

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Community input sought to develop a Battery Point Slipyards Master Plan

The City of Hobart is seeking community and key stakeholder input into the development of a Master Plan for the Battery Point Slipyards site.

The City has appointed Emma Riley and Associates in collaboration with Groupwork, SGS Economics and Planning and Paul Davies Heritage Architect to develop the Plan.

The Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey said: "We are developing this Master Plan to help deliver a clear and achievable strategic vision which will guide and inform future decision-making for the site.

"The Battery Point Slipyards has a long history of boat building and other maritime activities but the use of the area has changed in recent years. There are now less maritime activities occurring on the site, but it comes with significant heritage issues that require consideration for any future uses.

"By consulting with the community, we hope to understand what on the site is important to the community and how this might inform future opportunities," said the Lord Mayor

The Chairman of the Council's Finance Committee, Alderman Damon Thomas said: "I encourage interested community members to have their say during the preparation of the Master Plan.

"A planning workshop will be held on Saturday 1 July 2017 at the Battery Point Community Hall, starting with a site tour from the Mariners Cottage at 11:45am. It would be great to have representatives there from all the groups who influence, or will be influenced, by what the future site looks like.

People who are unable to attend the planning workshop can still be involved by participating in the drop in sessions being held on Sunday 2 July 10am-3pm and Monday 3 July 10am -1pm at the Mariners Cottage.

"The community's input will guide the development of the draft Master Plan and following its development will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Plan, expected later in 2017," said Ald Thomas.

Members of the public can obtain further information on the engagement program, including the workshop and drop-in sessions from the City of Hobart's community engagement website <u>www.yoursay.hobarcity.com.au</u>.

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