



Councillors, City of Hobart staff and community members celebrate the launch.

NEW PLAN TO GUIDE COLLABORATION

THE 'Aboriginal Commitment and Action Plan 2020-22' (ACAP) was officially launched on 25 February by Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds and community leaders.

The ACAP includes significant actions for the City to deliver over the next two years with the aim of building relationships, raising the profile of Aboriginal people, heritage and culture across the city and building a culturally safe workplace.

"This important document is about acknowledging the truth of our history and developing ways to work collaboratively with Aboriginal people into the future," Cr Reynolds said.

"On a practical level, it supports City employees to improve their understanding and processes in this area and sets achievable objectives for our organisation."

In 2019, the City of Hobart began updating its previous 'Aboriginal Strategy 2002' with a new framework and action plan, designed to drive the City's work

in Aboriginal programs, both internally and in the communities in which it operates.

The year-long project was guided by Aboriginal people, City of Hobart employees and the broader Hobart community.

Community development officer Jessica Quin has been closely involved in the project.

"The process has been very genuine and real," she said.

"There were many face-to-face conversations, including difficult conversations.

"The level of engagement was actually quite overwhelming."

The launch event featured a smoking ceremony and a celebration of the artwork featured on the front of the ACAP document, 'Stepping Forward', a collagraph print by Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Allan Mansell.

"My images tell stories about contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal culture as in the past our art, dance and language were stolen and discarded," Mr

Mansell said.

Fiona Hughes, of Reconciliation Tasmania, also spoke at the launch.

"As the capital city of Tasmania, the City of Hobart is showing great leadership," Ms Hughes said.

"We wish you well and look forward to working with you to see these commitments come to life," she said.

For more information, visit hobartcity.com.au/acap.

Town Hall Grand Organ 150th anniversary concert



Australian concert organist Thomas Heywood will play the notable instrument on Sunday 22 March.

A SPOTLIGHT will be cast on a special piece of Hobart's heritage this month, as the Hobart Town Hall Grand Organ turns 150.

The spectacular pipe organ will be showcased at the fingertips of internationally-renowned Australian concert organist Thomas Heywood in a special anniversary concert on Sunday 22 March.

Mr Heywood will play a 50-minute recital of classical works that have featured in the organ's 150-year history, which started in a factory in England.

The organ was constructed in London by JW Walker and Sons specifically for the Hobart Town Hall, at a cost of £750.

At the time, it was considered to be the best organ in the southern hemisphere, bar one that was located in Sydney.

The organ has undergone two major refurbishments in its 150-year lifespan, being in 1929 and 1967, and was expanded to incorporate an additional 924 pipes. However, many components of the original organ still remain intact and in use.

The Hobart Town Hall Organ's 150th anniversary celebration concert will be held in the ballroom of the Hobart Town Hall on Sunday 22 March from 2.30 pm. For more information, visit hobartcity.com.au/pipeorgan.

Grants available to support community projects

QUICK Response Grants are available year-round and offer support of up to \$1000 for community and cultural activities or the hire of City services and venues.

The grants are processed within five weeks of application.

"The grants program is an investment in Hobart and the benefits to us all are many

and varied," Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said.

"We're privileged to receive an exciting and diverse range of applications each year, but we're keen to see more applications from first-timers."

For grant guidelines and online application forms, visit hobartcity.com.au/grants.



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New Elected Member sworn in

WILL Coats was elected to the Hobart City Council on 28 January 2020 via a vote countback to fill the position vacated by Tanya Denison, who resigned earlier that month after serving as Hobart City Council Alderman for five years.

Building and plumbing permits expiring soon

TIME is running out for building and plumbing permit holders to comply with changes made to the 'Building Act 2016.'

The City of Hobart currently has thousands of outstanding cases and it won't be possible to finalise them all by 1 July 2020.

Don't risk your building or plumbing permit lapsing.

Please check if finalisation or extension is required before the end of the due date.

All permits issued between 1994 and 2012 that have not been finalised will expire on 1 July 2020 unless the expiry date has been extended.

Permits issued after 28 November 2012 that have not been finalised will expire on the date specified in the permit.

To check your building paperwork, contact your building surveyor.

To find out whether your plumbing permit needs to be finalised or extended, contact the City of Hobart.

For more information on the City of Hobart requirements, email coh@hobartcity.com.au or visit hobartcity.com.au/buildingandplumbing.

Commenting on a planning application

MEMBERS of the public can have their say on any advertised development application in the Hobart City area via the City of Hobart's website.

A written submission – known as a representation – can be made during the public notification period for the planning application and can be submitted via the website, email, post or in person.

Any relevant issues raised are considered as part of the assessment process.

Once a decision on the application is made, representatives are advised of the outcome in writing.

To find out more about how to make a representation, or to see currently advertised applications, visit hobartcity.com.au/planningapplications.



Provisional timeline of 2020 works.

FURTHER UPGRADES TO INVIGORATE SALAMANCA PLACE

CONSTRUCTION has begun on the 2020 stage of the Salamanca Place precinct upgrade.

Our crews are working hard to deliver improvements on Gladstone Street and the new pedestrian area adjacent to Salamanca Lawns.

In a few weeks' time, Hobartians will notice a change in Gladstone Street's appearance.

The middle traffic island near the Gladstone Street roundabout will be removed and a new pedestrian bulb and footpath will be constructed.

Works to improve stormwater infrastructure at the corner of Montpelier Retreat and Salamanca Place are scheduled for April.

Construction is estimated to

take 12 weeks with the majority of the work focused in the Memorial car park and some trenching occurring across Salamanca Place.

From April to May, the work will continue to reconstruct the footpath behind the car park, between Salamanca Place and the Abel Tasman Monument.

Later in the year, Gladstone Street will become wider to accommodate two lanes of traffic to reduce congestion.

In addition to a new footpath along Gladstone Street, from the Castray Esplanade intersection to the Gladstone Street roundabout, a new flush kerb will be installed in Gladstone Street.

It will match with the flush kerb from Morrison Street and

Castray Esplanade completed in 2019. Eliminating the need to step up and down kerbs, these changes promote a more pedestrian-friendly environment for seniors, wheelchair users and parents with prams, allowing them to get off the roads and onto footpaths easily and safely.

After the completion of the stormwater and Gladstone Street works, our crews will be working on the development of the new pedestrian area adjacent to Salamanca Lawns.

Disruptions to Salamanca Market will be kept to a minimum and the market will go ahead as normal.

For more information and to subscribe to project updates, please visit hobartcity.com.au/salamancaplace.

COUNCIL MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

All Hobart City Council meetings are open to the public in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

If you can't come in person, you can listen live online or to a recording after the meeting by visiting hobartcity.com.au/listenlive.

To see what's on the agenda, visit hobartcity.com.au/minutesandagendas.

Meeting dates for March – June 2020:

- 10 and 23 March
- 11 and 25 May
- 6 and 27 April
- 9 and 22 June

The meeting schedule is available on the website at hobartcity.com.au/councilmeeting.

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Watch out for invasive weeds



Fonzie is the dog whose nose knows.

HOBART'S own four-legged detective is leading the charge against invasive weeds, sniffing out hidden specimens before they can take hold of the City's bushlands.

Invasive weeds, such as orange hawkweed, threaten land, waterways, parks and urban environments.

Preventing their spread in Hobart is high up on the list of important tasks carried out by the City's bushland team, which is ably assisted by a spunky German Shepherd named

Fonzie.

Employed as a detection dog to sniff out noxious weeds before they flower and spread seeds, Fonzie joins the City's officers on regular inspections of Hobart's bushland in order to identify new outbreaks and remove invasive plants as early as possible.

During his latest hunt in the Fern Tree area, Fonzie's nose successfully uncovered a hidden underground root of orange hawkweed – a highly aggressive weed that poses threat to Tasmania's alpine and sub-alpine

habitats.

It is found in two areas of Tasmania: The Central Highlands and Fern Tree.

A large patch of serrated tussock was also discovered recently by City of Hobart fire and biodiversity program leader Elise Jeffery.

"In NSW alone, serrated tussock is estimated to cost \$40 million a year in control and lost production," Ms Jeffery said.

"We can't afford to let this weed get a foothold in our city."

In Hobart, the weed could threaten native grasslands such as the Queens Domain, which is a sanctuary for critically endangered lowland temperate grasslands.

Across Australia, less than one per cent of these grasslands remain.

"This find carries a clear message for anyone building a new house or having major earthworks done on their property," Ms Jeffery said.

"As serrated tussock seeds can hitch a ride in soil or gravel stuck to cars, trucks or other machinery, make sure that any machinery coming on to your property is free of soil and organic matter that could be carrying harmful weed seeds."

The City of Hobart works closely with residents to keep environmental weeds at bay.

"We thank Hobartians for their continued vigilance in spotting and getting rid of weeds," Ms Jeffery said.

"They are not just protecting their properties, but our beautiful bushlands too."

If you notice a suspicious plant in your garden, phone the City of Hobart on (03) 6238 2886.



The newly renovated park also features a few tree carvings hidden at the playground – come and find them

EXPLORE THE NEW-LOOK FERN TREE PARK

The park's transformation into a contemporary outdoor space with a playful twist is almost complete and it is already open for use.

For more information about the project, visit hobartcity.com.au/ferntreeupgrade.

HELP US DRIVE BETTER DECISION-MAKING

WHAT kind of city do you want Hobart to be?

Are you up for taking an active position in contributing your ideas and experience to the City's future?

To keep the community informed and provide opportunities for residents to have input into decisions that affect their lives, the City of Hobart will host a series of 'Community Conversations' in neighbourhoods around Hobart.

These conversations are part of the Community Engagement Framework to encourage Hobartians to get involved in the City's projects.

If you want to learn more about the key activities in your local area, and to have a chat with City of Hobart officers on a range of topics, please visit the Your Say Hobart website at yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/communityconversations to find out more about the Community Conversation happening near you.



Save your life – get a bushfire survival plan ready

THE fire is approaching, the car is packed, your family is ready to leave ... but where will you go?

What about your pets? Do you have everything you need?

Bushfire has the potential to affect all Hobart residents in some capacity.

For those living in or near bushland, the impacts can be life-threatening.

A bushfire survival plan can save your life and help to protect your home and possessions in the event of an approaching bushfire.

Your bushfire survival plan should include where you will go if you need to leave your home, how

you will get there – taking into account potential road closures and hazards, when you will leave, what you will take with you and what measures you will take to protect your home.

It should also identify the locations of electricity and gas shut-off points and how to turn them off, a list of important contacts and arrangements for any pets.

The City of Hobart's website has information and advice on preparing for bushfire, including an emergency kit checklist prepared by the Tasmania Fire Service, and tips to reduce the risk of a fire impacting your home.

Find out more at hobartcity.com.au/prepareforbushfire.

WHY DO WE DO BURN-OFFS IN AUTUMN?

Autumn's cooler months are the best time to carry out low-intensity, controlled fuel reduction burns in our bushlands. We burn now to guard against next summer's bushfires.

hobartcity.com.au/bushfiremanagement



The artwork is an abstract portrayal of a family of black cockatoos.

BLACK COCKATOOS FIND A HOME

A NEW public artwork entitled 'Rain Coming' was installed in Linear Park on the banks of the Hobart Rivulet late last year.

Commemorating the May 2018 flood event and celebrating community resilience, the sculpture features an abstract portrayal of a family of black cockatoos flying down the hill and landing in an area where flood levels were at an extreme.

"Many believe that when the black cockatoos fly down from the mountain, it is a sign that rain is on its way," artist Alex Miles said, explaining her inspiration for the concept.

At the point where the birds are situated, fragments of stories, experiences and reflections from local residents have been inscribed into the existing sandstone paving.

Residents impacted by the flood event were invited to contribute to Rain Coming via a public call-out earlier in the year.

"We received some great stories, poems and even music from people of all ages, and highlights of these responses have been incorporated," Ms Miles said.

For more information, visit hobartcity.com.au/resilienthobart.

2020 JAPAN'S CHILDREN'S DAY

ON Saturday 2 May and Sunday 3 May 2020, the Japanese Garden at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens will delight visitors with an impressive array of Japanese Children's Day decorations.

Children's Day celebrates children's strengths, personalities and happiness.

To join in the celebrations in 2020, the City of Hobart will adorn the garden with traditional koinobori (carp-shaped windsocks), donated by Hobart's Japanese sister city Yaizu, along with a colourful display of koinobori, hand-made with recycled materials by local school students.

Children's Day has been a designated annual national



2019 Japan's Children's Day decorations at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden.

holiday in Japan since 1948 and is now celebrated by many states across Australia and other countries.

Come and enjoy a wander through the Japanese

Gardens to see the collection of decorations and immerse yourself in Japanese culture.

For more information, visit hobartcity.com.au/japanschilddensday2020.

THE STORIES OF RESILIENCE

"IT certainly did bring home to us just how fragile it is on the land and how things can go wrong just like that, you know," Alyson Watts, of the Derwent Valley, said.

"Nobody predicted this event would happen, and it did, and it was impactful for lots and lots of people."

May 2018 left many lives disrupted as residents and businesses across the Greater Hobart area were hit by a severe storm with strong winds, rainfall and flooding, causing heavy damages to homeowners and businesses.

The City of Hobart, in partnership with the Kingborough and Glenorchy city councils, initiated a number of creative projects so that the Greater Hobart communities could help each other recover and prepare for future emergencies.

One of these projects is Stories



Alyson Watts in front of the bridge that was the only access to her farming property.

of Resilience.

Residents from Hobart, Kingborough and Derwent Valley shared their stories of the May 2018 extreme weather event.

Their experiences and insights were captured in a collection of podcasts, photographs and a

video.

To access the stories, please visit storiesofresilience.hobartcity.com.au.

The Resilient Hobart program was funded by the Australian and Tasmanian governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

WHAT'S ON

BUSHCARE

Autumn working bees various locations

hobartcity.com.au/bushcare

BUSH ADVENTURES

Autumn activities program various locations

hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures

MATHERS HOUSE

Autumn activities program

108 Bathurst Street, Hobart

hobartcity.com.au/mathershous

YOUTH ARTS AND RECREATION CENTRE

Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm

Open Access for 12-25-year olds

youthartsandrec.org

DAHLIA AND FLORAL ART SHOW

13-14 March

Hobart Town Hall

hobartcity.com.au/floralshow

COMMUNITY BAKE DAYS AT THE QUEENS DOMAIN

1, 15 and 29 March

12 and 26 April

10 and 24 May

hobartcity.com.au/woodfiredovens

Salamanca Market will not be held on Saturday 25 April, which is ANZAC Day.

Salamanca Market will instead be held on Sunday 26 April.

For more information please visit

salamancamarket.com.au

