



City of Hobart Nursery's Ruby Wilson and Chris Barton are part of a team that produces 76,000 flowers and plants a year.

City ready to bloom

SPRING is the favourite time of year for the City of Hobart's dedicated nursery staff, whose hard work quite literally blooms in front of the community's eyes.

Every year, the City's nursery produces more than 76,000 flowers, shrubs, trees and groundcovers for planting across Hobart.

Up to 50,000 of those are flowers planted in garden beds

such as those along the Brooker Avenue median strip and in the Parliament Lawns at Salamanca.

The City's Program Leader Arboriculture and Nursery Ruby Wilson said her team had been busy preparing for the spring bloom.

"We usually have around 30,000 plants in our care at any given time," she said.

Continued page 2

WHAT TO SPOT IN SPRING

- Dianthus, violas** -
Brooker Ave flower beds
- Winter rose, magnolias** -
St Davids Park
- Flowering fruit trees** -
Warwick St, West Hobart
- Mixed pansies, natives** -
CBD planter boxes
- Camellias** -
Cascade and Fitzroy Gardens

Nominate a top citizen

NOMINATIONS are now invited for the 2021 City of Hobart Australia Day Awards, which recognise and celebrate residents who contribute positively to the Hobart community.

Residents are encouraged to nominate someone who has made a difference during this particularly difficult year. This may be through providing support to others, inspiring others through achievement, or working to strengthen the community's resilience.

The 2020 Citizen of the Year award went to homelessness advocate Kate Kelly, who works tirelessly to break down the stigma surrounding homelessness. The Young Citizen of the Year was Oliver Edwards, who started the Free On A Tree initiative, which makes warm coats available for people without a home.

The Community Event of the Year was Diwali 2019. Deepavali Tasmania Inc partnered with Street Eats @ Franko to deliver the event for its fourth year last November.

With many events having been cancelled this year for reasons beyond the control of organisers, events held through less traditional formats are also invited.

To submit a nomination, visit hobartcity.com.au/AusDayAwards.

New kids' pool to make a splash in summer

WATERBABIES can look forward to making a splash this summer in the revamped children's Splash and Play zone at the Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre.

The leisure pool is being fully refurbished. The all-new play zone includes a slide, tipping bucket and fountains installed on a new, soft fall surface.

Work on the leisure pool is scheduled to be completed in November, in time for the peak summer season (pending further COVID disruptions).

The 25 metre pool is also expected to reopen

before summer, bringing with it a return of learn-to-swim classes. For safety reasons, the 25 metre pool and leisure pool will be separated by a new concrete wall.

The 50 metre pool and the dive pool remain available for lap swimming. Other improvements under way include staged replacement of pool deck tiles throughout the centre and an upgrade to the members change rooms.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City of Hobart's budget, further stages of the centre's planned major redevelopment are on hold until funding can be secured.



Lord Mayor
Councillor
Anna Reynolds
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0423 222 149
E: lord.mayor@hobartcity.com.au



Deputy Lord Mayor
Councillor
Helen Burnet
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0417 284 267
E: cr.burnet@hobartcity.com.au



Alderman
Marti Zucco
364A Elizabeth St.
North Hobart 7000
M: 0418 120 060
E: ald_zucco@netspace.net.au



Alderman
Jeff Briscoe
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0447 791 274
E: ald.briscoe@hobartcity.com.au



Alderman
Dr Peter Sexton
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0407 099 294
E: ald.sexton@hobartcity.com.au



Alderman
Damon Thomas
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0429 064 805
E: ald.thomas@hobartcity.com.au



Councillor
Bill Harvey
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0428 243 964
E: cr.harvey@hobartcity.com.au



Alderman
Simon Behrakis
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0436 027 369
E: ald.behrakis@hobartcity.com.au



Councillor
Mike Dutta
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
E: cr.dutta@hobartcity.com.au



Councillor
Jax Ewin
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
E: cr.ewin@hobartcity.com.au



Councillor
Zelinda Sherlock
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
E: cr.sherlock@hobartcity.com.au



Councillor
Will Coats
C/- Town Hall
Hobart 7000
M: 0413 304 699
E: cr.coats@hobartcity.com.au

Help Hobart's rainwater flow

STORMWATER drains are vital to flood management and in reducing hazards caused by water flowing across roads.

City of Hobart staff regularly inspect high-risk areas and work hard to collect leaves from stormwater pits and pipes.

However, it is residents' responsibility to make sure gutters are working properly and are regularly cleared.

Stormwater pits at the end of residential properties and any driveway crossover or grate that provides access to properties, are also required to be maintained by home owners.

Of particular importance is ensuring fallen leaves and other vegetation is collected before it can get into stormwater drains. Vegetation can be disposed of into household FOGO bins.

Any resident who observes a City-managed stormwater pit or pipe that needs clearing is asked to contact the City of Hobart via the website, by emailing coh@hobartcity.com.au or calling **03 6238 2886**.

Market is Tasmania's own

A MARKET by Tasmanians, for Tasmanians is filling the COVID-induced void at Salamanca Place each Saturday.

Tasmania's Own Market is a temporary replacement for the much-loved and widely renowned Salamanca Market, which remains suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The smaller, modified market comprises Salamanca Market stallholders in a defined market zone that can accommodate up to 500 people at a time.

About 80 stallholders are on site each week, offering a range of quality items designed and made in Tasmania.

Shoppers are asked to comply with safety requirements, which include physical distancing of 1.5 metres, use of supplied hand sanitiser, and use of designated entry and exit points.

Thanks go to Telstra for



A range of Tasmanian products are available at the market.

providing mobile phones for use in monitoring patron numbers via a real-time gate counter app that can be updated live from every entry and exit point.

Tasmania's Own Market is at Salamanca Place every Saturday from 8.30am to 1.30pm.*

To see which stallholders will be trading and information about the interim market, visit salamancamarket.com.au.

**Details correct at time of publication. See website for latest information.*

Festive fare for retail hubs

ENTERTAINMENT in the city and block parties in retail precincts will help liven up Christmas shopping this year.

The City of Hobart will invest in the activation of retail precincts to give them a festive season boost.

Funds will be re-allocated from the traditional Myer Hobart Christmas Pageant, which will not go ahead this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Traders in city and suburban retail precincts are encouraged to jointly submit ideas for activating their shopping area in the lead-up to Christmas. City staff will then work with the trader groups to further develop and implement their ideas.

Further information on how to make a submission will be available on the City of Hobart's website later this month.

Free nappy workshop

FREE workshops are being held for parents who would like to make the switch to cloth nappies for their little ones.

About 466 tonnes of disposable nappies are sent to Hobart's landfill every year. That's the equivalent of about 100 full garbage trucks.

They make up almost 5 per cent of all household waste sent to landfill.

Disposable nappies are resource intensive and are estimated to take between 150 and 500 years to break down. Reusable cloth nappies are better both for the environment and the hip pocket.

The City of Hobart has partnered with Tiny Footprints to host a series of free, hands-on workshops

that are suitable for expecting parents and parents who are using disposables but considering making the switch.

The workshops cover the different types of nappies available, how to use them in day-to-day life and how to wash them hygienically.

This is a Zeroing in on Waste initiative, working towards achieving the City's goal of zero waste to landfill by 2030.

Workshops are currently planned for 12 September and 17 October. Places are limited and bookings are essential. Previous workshops have booked out quickly.

Visit the Upcoming Events section of the City's website for information on upcoming sessions and to book.

Nursery nurtures city's colour

From page 1

"We carefully time them to flower at the right time and a lot of work goes into making the conditions just right."

The nursery recently supplied 450 mixed roses for new landscaping at the aptly named Rose Garden Bridge.



"We also have around 500 trees growing at the nursery for planting

as street trees and in parklands, and we prepare smaller plantings for use by Bushcare groups," Ms Wilson said.

The team plans up to five years ahead to have the right trees and plants ready for use, working closely with the City's Parks and Bushland units.

Gain insight into homelessness



An image from the I Am Somebody project. Photo: Andrew Wilson

FIVE Hobartians who have experienced homelessness first-hand have shared their personal stories through a multimedia art project designed to break down stigma around the label.

I Am Somebody is a compilation of audio recordings and photographs that capture the personal stories behind each of the participants' experiences of life without a stable home.

The project was facilitated by the City of Hobart's Housing with Dignity reference group, which comprises representatives from a range of support agencies and stakeholder organisations alongside people with lived experiences of homelessness.

The *I Am Somebody* podcasts, produced by Helene Thomas, can be heard in full at hobartcity.com.au/IamSomebody.

I am somebody who experiences the trauma, the memory, the absence of that most fundamental thing: a home.

Through no fault of my own I have no foundation, and it's beyond hard.

I get up, get on with it, just like you do, but I deserve more, because I am not a statistic.

I am somebody.

- Kate Kelly, Housing with Dignity

Have say on sustainable plan

CONTINUED reductions to Hobart's energy use and emissions, improved resilience against natural disasters and the embracing of innovative energy and transport solutions are among the key goals of the draft *Sustainable Hobart Action Plan – Responding to Climate Change*.

Community consultation on the draft plan closes on 25 September. Members of the

public are invited to view the plan and provide feedback via an online survey.

The draft plan aims to make Hobart more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

It contains 42 proposed actions that are categories under the key areas of Leadership, Mobility, Energy, Resilience, Waste and Governance.

The draft plan highlights programs aimed at fostering sustainability leadership among young people, the investigation and trial of energy-efficient transport and technologies, and programs that encourage new ways of sharing, purchasing and storing energy.

To view the draft plan and to provide feedback via the survey, visit yoursay.hobartcity.com.au.

GM given LGAT Life Membership

CITY of Hobart General Manager Nick Heath has been awarded Life Membership of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT).



The honour recognises more than 30 years' service to local government, including the past 12 years as the City's GM and a previous role at the City of Hobart's Director of Strategy and Governance.

Riders relish new mountain tracks

NEW mountain bike tracks in the foothills of kunanyi/Mount Wellington have proved irresistible to local riders.

Two new tracks – Stumpsides and Pitfall – plus an improved and extended Drops track, have attracted large numbers of riders during the peak winter months, with around 160 people a day testing out a new jump section across an old fire trail.

All three tracks were built by the City of Hobart with help from Trackcare volunteers and offer a range of riding styles and technical challenges.

The City will now turn its attention to building a climbing track that will connect the new tracks to Shoobridge Bend, linking up with the North-South Track. Once finished, the climber



Mountain bike rider Leyla Sharman tests out the new upper Drops track in the foothills of kunanyi/Mt Wellington. Photo: KiPhotomedia.

track will contribute to a network of mountain bike tracks that allow riders to stay off roads and ride all the way to The Springs.

The new tracks are jointly funded by the City of Hobart and a Tasmanian Government cycling grant.

More services

SERVICE Tas has temporarily moved into the City of Hobart's primary service centre.

Services such as driver testing, licence applications and a Justice of the Peace service on Thursdays and Fridays are now available at the Elizabeth Street centre by visiting the Service Tas desk.

All City of Hobart services continue to be available as normal. The joint service centre is expected to be in place for approximately five months, when Service Tas will move back into its refurbished centre on Macquarie Street.

Floral shows back

THE popular City of Hobart Floral Shows return to the Hobart Town Hall this month.



The program will start with the Hobart Horticultural Society Spring Show on 11–12 September.

The Rose and Iris Show will be on 6–7 November and the Dahlia Show will be in March 2021. Unfortunately, the Orchid Show will not be held this year.

Admission to all shows is free.

Full details, including session times, are in the Upcoming Events section of the City of Hobart's website.

Groups are asked to advise attendance via email to events@hobartcity.com.au.

Turning blue for Antarctica

AN ICY blue hue will shine across several Hobart landmarks next month in recognition of the city's status as an Antarctic gateway city.

In what would have been a big year for Hobart's Antarctic connection, the traditional City reception for Antarctic travellers in October will not go ahead, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The City of Hobart will still fly banners, light landmarks in blue and partner with the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) to host an Antarctic-themed display on The Loop digital art screen. In addition, AAD will display a giant Lego model of Australia's new icebreaker RSV *Nuyina* at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.



Photo: Gary Miller, courtesy AAD.

Support for business

DURING the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Hobart contacted 656 businesses in Hobart to see how they were coping with restrictions and the economic downturn.

In-depth conversations with 200 business owners and managers followed, helping to provide an understanding of short-term business needs, and determine how the City could best provide support.

The survey showed many businesses had adapted their business models, using the crisis as an opportunity to reset and connect with their customers on a new level.

However, others were unable to trade at the time of contact, or were relying on government support to operate. Full survey results are on the City's website under Resilient Hobart Businesses.

Feedback from businesses is being used to develop a

new business grants program. This is in addition to two grants that were administered during the height of the pandemic.

The City's marketing campaign, Hello Hobart, continues to promote local businesses and everything that makes Hobart special. The team shares stories of the people behind Hobart businesses and celebrates the vibrancy they bring to the city. Visit hellohobart.com.au.

The City will now create a COVID-19 economic recovery framework and action plan. This will include establishment of a business consultative group. The community will have the opportunity to be involved in this process.

Join the mailing list by emailing business@hobartcity.com.au to stay up to date with business support and initiatives.

City embraces pedal power

STAFF at the City of Hobart are leading by example when it comes to leaving the car at home on the daily commute.

Cycling is an increasingly popular transport choice for City employees to get to work, with more than 12 per cent of staff choosing two wheels.

Cycling offers the combined benefits of cost savings, reduced traffic congestion, lower carbon footprint and improved health, fitness and wellbeing.

The City of Hobart provides bicycle storage for employees to make cycling more convenient.

For those who like a little extra help to get up the hills, two new electric charging stations have recently been installed for e-bike owners.

The Heart Foundation continues to support active transport as a way of reducing the impact of inactivity and cardiovascular disease on Australians, including 16,000 premature deaths each year.



City of Hobart employee Jill Hickie is one of many who choose to cycle to work.

Prepare for bushfire season

BUSHFIRE is Hobart's most significant disaster risk and Hobart is one of Australia's most bushfire-prone cities.

Residents living within 100 metres of bushland are reminded to take steps early to prepare their properties and to make sure they have a plan to help them survive a bushfire.

To lower the bushfire risk around a property, keep bushfire fuel to a minimum. This means removing shrubs, reducing the height of grass to below 10cm in height, and removing low-hanging tree limbs. Check the Tasmania Fire Service's fire retardant garden plants recommendations to find species that are less fire-prone.

Keep gutters clear of leaves and check for gaps where embers might enter the home.

The City of Hobart conducted four strategic controlled burns



The City of Hobart has conducted controlled burns during the cooler months.

during autumn and has several more planned for spring – including burns at Huon Road, Kalang Reserve and Ridgeway.

Maintenance of fuel breaks is also being undertaken ahead of

the peak summer bushfire season.

For more advice on preparing homes for bushfire season and how to create a bushfire survival plan, visit hobartcity.com.au/PrepareForBushfire.

Apply now for grant programs

GRANTS are now available to support a range of local projects and initiatives. The following grant programs open on 5 September:

Creative Hobart – up to \$15,000 to support cultural and creative programs that encourage community participation, attract cultural tourism and make Hobart a wonderful place to live, work and visit.

Community – up to \$5000 for community groups and non-profit organisations to develop projects or events, or elements of ongoing

programs, that foster access and participation and respond to community needs.

Events – up to \$20,000 for events that enhance community identity and encourage accessibility and community participation. In particular, events that celebrate cultural diversity and deliver economic benefits through increased visitation and promotion of Hobart as an attractive tourist destination.

Urban Sustainability – up to \$15,000 for schools, community

groups and businesses to develop projects relating to energy efficiency, air and water quality, waste, food gardens, climate change, sustainable transport and local biodiversity.

To discuss grant eligibility or how to use the online SmartyGrants application platform, contact the Grants Officer on **03 6238 2132** or grants@hobartcity.com.au.

For more information on these and other available grants, visit hobartcity.com.au/grants.

Get creative in art postcard exhibition

COMPLEMENTING the inaugural *Hobart Current: Liberty* exhibition in March 2021, the City of Hobart is hosting a program of community activities that provide opportunities to explore the notion of 'liberty'.

In the *Liberty* Postcard Exhibition, participants can reflect on the meaning of 'liberty' through a creative response submitted on an oversized postcard template.

It is open to anyone who

loves to draw, compose, write, photograph or use any other creative medium.

As this year has been challenging in terms of personal liberty and the ability to engage with others, it is hoped the project will draw a large community response. The exhibition will be held in April, with prizes for People's Choice and best response to the *Liberty* theme. Visit hobartcurrent.com/get-involved.

CONTACT THE CITY OF HOBART

☎ 03 6238 2711 @ coh@hobartcity.com.au

✉ GPO Box 503, Hobart TAS 7001

CITY OF HOBART

2021 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? The City of Hobart invites nominations for the 2021 Australia Day Awards. The awards recognise outstanding personal achievements and contributions to the local community and an outstanding community event.

Nomination forms are available from the Hobart Council Centre, 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart. Phone **6238 2100** or access the online forms from hobartcity.com.au/AusDayAwards

Entries close: Wednesday 28 October 2020



City of **HOBART**