From listening to community concerns, the City acknowledges the financial burden people face through everyday cost of living pressures and will deliver its lowest rate increase in nine years, excluding the one off deviation when water and sewerage were removed from the City's control.

The City of Hobart's 2014-15 rate increase is in line with Hobart's consumer price index at 2.76 per cent. Importantly, the State Fire Levy, collected by the Council and controlled by the State Government will increase by

6.8 per cent, which will add a further 0.8 per cent to the overall rate increase.

With assets worth more than \$1.07 billion, the City recognises that a responsible and active approach to asset renewal needs to be undertaken to ensure that future generations will not be expected to carry the financial burden of asset replacement.

2014-15 Capital Works Program

The Council has allocated \$25.2 million to new assets and asset renewal. This includes:

- the replacement of street lights with more energy efficient alternatives
- Inner City Action Plan projects, in particular significant work on Liverpool Street to coincide with the redevelopment of the Myer Hobart store

- the redevelopment of a new sports pavilion at Soldiers Memorial Oval on the Queens Domain
- upgrade of the irrigation and drainage system for South Hobart Oval
- significant upgrade of storm water infrastructure in Collins and Macquarie Streets
- upgrade of the Springs visitor facilities on kunanyi/Mount Wellington.

Importantly, the coming year will also see significant road and cycle infrastructure improvements with road resurfacing projects in Macquarie Street, Churchill Avenue and Sandy Bay Road, the construction of improved pedestrian and cycle facilities in Morrison Street and continued work on extending the Sandy Bay Cycleway.

The City of Hobart will require revenue from rates and charges to increase by \$2.7 million or five per cent to continue to meet the needs of the community. This five per cent increase is represented by:

- rate base growth 1.44 per cent
- 2.76 per cent increase to fund the increased cost of providing services
- 0.8 per cent increase to fund the increase in the State Government fire levy.

Council's underlying operating result is forecast to improve by \$2.2 million, to a surplus of \$2.48 million in 2014-15.

The 2014-15 budget is fiscally responsible and it balances prudent investment and expenditure with community need and aspiration. The City of Hobart is proud to deliver an extensive range of programs and services to the community.

TIP TOP TRACK RESTORED FOR THE PUBLIC



HARD WORKING: Volunteers donated more than 200 hours of their time to restore the Tip Top track on kunanyi/Mount Wellington.

A DEDICATED group of volunteers has assisted the City of Hobart to reinstate the popular Tip Top mountain bike track in South Hobart.

The track was originally built in 2007 by a group of local mountain bikers, however unsustainable construction techniques led to the track's erosion and it was eventually closed in 2009.

The restoration project engaged with volunteers and mountain bike riders over four weekends to improve the track's sustainability and it also provided an opportunity for riders to design a track that was tailored to their

needs. The collaboration has resulted in a high grade construction with extra care taken to harmonise the track with the local environment.

The Tip Top track plays an important role connecting riders between kunanyi/Mount Wellington and South Hobart and it also connects with a number of other tracks within the area. The City of Hobart is grateful for the volunteers' efforts, collectively donating more than 200 hours of their time to complete this community project.

To find out more about City of Hobart tracks and trails visit hobartcity.com.au/Recreation ■

HOBART FAMILY EXPO BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER

THE City of Hobart, in collaboration with The Hobart Mums Network, held its inaugural Hobart Family Expo on 17 May at Mathers Place.

The event attracted hundreds of families and connected people with a range of family friendly services, including Playgroup Tasmania and the City of Hobart Bush Adventures program.

The Hobart Family Expo included a full line up of entertainment from local hip hop dancing groups, Kanga training, music and art programs by the School of Cartoon Wizardry and The Muse School of Art.



EXPO: City of Hobart Environmental Health Officers promote immunisation clinics at the Hobart Family Expo, from left Natalie Rogers and Simone Hayers.

Residents are encouraged to contact the City of Hobart Community Development Officer Amanda Midgley on 6238 2953 or email midgleya@hobartcity.com.au with ideas or topics for children and families in Hobart. ■

NEW PLATFORM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A NEW youth arts and culture magazine produced through the City of Hobart Youth Arts and Recreation Centre aims to showcase young people's creativity in the areas of music, dance, art, writing, design, recreation and digital media.

PLATFORM Youth Arts & Culture Magazine was launched at a major youth event PLATFORM PLUS in May. The Youth Arts and Recreation Centre opened its doors to over



PLATFORM: New youth arts and culture magazine.

80 people who enjoyed a series of exhibitions and performances, including acoustic trio 'Rose Amongst the Thorns' and hip hop dance acts. In addition, the Centre's Substation Gallery presented photography, sound and video installations by five young artists and film-makers, and local young people were given the opportunity to share their inspirational stories and creative aspirations.

The current May issue of **PLATFORM** magazine is themed around 'Staying Connected' and highlights young people engaged in creative expression through music, art, dance, digital media and recreational activities. Produced twice a year, the next edition of **PLATFORM** is due in October.

The magazine can be found online at <http://youthartsandrec.org/platform> ■

CITY MARKS MILESTONE IN WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY

THE City of Hobart marked its commitment to providing high-quality waste disposal infrastructure with the official opening of the redeveloped McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre in June this year.

The City has been actively planning for Hobart's future waste needs by addressing key waste management issues, including waste minimisation, service provision, infrastructure and sustainability.

The new Waste Transfer Station and redeveloped Resource Recovery Centre are the final major projects to come on line, with the Resource Recovery Centre enabling Hobart residents to further reduce the volume of material going to landfill.

The Waste Transfer Station provides users with an undercover and fully paved facility

which is safe and easily accessible. This means that light vehicles no longer need to drive to the face of the landfill to deposit residual waste.

The City of Hobart is providing free entry weekends to the McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre on the following dates:

Free General Mixed Waste (includes Green Waste)

8 & 9 November 2014

17 & 18 January 2015

18 & 19 April 2015

Free Green Waste Only

6 & 7 December 2014

21 & 22 February 2015

For further information visit hobartcity.com.au/Environment/Recycling_and_Waste ■

TIME TO REMOVE OVERHANGING VEGETATION

NOW is the time to search your property for overhanging trees that extend beyond your boundary and overgrown vegetation.

The City of Hobart is urging residents to pay particular attention to hedges and vegetation that grows alongside or through fences.

Overgrown plants and vegetation may have a serious consequence for pedestrians, people

with a disability and if left unmanaged, could obstruct a motorist's view.

Residents should ensure that pedestrians are not inconvenienced by vegetation and pathways remain unobstructed.

For more information, please call 6238 2886. ■

City of Hobart 2015 Australia Day Awards NOMINATIONS

Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year
Community Event of the Year



Do you know an unsung hero who has made a contribution to the community?
Do you know a young person who is deserving of recognition?
Has your club or association organised an outstanding event?

The City of Hobart invites nominations for the 2015 Australia Day Awards.

The awards recognise outstanding personal achievements and contributions to the local community and outstanding community events.

Entry forms are available from the Hobart Council Centre 16 Elizabeth St, Hobart
Telephone: 6238 2100 or from the website: hobartcity.com.au

Entries close Monday 27 October 2014



HOBART RECEIVES ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING UPGRADE

HOBART'S city centre streetlights have been upgraded with new energy efficient LED lights as part of the Energy Efficient Street Lighting Accelerated Roll Out scheme, which has been funded by a grant of \$3.375 million from the Australian Government.

A portion of this grant has been used to upgrade the lighting in sections of Collins, Liverpool, Murray, Criterion and Elizabeth Streets and in Wapping. 150 new lights now provide a whiter, more uniform light and are

expected to improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians in the city centre.

The upgraded lighting technology has reduced energy consumption, despite increasing streetscape luminosity threefold. The new lighting is expected to require reduced maintenance which will lower operational costs for the City of Hobart in the future.

A comparison between before and after the installation of the new lights is illustrated in the photos below. ■



NEW LED LIGHTS: Elizabeth Street, between Liverpool Street and Bathurst Street – taken using a Canon Powershot S5 camera at 1/16th second at F 2.7 with a film speed ISO 400.



2014 MYER HOBART CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



FAMILY FAVOURITE: Santa Claus makes his appearance at the 2013 Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant. Photo Credit: Craig Opie

THE City of Hobart is seeking colourful and creative entries for the 2014 Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant.

On the third Saturday of November each year, thousands of families gather in Hobart's city centre to watch the festive floats, colourful characters and celebrate the start of the Christmas festive season.

Community groups are urged to get involved in this year's event, from marching

bands to cultural groups, and to showcase our diverse community.

The event will be held on Saturday 15 November at 10am in the Hobart city centre.

Online applications are available via the City of Hobart website at hobartcity.com.au and will close on Friday 29 August.

For further enquiries, please contact the City of Hobart Community Development Division on 6238 2100. ■

Elections for the City of Hobart

Are you enrolled?



Photo Credit: Al Bett

The elections for the City of Hobart will be held in October 2014. A list of all vacancies and a call for nominations for the positions of twelve Aldermen, Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor will be published in The Mercury newspaper on Saturday 13 September. Nominations will open from 15 September until noon on 29 September.

All eligible electors will receive a postal ballot pack in their letterboxes between 14 and 17 October.

If you are currently on the House of Assembly Electoral Roll at an address within the boundaries of the Hobart municipal area, you are automatically eligible to vote. If you are eligible to be on the Electoral Roll but are not correctly enrolled at present, you can obtain an enrolment form from any post office or the Tasmanian Electoral Commission www.tec.tas.gov.au or 1800 801 701.

ENROLMENT CLOSSES AT 6PM ON THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

What if I don't live in Hobart but I own a property there? Can a corporate body vote?

If you are a resident in a municipal area outside of Hobart but you own or occupy land in Hobart, you are eligible to vote in the Local Government Elections for the City of Hobart. A corporate body which owns or occupies land in Hobart is also entitled to nominate one person to vote on its behalf.

To enrol under these special provisions you need to obtain an enrolment form from the City of Hobart by visiting the Hobart Council Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart or by phoning the Council on (03) 6238 2788 to have one mailed to you, or you may download a form from www.hobartcity.com.au

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HAVE YOUR SAY

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

INVITATION FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2014

The public is invited to attend the Hobart Council meetings, which commence at 5pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber. Forthcoming dates are:

Monday 8 September • Monday 22 September • Monday 13 October • Monday 27 October

For further information contact the Council Support Unit on 6238 2734

View agendas on the website at hobartcity.com.au