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BURNT OUT: Brushy Creek Road, Lenah Valley taken on 9 February 1967. Photo: Woolford family.

Remembering the devastation of 1967 bushfires

The City of Hobart is working with the Tasmania Fire Service and community groups to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the 1967 bushfires.

The tragic bushfires destroyed large swathes of Tasmania and killed 62 people, injured 900 and left more than 7000 homeless.

The Tasmania Fire Service has spent many months collecting people's stories and memories of the fire through its Share your Story video booth. The videos will be loaded on to the fire.tas.gov.au/brn page from this month.

TMAG Exhibition

Some of the videos and other information about the fires will be displayed at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery from 16 December 2016 in the exhibition: One Hell of an Inferno: the 1967 Tasmanian Bushfires.

The City of Hobart website will collate all the information about events happening in Hobart on its hobartcity.com.au/1967bushfires page.

The City will also feature artwork about the bushfires in its Soapbox billboard sites in Mathers Place in the city from February 2017.

Get Prepared

Being prepared for a bushfire can help limit loss of life. The Fire Service has an online tool to help you prepare plans ready for a bushfire:

fire.tas.gov.au/brn

The City of Hobart also has information for new residents who have moved to bushfire prone areas: hobartcity.com.au/Recreation/Bushland/Bushfire_Management/Bushfire_Information_For_New_Residents ■



SMOKE HAZE: Collins Street photo taken by Bill Hamilton in 1967, courtesy Jane and Heinz Maarseveen.

Lenah Valley retail precinct plan ready soon for your say

Design work is underway for the Lenah Valley retail precinct streetscape upgrade. The project's focus is to make the shopping area more comfortable, attractive and accessible for pedestrians.

Improvements will include renewed footpaths, additional footpath space on the south side of Augusta Road, new paving, better pedestrian crossings, street trees, street furniture and bicycle parking.

The plan will be ready early next year and the City will be seeking feedback on the design. Sign up to the Lenah Valley project page on yoursay.hobartcity.com.au to be alerted when the designs are released.

Lenah Valley is one of five local retail precincts to receive improvements through the Transforming Hobart capital works program. The streetscape improvement project follows on from the pop-up street party which trialled design ideas in September 2015. ■



LINGER LONGER: Lenah Valley residents and businesses will be asked what they think of designs to improve the shopping area. Photo: Alastair Bett.



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Mt Nelson park gains more land from subdivision gift

Bicentennial Park in Mt Nelson will be expanded by 2.8 hectares thanks to a generous donation of land that resulted from the subdivision of a large block at the end of Hargrave Place.

The park addition will add to the area's natural values as it conserves endangered Black Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) forest, which is listed as a threatened vegetation community in Tasmania.

Black Gum is also one of the key species for the nationally endangered swift parrot to forage in.

The park's expansion also means an informal walking track network between Rialannah Road and Bicentennial Park, which cuts through the block, will now be managed by the City and opened to the public.

Bicentennial Park was created in 2004 to preserve native bushland, and is managed by the City of Hobart with help from volunteers from Mt Nelson Bushcare Group, which meets 10 am – 12.30 pm on the second Sunday of the month.

The City wishes to acknowledge the generosity of Ms Inger Lanzone in donating this land.

It significantly enhances the biodiversity values of Bicentennial Park and will provide long-term benefits for the health and wellbeing of the broader community. ■



BICENTENNIAL BUSH: Donated land includes a track that will now be formally managed and open to the public. Photo: City of Hobart.

Have your say on car, bike and foot transport

The City of Hobart is developing a new Transport Strategy and wants to hear from you about private transport issues.

Private transport is how people move around by car, bike, mobility scooter, motorcycle or on foot.

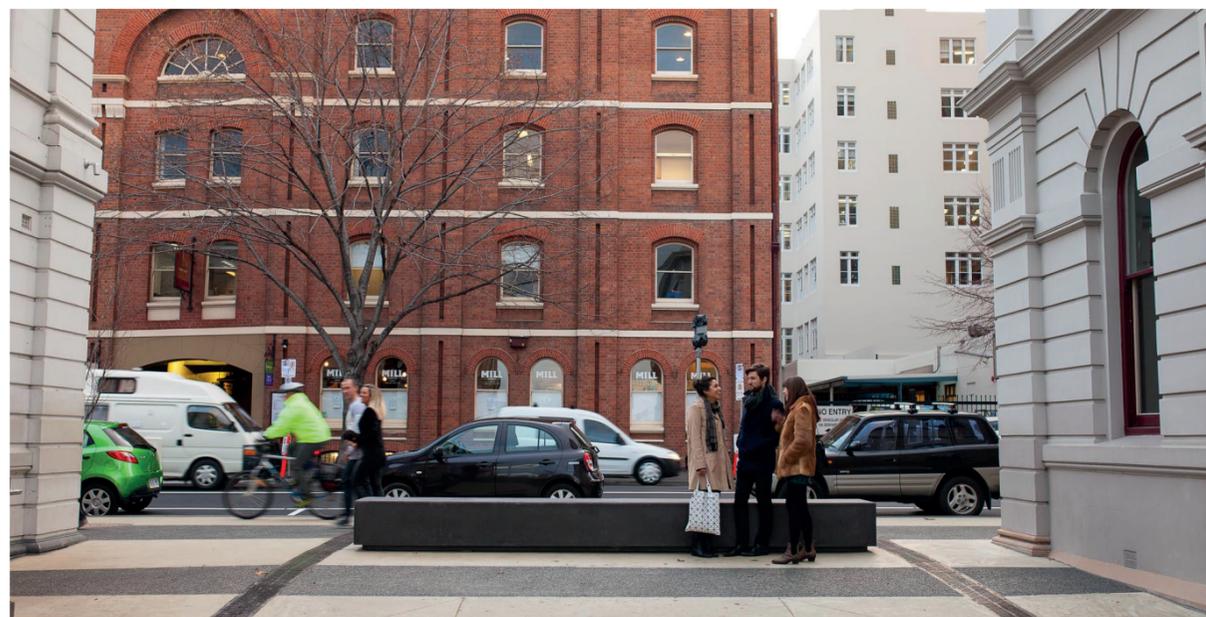
The City has released a private transport discussion paper as part of the development of this new strategy.

While the state government is responsible for some of our private transport needs, such as highways and major bridges, the City of Hobart still has an important role to play providing local roads, footpaths and off road path networks.

To be involved in the development of the strategy, you can either answer the questions in the discussion paper or put forward your own thoughts about issues, such as parking, traffic congestion, cycling, walking and pollution.

Hobart's unique geography presents challenges and opportunities for future transport growth and people who live in Hobart have different transport needs to people who travel from other municipal areas or are visiting.

To view the discussion paper or make a submissions until March 2017, visit the yoursay.hobartcity.com.au webpage. ■



OPTIONS: Improving cycling and walking facilities for Hobart residents also helps commuters. Photo: Brad Harris.

Centre upgrade helps more visitors

The City of Hobart has undertaken a refresh of the interior of The Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre on the corner of Elizabeth and Davey streets in time for the peak tourism season.

The refurbishment will create more floor space for access for people with disabilities and will include a hearing loop to help people with hearing aids.

The refurbishment will allow the introduction of self-booking tablets in the future so visitors can quickly access the information and services they need with help from roaming advisors.

These will complement the face-to-face service, which will also be quicker once a new booking system is installed.

The centre provides travel advice and bookings for Tasmania for local and visiting travellers: hobarttravelcentre.com.au/ ■



NEW LEASE OF LIFE: The Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre refurbishment will open up the space to allow more visitors to easily access the information they need. Image: Preston Lane Architects.

Zeroing in on waste via trucks

The City of Hobart's rubbish trucks will soon be sporting a strong recycling message as part of its policy to stop waste going into landfill by 2030.

The 'sort it out before you put it out' message will be placed on the city's rubbish truck fleet to remind people of the importance of recycling.

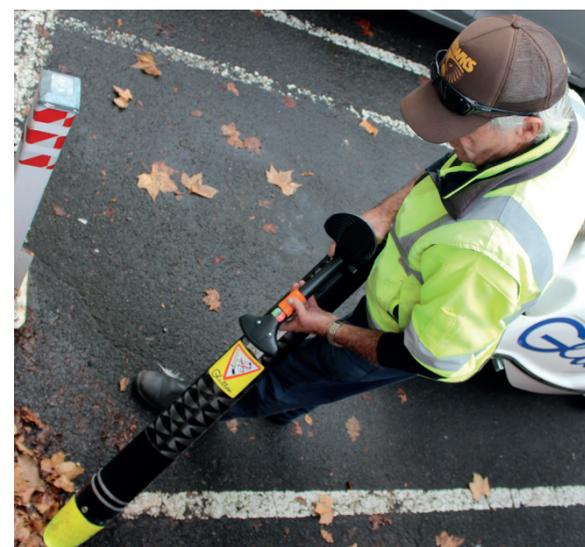
The City introduced a kerbside fortnightly green waste collection after discovering 14% of general rubbish going into landfill was green waste, which could be used to make mulch and compost.

The City has also introduced a new electric street vacuum to get into all the nooks and crannies that bigger sweepers can't reach.

The hand-operated street sweeper is mobile and more flexible than the sit-in path sweepers and will be used within the city centre to get rid of rubbish and leaves. ■



SORT IT OUT: The new zero waste message on the City's rubbish trucks.



CLEAN MACHINE: The new Glutton street vacuum sucking up the leaves in the Town Hall car park. Photos: City of Hobart.

Grant winners set to reduce waste across the City

Congratulations to the four groups which have received this year's City of Hobart waste grants of up to \$5000 each:

- Greening Australia – workshops to build garden beds using recycled materials
- St Mary's College – a school-wide recycling system for paper, plastic and organic waste
- Resource Work Cooperative – Repackaging materials for creative projects
- Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Incorporated – corporate waste reduction project.

The next round of grants will be offered in early 2017, for more information: hobartcity.com.au/Environment/Recycling_and_Waste

Greening Australia has already delivered workshops on how to make low-maintenance garden beds.

The recycled wicking beds use a self-watering system where water filters through the soil from a reservoir at the base. The system is perfect for schools, office and home gardens where beds can't always be regularly watered.

A worm farm was also built to show the more than 50 participating teachers, home gardeners, students and maintenance staff how to turn food scraps into valuable soil improver.

The beds and worm farm are on display at the Sustainability Learning Centre in Mt Nelson. ■



LUNCH TIME: Belinda Browning and Lauren Lyons learn how to make a mini wicking bed. Photo: Greening Australia.

Graffiti prevention toolkit expands

The City of Hobart's toolkit for managing graffiti now includes workshops for young people that aim to divert them from illegal activities to legal outlets for their creativity.

This year the City's Youth Arts and Recreation Centre has held several workshops on street art and community murals. Young people have been taught the practical skills to embark upon and manage large-scale artworks, led by experienced artists both local and from interstate.

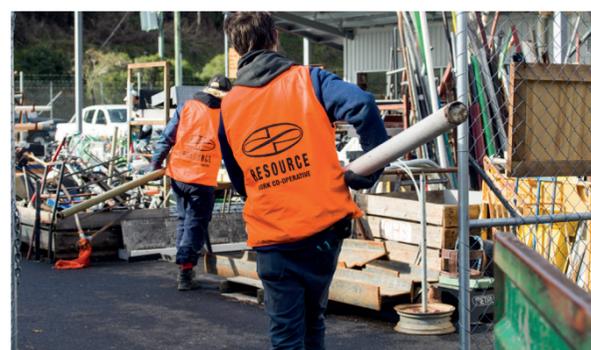
The youth team is also creating a new outdoor art gallery in Victoria Street in the city centre to deter graffiti on the wall at the back of the Artery building. Frames will be hung on the wall to exhibit work from the Substation gallery at the Youth Arts and Recreation Centre.

The City's website has fact sheets on graffiti management, community murals and street art and links to the Vandal Trak app where you can report graffiti from your phone: hobartcity.com.au/Environment/Graffiti

You can also call 1800 wipe off (1800 947 363) to report graffiti. ■



RESPECT: Work by young artists such as Rhona MacTavish will soon be gracing a Victoria Street wall to deter graffiti. Photo: City of Hobart.



RESOURCEFUL: The free collection from your home or business is taken back to the South Hobart tip shop. Photo: Alastair Bett.

Cleaning up easy with free pick-up

If you have housing materials, clothing, tools or other reusable items you no longer want, then you might be interested in the Resource Work Cooperative's free collection service.

The free service picks up from residential and commercial premises and accepts a range of materials suitable for reuse, including furniture, doors and windows, clothing, timber, metals and tools of all kinds.

The cooperative is a non-profit organisation, so all income from the sale of collected items goes towards salvaging more treasures from landfill and providing public education about waste minimisation.

Collections happen every week and can be small loads or large items, and even whole-house cleanups and building site collections.

So if you can't make it to the South Hobart Tip Shop, get in touch and leave a message about your collection on 1300 575 866. More information at facebook.com/resourcetipshop ■

Connection all you need for Council

Hobart City Council meetings are now more accessible from the comfort of your home.

Audio of Council meetings which occur on Monday nights, twice a month from 5.00 pm onwards, can be streamed live through the City's website. Recordings of these meetings can be accessed for two months afterwards.

If you haven't listened to a Council meeting before and would like to, visit: hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council_Meetings/Council_Meeting_live_recordings

In addition, HTML agendas are now published to the City's website.

The new HTML format means users can easily read only that portion of a Council or committee meeting agenda that relates to them. The HTML format is also more accessible for people with screen readers. ■



ONLINE ACCESS: You don't have to be there in person to follow Hobart City Council meetings. Photo: Rosie Hastie.

Rivulet path sealed and delivered

Work to seal and upgrade the Hobart Rivulet Park shared path from McKellar Street to Molle Street has finished, along with the installation of new seating and lighting.

The path was widened and sealed with aggregate concrete, due to the deterioration of the the gravel track and the need to improve conditions for shared use.

New signage has been installed to remind users of good shared path behaviour, especially keeping to the left and not speeding.

A new raised pedestrian crossing has also been built at the intersection of Gore and McKellar streets to improve the safety of the crossing for park users.

The City is grateful for the community's patience during the park's closure to undertake the works. ■



NEW PATH: The sealed path aims to improve conditions for all users. Photo: City of Hobart.

Hobart embraces Town Hall memories for 150th



BACK IN TIME: The Town Hall Open Day was attended by people from all over Hobart. Photos: Rosie Hastings.

The Hobart Town Hall 150 year anniversary is rapidly drawing to a close but there is still time to ensure your special memento is included in the anniversary time capsule, to be concealed within the building until the next milestone birthday.

On Sunday 25 September 2016, thousands of people attended a Town Hall open day, which included the launch of the *Municipal Magnificence* history of the Town Hall by Peter Freeman, guided hall tours, a 936 ABC Hobart live broadcast, organ performances, historical dancing and games, and restored trams. While the Town Hall is usually open to the public, the open day was the first time in many years that all the main rooms were open.

If you have a story to tell or an item for the time capsule, please go to the Your Say section of the website at yoursay.hobartcity.com.au before the end of the year.

The year has been marked by special performances in the Town Hall, including free performances by Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra musicians. ■



ENERGY WATCH: Imogen Buddle and Sadie Sward from Lenah Valley Primary School examine the school fridge using the HEAT toolkit. Photo: Kirsty Sing.

Teaching wise energy habits

Primary and secondary teachers now have the tools they need to deliver energy saving lessons thanks to a joint councils-schools initiative.

The Home Energy Audit Toolkit, which can be picked up from the City of Hobart and taken home to test appliances and help you manage your energy use, has been adapted for use in schools.

The City of Hobart has worked with Kingborough Council, Snug Primary School and New Town High School to develop teaching resources to be used with the HEAT kits.

The City of Hobart has a pool of 20 kits that can be used in the classroom and curriculum materials are on the website: hobartcity.com.au/Environment/Home_Energy_Audit_Toolkit_HEAT/Take_It_Home

Lenah Valley Primary School's grade 6 class recently used the toolkits to learn about energy, how to monitor it and how to conserve it. The toolkit tasks cut across science, maths, English and IT classwork.

They shared their findings with other classes and the school assembly, a sustainability open day, and a visiting school, and now actively monitor computer and heater energy use and always remember to turn off the lights. ■

Get your rate notice via email

The City of Hobart is now offering delivery of your rate notice by email.

The increased cost of postage and longer delivery times means that email is a quicker and cheaper option for the City, and has the environmental benefit of not using paper.

If you want to take up this option, please email rates@hobartcity.com.au from your preferred email address with your property address, property number and a contact phone number.

There has already been considerable take-up of the email rate notice delivery option.

Delivery methods will only change if you ask for it. If you haven't asked to receive your notice by email it will continue to be posted to you. ■

Sandy Bay retail precinct site office opens in King Street

The Sandy Bay retail precinct upgrade works are well underway and a site office for the project is open in King Street opposite Solo Pasta and Pizza.

You can drop in to the site office to see the street designs, discuss construction timing or provide feedback.

The shopping strip will receive a much-needed lift from the project.

To keep up to date with the works and check site office opening times, visit the hobartcity.com.au/sandybayretailprecinct webpage.

Business owners, shoppers, residents and commuters are all thanked for their patience while these important works progress over the next few months.

Sandy Bay is the first of six local shopping areas to receive a streetscape rejuvenation as part of the City of Hobart's Transforming Hobart capital works plan. ■

Wider, smoother paths for Salamanca Place in 2017

The Salamanca Place footpath between Gladstone Street and Montpelier Retreat will be easier to walk down next year thanks to a new project designed to improve pedestrian movement in the area.

A reconstruction project for Salamanca footpaths is set to begin the first stage of work in mid 2017.

The project will smooth the footpath surface to make it easier for people with disabilities to move around, remove kerblines and widen the path so there's more room to pass through when table and chairs are set up outside.

Further stages in improving pedestrian movement along Salamanca Place and through to Morrison Street and Castray Esplanade are in the early planning stage and will be refined with help from local traders and other interested groups. ■



WALK THIS WAY: Salamanca Place is a magnet for tourists and locals thanks to its shops, galleries and restaurants. Photo: Alastair Bett.

Council meetings open to all

All Hobart City Council meetings are open to the public and start at 5 pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

To see what's on the agenda and listen to Council meetings, visit the City of Hobart website: hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council_Meetings

- 5 December 2016
- 19 December 2016.

Meeting dates for 2017 will be posted at: hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council_Meetings/Meeting_Schedule_for_Council_and_Committees

Shop & Win!

Spend \$25 or more in the Hobart city centre between 1 and 24 December and take your receipts to the Elizabeth Mall Information Booth for your chance to win great prizes and a \$2,000 shopping spree.

For more information visit hellohobart.com.au

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Competition closes at 12 pm on 24 December 2016. Terms and conditions apply.

