

## Enjoy a plastic-free cuppa

### Hobart goes single-use plastic-free next month

HOBART is taking Plastic-Free July to a new level this year, with the city to become single-use plastic-free from next month.

The City of Hobart's Single Use Plastics By-Law will officially take effect on 1 July. It was gazetted in early 2020 and a transition period applied to give local businesses time to adapt to the new requirements.

Last year, Hobart became the first city in Australia to adopt a ban on single-use plastics. The by-law bans the provision of single-use takeaway food packaging and other items like cutlery, cups, straws and

condiment packaging.

Data from the National Litter Index suggests that up to half of all litter is related to takeaway food packaging and that as much as 80 per cent of that is likely to end up in the region's waterways.

The Single-Use Plastics By-Law will help to remove dangerous plastics from the litter stream, replacing them with compostable options, and ultimately reduce waste to landfill.

The introduction of the by-law followed community consultation, during which 96 per cent of survey respondents said

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Laura Cardona of the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre Cafe serves up some takeaway favourites in compostable packaging.

## Town Hall history uncovered



Sisters Evelyn and Sophia Jarvie explore the Town Hall's hidden histories.

HOBART Town Hall is a treasure trove of history waiting to be uncovered by local youngsters.

The Hidden Histories school tour has become a popular attraction for students.

Led by the Lord Mayor, the tour takes students behind the scenes in the heritage sandstone building, which has hosted many significant moments in Hobart's history.

Starting pre-colonisation, students are taken on a journey through the 1861

competition to determine who would design the building, the Grand Opening Ball in 1866, installation of the pipe organ in 1869 and the days of the Mayor's Court – whereby, up until 1912, the Mayor of the day also acted as a magistrate.

Roaming goats and the selling of underweight bread and are among the petty crimes dealt with in the Town Hall courtroom.

There are plans to make a self-guided version of the tour available for families in time for the spring school holidays.

## E-scooter app to be trialled

A ZIPPY new way to get around Hobart's city centre could soon be on the way.

Expressions of Interest (EoI) are now open for a supplier and operator to introduce app-based electric scooter hire. The EoI has been jointly issued by the Cities of Hobart and Launceston for a 12-month trial across the two cities.

The introduction of micromobility – or personal transport device – options is identified in the City's Sustainable Hobart and Connected Hobart action plans.

Electric scooters are considered to be convenient, compact and

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# Sharing green thumbs

HOBART'S renowned food culture starts with the best fresh produce – and nothing is fresher than straight from the veggie patch.

For those who don't have the space for a home garden, or who like a more social gardening experience, community gardens provide a great option.

Community gardens are becoming increasingly popular throughout the world as a way of bringing local people together to grow, share and learn about sustainable food production.

Hobart is already home to a number of small community gardens, but there is room for more. That's why the City of Hobart has created a guide to help residents establish their own community gardens on



suitable City-owned land.

It might take some work to get going but, once established, community gardens offer huge rewards for participants and contribute to a healthier lifestyle.

Community gardens can also save money on grocery bills and help reduce the environmental footprint of transporting food.

Each community garden has its own quirks and charms, reflecting the character of the people involved, and can contain plots for herbs, fruit and vegetables.

Find out how to start a community garden, or discover existing gardens at [hobartcity.com.au/community-gardens](http://hobartcity.com.au/community-gardens) or by contacting the City of Hobart.

## Grants invest in community

MORE than \$200,000 in City of Hobart grant funding will be invested in 26 projects and events that contribute to Hobart's community vibrancy and city economy, through the latest round of Community, Creative and Events grants.

The successful projects have a combined value of around \$780,000, which means every dollar contributed by the City of Hobart generates almost \$4 in local investment.

Successful projects include:

- an all-abilities pop-up fashion show
- Come out and Play introductory basketball training sessions
- the Battery Point Historic House Plaques project

- a community project encouraging people to submit three-line poems for display inside metro buses to the theme 'Where are we going?'
- Tasmanian Youth Orchestra outdoor performances at the Royal Tasmanian Botanic Gardens
- Festival of Bright Ideas for National Science Week.

Combined, the 26 projects involve more than 600 volunteers and support 121 paid positions. Many more will be involved through community participation and attendance at events.

More information about the City of Hobart's grants programs can be found at [hobartcity.com.au/grants](http://hobartcity.com.au/grants).



Matt Willes' signal box artwork titled *Leave Water Out for Wildlife*.

## Signal box beauty

ARTISTS have transformed drab-looking traffic signal boxes across Hobart into works of art.

The Signal Box public art program is run in partnership with Urban Smart Projects and supported by the Tasmanian Department of State Growth.

Since 2012, more than 90 signal boxes have been transformed into storytelling artworks. During the latest round of the program, 12 boxes have been added to the growing outdoor gallery of public art, helping to create a more vibrant and interesting city.

## Rates hardship policy

A FINANCIAL Hardship Assistance Policy will help people who are having difficulty paying their rates to access support measures, when a temporary COVID-19 rates remission scheme ends at the end of this month.

The policy will replace an interim scheme that was introduced to assist ratepayers impacted financially by COVID-19

during 2020-21. Applications for the temporary rates remission scheme will close on 30 June this year.

Anyone wishing to apply for a rates remission under the temporary scheme should do so before 30 June.

For more information on how to apply for assistance, visit [hobartcity.com.au/rates-assistance](http://hobartcity.com.au/rates-assistance) or contact the City of Hobart.



## BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The City of Hobart has released its draft Bushfire Management Strategy. This is your chance to comment on how the City manages the bushfire threat to Hobart.

To learn more and have your say visit [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au](http://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au)



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## Single-use deadline

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it was not appropriate to continue using single-use plastics.

The City of Hobart has led by example in the transition to compostable packaging.

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre café has been single-use plastic-free since September 2018 and Salamanca Market followed soon after.

By the end of 2020, it was estimated about half of all Hobart takeaway businesses

had already moved away from single-use plastics. Remaining businesses have until 1 July to comply with the by-law.

Business owners needing further information or assistance to comply with the new by-law are encouraged to contact the City of Hobart on 03 6238 2711.

More information on the new by-law and how it will be applied is available at [hobartcity.com.au/singleuseplastics](http://hobartcity.com.au/singleuseplastics).



# Smarter shelter design

FIVE innovative concept designs for digitally connected bus shelters will be assessed for practical use in Hobart.

The City of Hobart's Smarter Hobart Challenge invited ideas for an interactive, digitally connected and environmentally friendly bus shelter.

Entries were received from 120 innovators from across Australia and the world. Included are 16 Tasmanian entries – two of which were shortlisted as finalists.

Hobart-based finalist Urban Lab submitted an entry that is described as “playful and contemporary” and features modular elements that can adapt to suit Hobart's narrow footpaths.

Belen Chirivella of Urban Lab said her team was excited by the forward-thinking nature of the project.

“A bus stop should be a safe place and provide protection from the weather; but it can be more,” she said.

“We believe that the bus shelters around Hobart should be smart and inclusive spaces where people can reconnect with their neighbourhood, learn, share, relax or even play.”



Hobart-based Urban Lab's modular and adaptable concept design (bottom right) is among 120 entries submitted for the Smarter Hobart Challenge.

The finalists are now working to develop their concepts for final assessment. Key considerations for the judging panel include weather protection suited to Hobart's conditions, inclusion of real-time bus arrival and departure information, local and sustainable construction options, and all-abilities access.

Hobart Access Advisory Committee's Vaughn Bennison has provided advice to designers

on accessibility needs.

“It's important to consider inclusive design from the outset,” he said. “For example, it needs to be obvious to a person with vision impairment that it is a bus stop, and people in wheelchairs need to be able to access the bus stop and get across the footpath.”

The overall and People's Choice winners will be announced later this month.

## City welcomes its new CEO

KELLY Grigsby joined the City of Hobart last month as the new Chief Executive Officer.

The former Wyndham City CEO is passionate about cities, urban innovation, social inclusion, and social justice.

Ms Grigsby said she looked forward to working with the community to create a vibrant, globally relevant and contemporary capital city.



## Liveability census

HOBART is participating in the 2021 Australian Liveability Census, which will provide insight into what people value in their community and their neighbourhood.

To contribute to the research project, visit [placescore.org/liveability-census](https://placescore.org/liveability-census).

## Undies project

PERIOD-friendly underwear is available for free to residents of the City of Hobart area and who are on low incomes.

Supported by a City of Hobart Urban Sustainability Grant, Women's Health Tasmania is supplying reusable underwear to replace the need for traditional pads and tampons, which contain single-use plastics that contribute to landfill, and can be expensive to buy.

Find out more at [womenshealthtas.org.au/the-undies-project](https://womenshealthtas.org.au/the-undies-project).

## Lifts upgrade

REPLACEMENT of the second lift at the Argyle Street carpark is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Replacement of the first of the two ageing lifts started in January and was completed in April.

## Council meetings

COUNCIL Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall at 5pm, unless otherwise advertised.

All meetings are streamed live on the City of Hobart's YouTube channel and agendas are published on the City's website.

The 2021-22 Budget Estimates will be tabled for adoption at the Council Meeting on 21 June.

Upcoming full Council meeting dates:

- 7 and 21 June
- 5 & 26 July
- 9 & 23 August
- 6 & 20 September



Craig Garth and Jarmila Nankivell regularly commute to work by e-scooter.

## Scooter trial plan

From page 1 environmentally friendly and don't contribute to the growing congestion on local roads, with some residents and City of Hobart employees already regularly commuting by e-scooter.

Electric scooters may be useful for people who need to move around the city during the day but could otherwise leave their car at home, or commuters who live close to the city. They also offer a fun transport option for visitors.

Controls will be placed

around where they can be ridden and parked and may be amended during the trial.

The successful vendor will need to demonstrate safety, software reliability and device maintenance measures.

Under current Tasmanian road laws, electric scooters with a maximum power output of 200 watts are permitted on shared paths and roads with a speed limit of 50km/h or less.

The EoI will close on 25 June. Pending the outcome, the 12-month trial could start later this year.

## Meeting rooms available for hire

THE Mornington Skills Centre is located within the landscaped grounds of the City of Hobart's Regional Nursery.

The centre is available for hire and has all the requirements for meetings and corporate training sessions, including mobile TVs and white boards.

It comprises two fully equipped meeting rooms that can be opened into one large conference space. Included are a kitchenette, accessible toilets, parking and outdoor space.

Visit [hobartcity.com.au/skillscentre](https://hobartcity.com.au/skillscentre) for more information or to book.





# Corner offers new space to speak up

HOBARTIANS with something to say are invited to make use of the new Speakers' Corner at Salamanca Plaza.

The space is designated as a place for free speech, encouraging people to use the spoken word to share opinions, ideas and creative works.

Speakers' Corner is available to anyone who wishes to deliver a peaceful and lawful public address on any topic. Poets, authors and other creative writers are also invited to use the space to share interesting, inspiring and thought-provoking works.

The new location has been established as part of the pedestrian upgrades

to Salamanca Place and is expected to provide an improved experience for both speakers and listeners.

Speakers can use the location between 10am and midday, Monday to Friday. To obtain a speaking permit, visit [hobartcity.com.au/speakerscorner](http://hobartcity.com.au/speakerscorner) or phone 03 6238 2711.

Permits must be displayed while speaking and the provisions of the Anti-Discrimination Act apply to all speakers.

The new location will be trialled for six months and feedback is invited from all members of the public. Visit [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au](http://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au) or contact the City of Hobart to contribute.

## Former PM leads city transport talk

FORMER Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will lead a panel discussion around the future of Hobart's transport network at the next instalment of CityTalks.



City Deal architect and public transport advocate, Mr Turnbull (pictured) will be the keynote speaker at the online forum, which will address the topic *Hobart at a Crossroad: Can we be a small city with big transport choices?*

He will be joined by U Tas Sustainable Cities researcher Dr Lisa Stafford and New Zealand-based transport and land use integration specialist Darren Davis.

The one-hour forum will be held and presented online on Thursday 17 June at 5pm.

Interested members of the public are invited to register to attend the online forum via Zoom.

CityTalks is a partnership between the City of Hobart and the University of Tasmania.

The online forums focus on topics relevant to Hobart and feature community leaders, national and international keynote speakers followed by a panel discussion. Visit [hobartcity.com.au/citytalks](http://hobartcity.com.au/citytalks) for details of the forum and to register.

## FOGO bin at Springs

HOBART'S first public place food organics and garden organics (FOGO) bin is being installed at The Springs on kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

The location is a popular spot for walkers, cyclists and families to gather for a picnic lunch when visiting the mountain. All food scraps and compostable items – including those purchased

from the on-site cafe, which uses only compostable packaging – can be placed in the FOGO bin.

If bringing items from home, please make sure anything that is not compostable is put in to the correct bin, or is taken home.

To find out what can go in the FOGO bin, visit [hobartcity.com.au/FOGO](http://hobartcity.com.au/FOGO).



Allan Mansell is the first of four artists to be part of the Crowther Reinterpreted project.

## Statue reinterpreted

THE second of four temporary artworks designed to encourage public conversation about the future of the William Crowther statue in Franklin Square will be by Tasmanian filmmaker Roger Scholes, working in collaboration with Professor Greg Lehman.

To be installed next month, the work is described as a sculptural installation that will be positioned alongside the statue, incorporating film content that covers the broader context of the story of William Crowther and William Lanne.

The statue of Crowther – which has stood in Franklin Square since 1889 – is considered contentious by many

because of Crowther's desecration of the remains of Aboriginal man William Lanne, also known as 'King Billy'.

Celebrated Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Allan Mansell was the first contributor to the art project.

Two more artworks will be installed later this year, created by artist and writer Julie Gough, and journalist and photographer Jillian Mundy.

The artworks, along with community feedback, will help to inform a permanent response to the statue. Visit [yoursay.hobartcity.com.au](http://yoursay.hobartcity.com.au) to provide feedback on the project.

The project is an action in the City of Hobart's Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan.

## Art creates connection

AN ART exhibition that celebrates community and explores the importance of connection in the wake of pandemic-generated isolation was held at City Hall last month.

The City of Hobart's Ability to Create program provides an inclusive and supportive creative outlet that culminates with an annual public exhibition.

This year's program took on a new format, born out of the feelings of isolation and disconnection brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Three community artists worked with and mentored Ability to Create artists to create and exhibit 85 artworks across a range of media and performance.



Artist Freddy Lee-Mount developed the Ability to Create program in partnership with the City of Hobart.

The exhibition was themed *Connect and Reimagine* and many of the works drew inspiration from a sculpture created

early last year by local artist Peter Jeffries, depicting hands showing the sign language symbol for "friendship".

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