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CAPITAL CITY News



Community spirit drives Australia Day award winners

Cinematic entrepreneur John Kelly and Eat Safe Live Well founder Jessica Norton have taken out this year's City of Hobart Australia Day Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Awards.

John is known to many Hobartians as the man who revitalised the State Cinema and this award acknowledges that achievement as well as his sponsorship of many community groups, membership of the North Hobart Resident's Group, support for local filmmaking talent, and involvement in the Footsteps towards Freedom public art project.

Jessica launched her Eat Safe Live Well guide for people with food allergies and other dietary conditions at the 2013-14 The Taste of Tasmania. Since then, she has developed an app and website, and helped Hobart restaurants cater for people with particular food requirements.

The Community Event of the Year Award has gone to the February 2015 Wooden Boat Festival. The successful boating display and festival activities attracted more than 200,000 visitors over four days to Hobart's waterfront. ■

AWARD WINNERS: John Kelly, Jessica Norton, and the Wooden Boat Festival's Bronwen Hansson and Peter Higgs. Photo: Chris Phelps

Regatta sails on at Sandy Bay

The showers held off for this year's Sandy Bay Regatta, with thousands of people once again gathering at Sandown Park to enjoy a day of water and beachside activities.

The City of Hobart provides support for this event and this year, was delighted to lend its name to the Kids Corner. Honing their circus skills, learning about faerie and pirate lore or clenching the end of the tug of war rope, children of all ages took advantage of the packed event program.

The Sandy Bay Regatta has been running in one form or another since 1849 and the emphasis on water sports such as rowing and sailing has continued, along with the introduction of newer activities such as windsurfing and kayaking.

Hobart Lord Mayor, Alderman Sue Hickey, presented citizenship certificates and native plants to 68 people representing 27 different countries who attended the Australia Day citizenship ceremony at the Regatta. ■



MY OATH: Hundreds of people turned out to welcome Hobart's newest citizens on Australia Day. Photo: Chris Phelps



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TOURISM TEAM: Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre team members provide welcoming smiles for cruise ship passengers at the Macquarie Wharf No. 2 cruise terminal. Photo: Alastair Bett

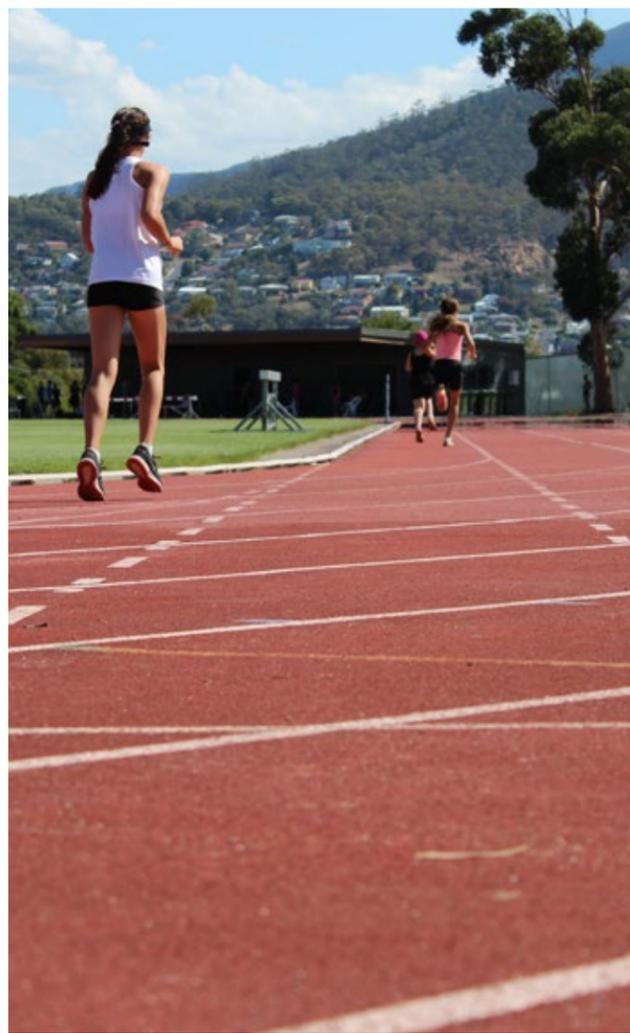
Hobart wins national tourism award

The Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre has mixed it with the best in the 2015 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in Melbourne, winning a silver award.

Nominated as the best visitor information centre in Tasmania for its consistent high quality service, the Hobart team was up against other iconic tourism centres such as the Barossa Valley. The gold winner of the category was Alice Springs.

The Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre is the largest of the state's 21 visitor information centres and has been proudly owned and operated by the City of Hobart since 2009.

Congratulations to all the other Tasmanian national tourism award winners – the state walked away with 7 gold, 9 silver and 3 bronze awards, an outstanding achievement. ■



ON TRACK: The new Domain Athletics Centre track will allow recognition of national and international records. Photo: City of Hobart

Children discover coastal secrets through Bush Adventures



COASTAL ACTION: Bush Adventures' Nutgrove Beach activity checked motion sensor cameras to see which animals had paid a visit. Photo: City of Hobart

Paw prints, scats, bones and hidden cameras were the focus of young Hobartians on the Bush Adventures trail in Sandy Bay this summer.

CSI Nutgrove Beach was just one of 15 activities run by the City of Hobart Bush Adventures program throughout January, with events targeted to every age group.

Bush Adventures operates every season, so visit the website: www.hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures or like the Facebook page for more information. Activities range from 1–2 hours and cost \$5–10 on average. ■

Ready, set, resurface

Work has begun on resurfacing the Domain Athletic Centre track with new synthetic material that will allow Hobart to host national and international events.

The weather-dependent resurfacing should be finished by April, and while it's occurring an alternative track will be marked on Soldiers Memorial Oval.

The centre is one of the most used in Australia and the new track will be certified as IAAF Class 2 which means national and world records achieved in Tasmania will be officially recognised. ■



Hobart rings in Lunar New Year

The Year of the Red Fire Monkey leapt into being with a range of Lunar New Year celebrations held around Hobart last month, from 6 to 24 February.

Asian cuisine and fire crackers on Parliament Lawns, a banquet at Wrest Point Casino, art exhibition at the Salamanca Arts Centre, lantern festival at Wrest Point and a lion dance were some of the highlights of the festival.

The City of Hobart supported this year's celebrations with a marketing campaign that included a logo design, street banners, social media promotion and events listing. ■

Swimmers draw on solar to save

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre roof is now home to 400 solar panels which are expected to cut power costs by \$15,000 per year.

The panels were installed for \$90,000 and are expected to last for up to 30 years. This is one of many changes the City of Hobart is undertaking to reduce its energy use between 2010 and 2020 by 35 per cent.

Annual power bills make up about 10 per cent of the Aquatic Centre's budget. Along with recent energy saving lighting and heating projects, the solar panels are lowering costs and making the centre more environmentally sustainable. ■

SALAMANCA MARKET
EVERY SATURDAY 8.30AM TO 3PM
Salamanca Place, Hobart, Tasmania | 03 6238 2410
SALAMANCAMARKET.COM.AU

Council offers sustainability grants

Attention schools, community groups or businesses with great ideas to improve the City of Hobart's urban sustainability: the annual Dr Edward Hall Environment Grants will open for applications on 14 March 2016.

The grants of up to \$5000 are available for projects, events or defined elements of ongoing programs which help to conserve the natural environment or improve the sustainability of the city.

Last year, grants went to recycling bins, a sustainability workshop, an environmental film festival, school fair recycling and awareness, cycling as a transport option and a science through art illuminated exhibition.

The deadline for applications is 2 May, with successful applicants announced on World Environment Day on 5 June.

To see which past projects have succeeded or to get your application form and guidelines, visit the City of Hobart website: hobartcity.com.au/Environment/Dr_Edward_Hall_Environment_Grants or call: 6238 2859. ■



Council Meetings

All Hobart Council meetings are open to the public and start at 5pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber.

Meetings will be held on:

- Monday 7 March
- Monday 21 March
- Monday 11 April
- Tuesday 26 April
- Monday 9 May
- Monday 23 May

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

Charging stations on for electric cars

Two electric vehicle charging stations are now available at Hobart Central Carpark.

The charging stations are the first of six planned for the City of Hobart's multi-storey carparks.

The charging stations have been installed to promote the use of fuel efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles in line with the City of Hobart Parking Strategy 2012–2017.

The charging stations have been fitted with power consumption meters to monitor usage. Initially, the service will be provided for free, however, an extra fee may eventually be imposed to cover electricity costs. If they prove to be popular, the Council will also consider installing electric vehicle charging units in some monthly permit-holder carparks. ■



CHARGED UP: the City of Hobart's Holden VOLT gets a charge. Photo: City of Hobart



SAFER STREETS: The Salamanca area is getting a safety boost every Friday and Saturday night thanks to the Street Team Project. Photo: Sean Fennessy

Street teams spread safety messages throughout Salamanca

After a successful six-month trial the City of Hobart has committed to supporting the Street Team Project for another year to make Salamanca safer for weekend revellers.

The City of Hobart is partnering with the Salvation Army and Tasmania Police to deliver the Street Teams Project, and funds security guards for the Castray Esplanade taxi rank on Friday and Saturday nights.

Salvation Army volunteers patrol the waterfront area handing out bottled water, thongs and lollipops and assisting people to make it home safely. They also offer free coffee to taxi drivers to encourage them to use the rank.

A six month trial received positive feedback from the community, with an increase in safety and perceived safety and drop in incidents around the taxi rank. ■



DIGITAL POP-UP: Every available wall surface becomes a canvas at the Light up the Lane exhibition during Youth Week. Photo: Alastair Bett

Young artists to shine in Mathers Place as they light up the lane

Mathers Place will be a visual smorgasbord on Friday 15 April 2016 thanks to the young artists contributing to the Light up the Lane event.

Running from 6–9pm, this National Youth Week event being coordinated by the City of Hobart and will project digital artwork on to all possible surfaces in and around Mathers Place, Bathurst Street.

The exciting pop-up digital exhibition will feature photos, graphic design, film, animation, text, drawings and paintings from artists aged 12–25.

Food vans will be on hand and local young musicians will be performing over the three hours.

For more detail about this and other Youth Week activities, contact youthartsandrec@hobartcity.com.au, call: 62315150. ■

New signs show the way

Colourful new way-finding signs were rolled out across the City of Hobart in the lead-up to summer and the cruise ship season, and have proved popular with tourists from interstate and abroad.

Forty signs have been erected across the inner city, waterfront, and Salamanca/Battery Point areas to provide visitors with the information they need to get around the city and find tourism landmarks.

There are three sign sizes, all with a bright red top for easy identification, which include directions and walking times to nearby destinations, local area maps, service directories and places of interest.

A digital language translation service is being considered for the markers. ■



SIGNPOST: New wayfinding signs provide a burst of colour in Hobart's streets that are instantly recognisable for tourists. Photo: City of Hobart

Rivulets and creeks: can you help?

The City of Hobart is gathering information for a study of the flow behaviour in the New Town Rivulet, Maypole Rivulet, Brushy Creek and Pottery Creek and would like your help.

If you have previously or currently live along these waterways and have seen or photographed high water levels, please contact the City of Hobart Environmental Scientist on 6238 2482 or email to hcc@hobartcity.com.au. ■

Harmony Day celebrations fill mall with music and dance

International music and dance will fill the Elizabeth Street Mall at lunchtime on Monday 21 March to celebrate this year's Harmony Day and all Hobartians are invited to join the free event.

Hobart Lord Mayor, Alderman Sue Hickey, will welcome the city's global student population at 12.30pm, followed by musical and dance performances from some of the city's multicultural groups.

The celebration is being organised by the Hobart Networking for Harmony Group and the City of Hobart. Harmony Day is held every 21 March to mark the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

For more information contact the Community Development Officer on 6238 2151 or fields@hobartcity.com.au. ■



City of Hobart sets up official Facebook page

The City of Hobart has an official Facebook page to keep you up-to-date with essential information on Council services, events, news, roadworks and opportunities for you to have your say.

Visit the page at: facebook.com/CityofHobartOfficial and "like" it to receive timely information.

The City of Hobart also runs other Facebook pages that focus on events and services, including Salamanca Market, Hobart City Guide, City of Hobart Bushcare, Youth Arts and Recreation Centre, Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre, The Taste of Tasmania and Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre. ■



STREETSCAPING: Work will begin this year to beautify the Sandy Bay shopping strip between Byron St and Russell Crs. Credit: City of Hobart

Smarter look for Sandy Bay in 2016

A facelift for the Sandy Bay Road retail precinct between Byron Street and Russell Crescent is on track to begin this year.

The work will include new footpaths, banner poles in the centre island to promote seasonal activities, new seating, bike racks, lighting and green spaces.

The Council will also investigate improving traffic and pedestrian safety at the King Street intersection and a possible speed limit reduction in the busy strip.

The Sandy Bay traders group has been involved in the development of this project and the design for the upgrade was the subject of community engagement during 2015.

For more information and to keep up-to-date with this project, please visit the City of Hobart website hobartcity.com.au/sandybayretailprecinct. ■

The Taste of Tasmania a true summer celebration

Hobart's waterfront became a hive of activity when an eclectic mix of locals, visitors, families and foodies descended for the 27th The Taste of Tasmania.

Patrons enjoyed a diverse range of food and beverages and outstanding entertainment from both nationally acclaimed acts and great local talent.

Other highlights were stylish improvements to the site layout, the New Year's Eve fireworks, free Kids in the Park program and ideal summer weather.

The cashless system trial provided the City of Hobart with an additional income stream, which enabled free entry to the event while offsetting the running costs to ratepayers. The City of Hobart is currently reviewing the operation of the cashless trial.

The City of Hobart thanks all stallholders, patrons, sponsors and suppliers for their support. ■



MUSICAL TASTE: This year's The Taste of Tasmania featured more than 100 performances from musicians, buskers and DJs. Photo: Alastair Bett

What's On

Bushcare working bees

Held monthly at 15 reserves and parks across the City of Hobart. Visit our website for dates and times: hobartcity.com.au/bushcare

Youth Arts and Recreation Centre

Music and studio workshops
Tuesdays 3.30pm–5.30pm

Arts workshops
Thursdays 3.30pm–5.30pm

Light up the Lane

Friday 15 April 6pm–9pm, Mathers Place, youthartsandrec.org

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Learn to Swim term 2
26 April–4 July

Clean up Australia Day

Care for your Rivulet
Friday 4 March, 3pm–5pm,
Hobart Rivulet, via Anglesea Street entrance

Care for your Crag

Saturday 5 March, 10am–12pm,
Observation Shelter, kunanyi/Mt Wellington

Care for your Bay

Sunday 6 March, 1.30pm–3.30pm,
Boathouse carpark, Cornelian Bay

UN World Wildlife Day celebration

Saturday 5 March, 9am–2pm,
Parliament Lawns

Dahlia, Gladiolus & Floral Art Show

11–12 March, Hobart Town Hall,
tasblooms.com/hobhortsociety

Hobart City Band

Saturday 9 and 30 April, Hobart Town Hall,
facebook.com/HobartCityBandInc

Musica Viva

Pianist Stephen Hough
Saturday 23 April, Hobart Town Hall,

Enso String Quarter

Monday 6 June, Hobart Town Hall,
mvt.org.au/concerts

Harmony Day

Monday 21 March, 12.30pm–2.30pm,
Elizabeth Street Mall



INNER PLAN: the next stage of Morrison Street works will take in Brooke St and the Elizabeth St intersection. Photo: City of Hobart

Morrison Street to get wider paths, new lights next month

Wider footpaths, more outdoor dining areas and improved road crossings are planned for Morrison Street roadworks, set to begin soon.

A shared pathway for pedestrians and bike riders and improved crossing facilities were built last year on the southern side of Morrison Street, between Elizabeth Street and Brooke Street.

This year, the work will stretch from Brooke Street to Castray Esplanade and includes new lighting, seat installation and tree plantings. The footpath in Brooke Street will also be renewed.

Hobart's Inner City Action Plan aims to improve pedestrian and cycling facilities in Sullivans Cove. ■

Swim and Survive

Our Swim and Survive program offers a range of water safety programs for children aged 6 months to 17 years.

Once your lesson is finished you are welcome to stay and play!

Lessons run Monday through to Saturday. Lesson duration varies from 30 minutes to 1 hour according to student ability.

Enrolments are open all year round, however subject to availability.

To learn more about any of our programs please call our Customer Service staff on 6222 6999 or visit hobartcity.com.au/thac



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