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Budget set for another year

The City of Hobart has approved a \$124 million budget for 2016–17 that continues to provide for high-quality services while adding new initiatives such as the green waste collection and ten-year capital works program.

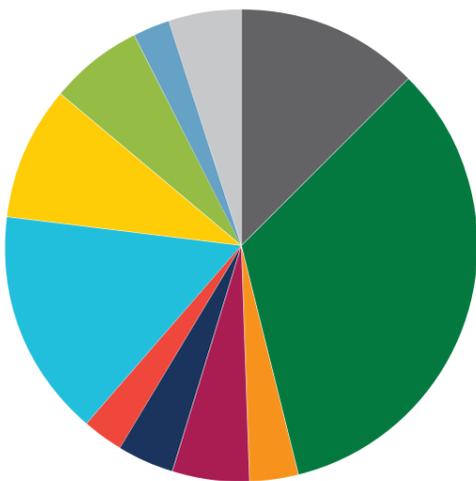
The 2.25 per cent rate rise for the coming year reflects the City of Hobart's commitment to keep costs down and rate rises to a minimum.

Close to \$11 million is being budgeted for the ten-year Transforming Hobart capital works plan to improve and modernise paths, open spaces, roads, buildings, toilets and shopping strips across the municipal area.

Transforming Hobart projects are in addition to routine maintenance of roads, drains, toilets and open spaces. Total expenditure on capital works for 2016–17 will be \$39.5 million.

The budget will deliver a \$2.5 million surplus and will maintain a low level of debt and low reliance on external funding.

For more information visit hobartcity.com.au/budget



- Strategic planning and finance 5.1%
- City planning services 3.9%
- City Cleansing 2.5%
- Economic development, tourism, arts and events 5.3%
- Waste and recycling 6.5%
- Community development 3.3%
- Parking 9%
- Parks, reserves and recreation (including the aquatic centre) 33.6%
- Roads and footpaths, stormwater management and other infrastructure 15.6%
- Corporate operations 12.3%
- Environmental health and animal management 2.9%



MOVING HOBART: The transport strategy will plan for Hobart's transport needs for the next 20 years. Photo: Alastair Bett.

Transport strategy development begins this month

Work has started on a new 20 year transport strategy for Hobart and you will have the chance to have your say.

The transport strategy consultation aims to identify key transport issues to provide a plan to improve the way people and goods can get where they need to go safely and sustainably, with a choice of transport options.

While the state government is largely responsible for Hobart's transport needs, the City of Hobart still has an important role to play.

The nine-month consultation will include meetings and forums, the City's Your Say webpage and other opportunities.

The first consultation paper will be available for comment in September 2016 and will cover freight issues.

The following three consultation papers will cover private transport, public transport, and traffic management by area.

Once all four papers have been released, the feedback will be incorporated into a draft transport strategy that you will also be able to comment on.

For more information about the 20 year transport strategy visit hobartcity.com.au/transportstrategy



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New toilets to benefit playground and other users

Work has started on a new, modern toilet block for Princes Park in Battery Point close to the playground.

The current toilets are old and poky and in an inconvenient position for people using the park's playground.

The three new toilets were designed and located following consultation with park users, and one will be an accessible cubicle.

Access through the park and to the playground will not be significantly affected by construction.

The plans are available at: hobartcity.com.au/transforminghobart ■



EASY ACCESS: An artist's impression of the new Princes Park toilet block. Image: Terroir architects.

Green waste success, fine mulch sale

The new City of Hobart green waste collections is on track to reduce landfill deposits by 2000 tonnes in the first year.

The new service has been a success, with only 0.25 percent of bin contents unsuitable for composting or mulching. The most common mistake is putting plastic bags in the bins.

The green waste is being processed into mulch and used to make compost, which can be bought from the McRobies Gully Waste Centre in 25 litre bags or per cubic metre.

The centre is also now selling a fine mulch alongside its coarse mulch. The new mulch looks better in the garden and absorbs more water while suppressing weeds.

You can buy mulch and compost from the Waste Management Centre, McRobies Road, South Hobart, Monday–Friday, 7.30 am – 4.15 pm, Saturday–Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. ■



BIN TO BAG: New green waste is used to make compost and mulch for sale from the McRobies Gully Waste Centre. Photo: City of Hobart.



ON THE LOOKOUT: Bioblitzes are a fun way to share the joy of science and add to the knowledge about our local reserves. Photo: Clare Hawkins.

What will you find at the bioblitz?

What better way to mark Threatened Species Day than by adding to the knowledge of our natural world through a 'bioblitz' on the Queen's Domain.

The bioblitz needs people like you to work with more than 25 scientists and naturalists to discover and record as many living things as possible in 30 hours from 10 am, Friday 2 through to 4 pm, Saturday 3 September.

Threatened Species Day on 7 September marks the date of the death of the last known thylacine in 1936: 80 years on, this year's theme is Extinction Matters.

The City of Hobart is putting on the bioblitz at the Queen's Domain through a partnership with the Bookend Trust and Latrobe Council, which is holding its own bioblitz on 9–10 September at Bell's Parade, Latrobe.

For more information go to the Facebook page Extinction Matters BioBlitzes 2016 or the booking page extinctionmattersbioblitzhobart.eventbrite.com.au ■

New murals brighten skate park

The North Hobart Skate Park is boasting a more colourful outlook thanks to urban artists Andrew Bourke and Jake Thomashow.

Their vibrant murals now cover the front and back of a wall that was frequently vandalised with graffiti.

As part of the Paint the Park project, both artists delivered workshops for young Hobartians who were interested in learning more about writing urban art design briefs, working with building owners, how to plan a mural's different stages and aerosol art skills.

Young artists worked alongside Jake Thomashow as he painted his Tassie Tiger mural, while Andrew Bourke worked with regular skate park users to design his eclectic piece, which includes the pink skull logo of the female skaters group She Shreds.

If you notice graffiti in the City of Hobart please call our hotline: 1800 WIPEOFF (1800 947 363) or download the Vandal Trak app.

For more information about the Youth Arts and Recreation Centre program visit youthartsandrec.org ■



TASSIE FLAVOUR: Jake Thomashow's Tassie Tiger mural adorns the back of the skate park wall. Photo: Graziano Di Martino.



STREET ART: Melbourne artist Andrew Bourke, aka Sirum, worked with skate park users to design his mural. Photo: Graziano Di Martino.

One webpage for accessible parking

The City of Hobart is making it easier for people with disabilities to find out information they need about accessible transport and parking, with a new webpage.

The hobartcity.com.au/accessibleparking page includes links to the Hobart city centre mobility map which shows all accessible parking sites and toilets, the temporary disability parking permit form, and parking information for people with an Australian Disability Parking Permit.

The page also details how any pensioner can access four hours free parking one day a week in the City of Hobart's multi-storey car parks. ■



ONE-STOP SHOP: A map of all the accessible parking sites in the City of Hobart is available on the website. Photo: City of Hobart.

Swim & Survive

Enrol now for our School Holiday Intensive Learn to Swim Program.

Week One 26 - 30 September
Week Two 3 - 7 October

Enrol for either, or both sessions.

Call **6222 6999** or visit hobartcity.com.au/dkhac for more.





NATURAL CHOICE: A range of local plants from ground runners to trees will be on offer at Hobart bush reserves. Photo: Rosie Hastie.

Free native plants give-aways

Got a few spare spots in your garden and don't know what to plant? Then come along to the City of Hobart native plant give-aways in our bush reserves in the coming months.

- 11 September, 12–12.30 pm: 12 Olinda Grove, Mt Nelson
- 25 September, 4–4.30 pm: Bicentennial Park, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay
- 16 October, 4–4.30 pm: Knocklofty Reserve, Forest Road car park, West Hobart

By planting Tasmanian species in your garden you will provide food and shelter for our local animals, especially birds, bats and insects. You'll also get plants which are easier to look after as they are already adapted to Hobart's soil types and weather.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates: hobartcity.com.au/Bushcare ■

Sandy Bay Road works

Work is due to begin soon on improving the streetscape of the main Sandy Bay shopping area.

The project will also include new footpaths, new kerbing, seating, poles for civic banners, tree plantings and eventually, renovated public toilets.

There will be road lane closures as part of the project but at peak hours two road lanes will always be kept open.

The shopping strip will receive a much-needed lift from the works, which are due to take up to nine months to complete.

Sandy Bay is the first of four local shopping areas to receive a streetscape rejuvenation as part of the City of Hobart's ten-year capital works program.

The plan for the area was developed using suggestions from more than 300 Sandy Bay residents and business owners.

To keep up-to-date with progress visit our Transforming Hobart webpage: hobartcity.com.au/sandybayretailprecinct ■

Online service makes applications easier to apply

The City of Hobart online lodgement system for building, planning and plumbing applications is now up and running at hobartcity.com.au/e-Services

To lodge an application you must first register. Once registered, you can make applications and seek extensions and amendments to existing permits.

The new system will allow you to track the progress of your application and pay any fees online.

The City of Hobart will send email responses to your online requests, including the final decision on your application, with links to relevant documents that stay live for 14 days to give you time to copy, save and print them.

People who want to search applications or comment on advertised developments can still do so via hobartcity.com.au/e-Services but they do not have to register.

Please let us know what you think of the system and whether you can see it being used for other applications to the City. Call 03 6238 2711. ■

City set to save on power

The City of Hobart is set to save on its power bills following a Council decision to install 1400 solar panels on 11 buildings to generate 5 percent of the City's own power needs.

The panels will save the City about \$80,000 in power costs every year, taking seven years to pay off the installation cost. The panels have a lifetime of about 25 years.

The solar switch will also cut the City's greenhouse gas emissions by 100 tonnes per year, which is the equivalent of taking about 25 cars off the road.

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre already has a 100 kilowatt system on its roof, which will be expanded, and new sites include the Town Hall, Centrepoint and Hobart Central car parks, Clearys Gates Depot, McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre, City Hall, Mathers House, Hobart Regional Nursery, North Hobart Oval and the South Hobart bushland depot.

Installation of the solar panels will begin later this year or early 2017. ■



CITY OF HOBART 2017 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?

Entry Forms are available from the Hobart Council Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

Telephone: **6238 2100** or
from the website: hobartcity.com.au

Entries close: Monday 24 October 2016



Community helps Hobart recycle, grow and save

The City of Hobart offers \$50,000 in grants each year to support schools, community groups and businesses to reduce energy use and waste, keep our streets and waterways clean, enable sustainable transport and improve our green spaces.

The Dr Edward Hall Environment Grants began in 2010 and since then 37 projects valued at over \$450,000 have been funded.

Projects awarded this year include innovative ideas to help reduce plastic packaging and marine pollution, re-use food waste, remove sustainable transport barriers and increase native re-vegetation.

The Waste Reduction Grants, in their second year, will this year support workshops on how to build your own compost system, a multi-site office recycling program, and conversion of construction and manufacturing off-cuts into art supplies.

For a list of the 2016 grant winners visit hobartcity.com.au ■



HEALTHY LESSON: Elizabeth College students Kelsie Moore, Lyndal Russell, Andy Yang and Brooke Lakos with their flourishing planter box, paid for by a City of Hobart grant. Photo: Matthew Preston.



ACTIVE HOUSE: Mathers House is a City of Hobart program that provides a meeting place and activities for older people. Photo: City of Hobart.

You're never too old to learn

Are you wanting to stay engaged and keen to stimulate your brain and excite your senses? Then come along to Mathers Place, 108 Bathurst St, on Tuesday 6 September between 10 am and 3 pm.

The City of Hobart will be hosting a fun and interactive expo that will showcase local activities and programs for older people as part of Adult Learners Week.

Adult Learners Week aims to encourage people to engage in lifelong learning and to highlight the many opportunities to keep learning in your community.

If you run a local activity or program that welcomes older people and would like to take part in the showcase, then please let us know.

For further information please phone 62382772 or email walkerd@hobartcity.com.au

If you are an older person living in greater Hobart, you are invited to come along to afternoon tea to meet our Positive Ageing team and hear about the wealth of activities and services we offer.

Wednesday 21 September, 2–3.30 pm
Upper Level, Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St

RSVP: 6234 1441 by Friday 16 September ■

What's On

Hobart Town Hall Open Day
Sunday 25 September, 10 am – 4 pm
hobartcity.com.au/hobarttownhall

Peter Freeman on Hobart Town Hall History
Tuesday 20 September, 1–2 pm
Allport Library, Murray Street

**Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra
Haydn's Creation**
Saturday 10 September, 7.30 pm
Federation Concert Hall
tso.com.au/concerts/haydns-creation

Quartets by Haydn and Schubert
Wednesday 14 September, 5–6 pm

**Trios and Quartets by Haydn,
Loeffler, and Mozart**
Sunday 18 September, 11 am – 12 pm
Hobart Town Hall

Bushcare

Bushcare Major Day Out
Sunday 11 September, 2–4:30 pm
Ridgeway Park
hobartcity.com.au/Recreation/Bushland/Bushcare/News_and_Events

Extinction Matters BioBlitz
Friday 2 – Saturday 3 September
Queens Domain

Youth Arts and Recreation Centre
Open Access for people aged 12–25
every Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday, 3–6 pm
youthartsandrec.org/

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre
School Holiday Fun & Learn to Swim
Monday 26 September – Friday 7 October

City of Hobart resident Open Day
Sunday 9 October, 11.30 am–3.30 pm

Australian Antarctic Festival
Tuesday 8 – Sunday 11 September,
Hobart waterfront
facebook.com/australianantarcticfestival

Salamanca Moves
Tuesday 20 September – Saturday 1 October
Salamanca Arts Centre
salamancamoves.com

Council Meetings

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

Meeting dates for the next quarter are Monday:

- 5 September
- 19 September
- 10 October
- 24 October
- 7 November
- 21 November
- 5 December

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

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Garage sale helps reduce and reuse

The country's biggest garage sale is on Saturday 22 October this year so get your goods ready if you want to make a few extra dollars.

The Garage Sale Trail is great way to have fun while ensuring the things you no longer use go to another home rather than into landfill.

The Garage Sale Trail is held in every Australian state working with local councils, and is proudly supported by the City of Hobart.

The website allows sellers to promote their sale items online, upload photos and communicate through social media, while buyers can search for sale locations and items of interest to plan a day of bargain hunting.

Last year saw a huge jump in the number of garage sales, with 122 in the Hobart municipal area and more than 17,000 items listed for sale. Tasmania led the country, with 1.8 million items listed for sale last year at 814 stalls.

Registration is free. For more information, head to garagesaletrail.com.au ■



FAMILY FUN: Photo: courtesy Garage Sale Trail.



TEAMWORK: Southern Regional Unit volunteers. Photo: SES.

Hobart grateful for SES help

When storms hit, bushwalkers go missing or traffic needs re-routing the State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers step up.

The City of Hobart, along with four other southern councils, provides funding for the SES Southern Region Unit which boasts some 80 members.

They provide invaluable service to the City and also help other regions when they are hit by natural disasters.

The SES are always looking for volunteers, so if you think you've got what it takes sign up here: ses.tas.gov.au/h/es/volunteer ■

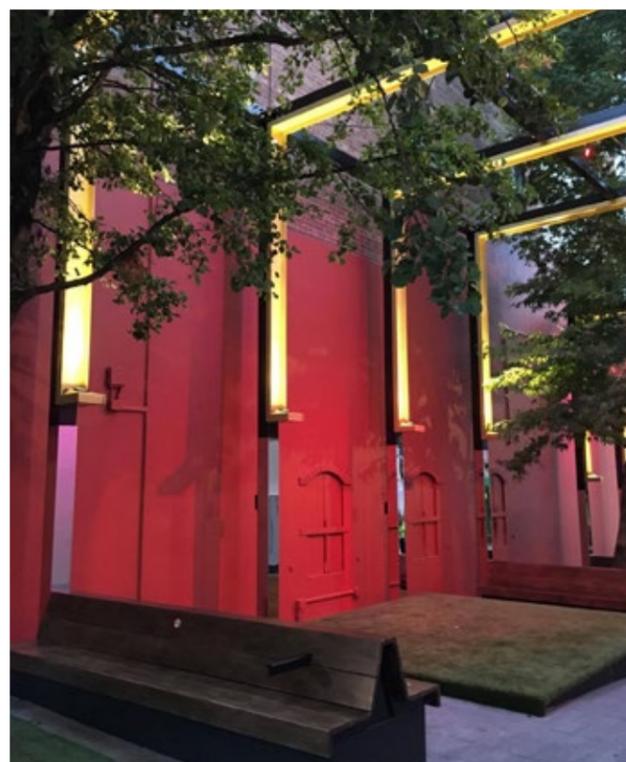
City of Hobart projects win awards

Local landscape architects Inspiring Place and Playstreet have won industry excellence awards for their work with the City of Hobart.

Inspiring Place won the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (Tasmania) Parks and Open Space award for its plan for the Queens Domain, which includes better access to and within the area, new jogging and cycling paths and improved lighting and landscaping.

Playstreet won the Civic Landscape award for its work on the Collins Court re-development, which revamped an underutilised space with new lighting, seating, artwork and stage.

Both winners will now go into the running for the national awards. ■



GOLDEN SPACE: Collins Court has been revitalised with the new lighting, seating and artwork. Photo: City of Hobart



Festival celebrates popular polar port

Hobart's concentration of Antarctic scientists and connection to Antarctica will be celebrated this September 8–11 in a new four-day festival, sponsored in part by the City of Hobart.

The Australian Antarctic Festival will include:

- photography exhibition
- film festival at the State Cinema
- historic walks and talks
- huskies on the waterfront
- gala dinner
- orchestral performance
- Antarctic Expo at PW1
- open day at the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies
- guided tours of the Antarctic expedition ships Aurora Australis and L'Astrolabe.

The City of Hobart stages a reception every October to mark the opening of the Antarctic season and the importance of the Antarctic to the City, bringing together academics, businesses and expeditioners.

The reception coincides with the annual Hobart meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, which comprises 25 member countries, and this year will mark its thirty-fifth meeting.

Visit antarcticfestival.com.au/program/ to view the Antarctic Festival program. ■