

PREPARE NOW FOR BUSHFIRE

Hobart urged to get ready

HOBART residents are being urged to prepare now for what could be a dangerous bushfire season. “The catastrophic wildfires that have wreaked havoc on Europe, Canada and Hawaii are a tragic reminder of our vulnerability to uncontrollable bushfire,” Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said.

“Hobart is one of the most bushfire-prone cities in Australia so it is vital we all have a bushfire plan prepared well ahead of the bushfire season. “Now is the time to prepare your home and family for bushfire by cleaning out gutters, removing flammable plants that are close to your house and ensuring you have a



Sam Jones from the City of Hobart’s fire and biodiversity team mops up after a fuel reduction burn.

plan to leave early. “The message from the Tasmania Fire Service is very clear, make sure you have a bushfire plan, talk about it with family, friends and neighbours, clear up your property and prepare an emergency kit. “Know when to leave your property well before a

bushfire puts you and your family in danger and know where to go.” Residents are also urged to get to know the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS), which describes the potential level of bushfire danger, based on forecast weather and other

conditions. The system helps people decide what actions to take when a bushfire starts. The Tasmania Fire Service recommends you plan to leave early on days with a Fire Danger Rating forecast of Extreme or Catastrophic. To learn more, visit bushfire.tas.gov.au.

Calling on climate leaders

THE development of a new climate strategy for Hobart offers the community and businesses a chance to think globally by acting locally on key climate change challenges. The evidence-based, community-informed strategy will guide how we work together to accelerate Hobart’s transformation toward a zero emissions and climate-resilient Hobart. Climate solutions can help reduce cost of living pressures, create new jobs and shape a better Hobart for everyone. It is reported that the Australian economy could stand to gain \$890 billion over the next 50 years if there is a coordinated decarbonisation effort. Transitioning to a zero emissions and climate-ready Hobart is a surmountable challenge, it is ambitious and achievable, but to achieve this shared goal everyone needs to act.

Locally and globally, there are an abundance of climate solutions – the challenge is to figure out how to work together on a coordinated approach. As the tier of government closest to the community, the City of Hobart has a responsibility to act and a commitment to enable our community to lead with us. To help us develop a climate strategy sign up to our ‘Hobart Climate Leaders’ email list at hobartcity.com.au/climate-leaders

Neighbourhood plans set 20-year goals

THE City of Hobart is developing a number of neighbourhood plans over the next year and is seeking community input. Work on the North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan has already started, with the community being asked to provide feedback at two

workshops in September and through the Your Say Hobart website. The 20-year-plan will guide the future growth of North Hobart, including how to protect the character of this much-cherished suburb and enhance key features.

A discussion paper outlining 15 key ideas can be downloaded from the Your Say Hobart website, and two public workshops will be held at the North Hobart Uniting Church on September 20 and 21. A neighbourhood plan is a guide for how a local area

should be improved and developed. They plan for future population growth and community needs. Community engagement on the Mt Nelson–Sandy Bay Neighbourhood Plan will begin later this year. To have your say visit yoursay.hobartcity.com.au

											
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Wildlife bounces back on Domain

THE CITY OF HOBART is rolling out the next phase of a project to restore nationally threatened grassy woodlands within the city limits by installing large habitat tree logs across the northern section of the Queens Domain.

“The City of Hobart has made great strides over the past decade restoring the native grasslands on the Queens Domain and these new habitat logs will provide extra habitat and safety for wildlife like our eastern barred bandicoots, lizards, frogs and skinks,” Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said.

“Over the past 200 years the Domain has seen all sorts of development, including abattoirs, quarry building, cattle grazing and it was even home to a tip.

“These activities all took a toll on the Domain’s native bushland, but we are now seeing the natural values of this much-loved space bounce back through our Grassy Woodlands Restoration Project.

“The large old logs being installed across the northern



Will Sloane gently moves an old tree log into place to provide much-needed ground habitat on the Queens Domain.

section of the Queens Domain will replace valuable ground habitat lost through years of development, bushfires and even wood hooking, which is now illegal.”

Up to 40 large logs will be installed on the Domain by the City of Hobart’s fire and biodiversity staff, who have used chainsaws to cut hollows and grooves into the fallen timber to create habitat for birds, micro bats and other wildlife.

Sustainability in Infrastructure Portfolio Committee Chair Councillor Bill Harvey said the bounce back in native wildlife on the Queens Domain over the past five years had been extraordinary.



New habitat logs will create shelter for eastern barred bandicoots and other wildlife. Photo: Helen Cunningham

“It’s becoming a common site for families visiting Legacy Park on the Queens Domain to see southern brown bandicoots hunting for grubs on the nearby lawns and we

are seeing more raptors hovering over the Domain looking for prey, a sign of a healthy, thriving ecosystem,” Cr Harvey said.

“We have opened up much of the threatened native grasslands by cutting back she-oaks and restoring the Domain to its original landscape, when it was a thriving hunting ground for the traditional owners, the muwinina people.

“Our fire and biodiversity team and volunteers with our Bushcare program have all played a vital role in restoring the Domain’s critically endangered lowland grasslands, and helping rid the area of environmental weeds.”

Epoch nurtures local talent

HOBART’S enviable arts scene is set to flex its creative muscles once again with the biennial exhibition Hobart Current.

The free exhibition showcases contemporary artists who are leading and emerging in the scene.

This year’s theme is Epoch. Curated by Chris Twite, who was recently

named as the new Creative Director of Hobart’s boundary-pushing Dark Mofo festival, it promises to be an intriguing exploration of the rapidly changing world we are stepping into.

With a focus on nurturing local talent, Epoch’s ten-strong line-up features six Tasmanian artists. Their works will

incorporate different media across visual art, performance, music, film, design and literature.

Hobart Current: Epoch will be presented at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and at several public spaces across the Hobart CBD, 17 November 2023 – 11 February 2024. Visit hobartcurrent.com

Increased car parking

A MAJOR upgrade to the Lefroy Street carpark in North Hobart has seen a significant boost to the area, with an increase of 35 car parks and the introduction of two EV charging stations.

It also includes six new bike parking spaces, improved lighting, two new disability access points and pedestrian access.

The \$1.59 million carpark

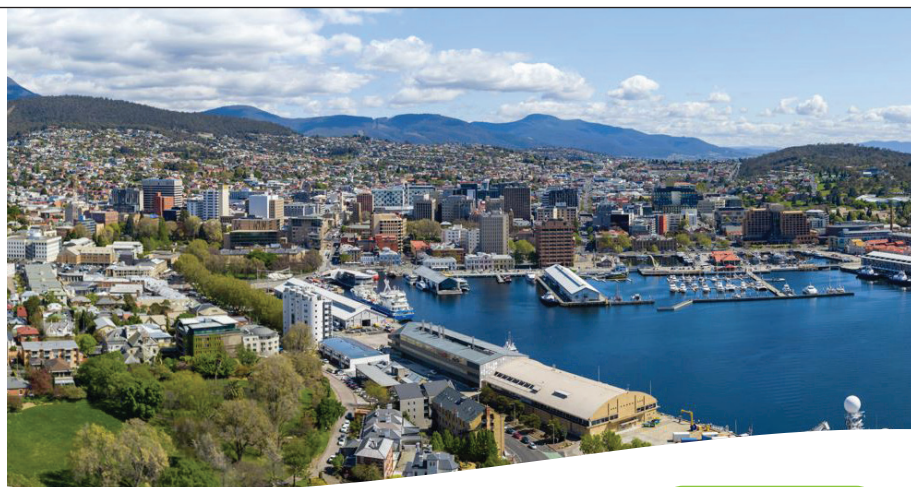
expansion, which takes capacity up to 57 car parks, comes after the Swan Street Park redevelopment was completed in February this year and repairs and a minor upgrade to Condell Place carpark.

Pedestrians can now access the carpark from the laneway to Elizabeth Street that runs next to Saigon Express Lounge.

HAVE YOUR SAY HOBART

Share your thoughts about the future of Hobart and help inform Hobart City Council decision making through the Your Say Hobart website.

- **SOUTH HOBART OVAL AND PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN:** The master plan will guide future upgrades to the oval, basketball and tennis courts, park space and play areas while ensuring cultural, environmental and social values are upheld and improved.
- **NORTH HOBART NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** The North Hobart Neighbourhood Plan is a 20-year document that will guide the future growth of North Hobart, including how we protect the essence of North Hobart and enhance the area’s key features.



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Plan maps future for park and oval

THE City of Hobart has released a draft master plan for South Hobart Oval and Park following extensive community consultation.

The final plan will guide upgrades to the oval, basketball and tennis courts, park and play areas while ensuring cultural, environmental and social values are improved.

“This draft master plan is the result of an extremely high level of engagement and enthusiasm from a broad cross-section of the local community, which



Harper and Nai love visiting the playground after school.

is clearly very passionate about this space,” Hobart Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said.

“Close consultation

with the community has revealed a very clear desire for upgrades to existing facilities, including better change rooms, referee

rooms and toilets at the oval.

“The community also clearly feels the space is fractured and faces many access challenges, with a need to create better connections between the oval and the playground.”

The oval is the home of the South Hobart Football Club, which played its first game in 1910, and the basketball courts and play areas are extremely popular with the local community.

The oval has also become one of the most popular off-

leash dog exercising areas in Hobart.

Healthy Hobart Portfolio Co-chair Dr Zelinda Sherlock said high level engagement from the local community and key stakeholders led to the development of a comprehensive draft master plan that will help shape the future of this much-loved South Hobart community and recreation space.

The draft plan can be viewed on the Your Say Hobart website with feedback accepted up to Friday 29 September.

Work site an open canvas for artists

HOBART will be bursting into colour under a new City of Hobart program that presents art and design concepts as printed artworks on construction site fencing and hard hoarding.

Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds said the ART SITES Creative Hoarding program will enliven streets and change the vibe public works and developments bring to the city.

“When the mesh fencing goes up it often means something great is on its way,” Cr Reynolds said.

“New housing, improved streetscapes, better shopping. But in the meantime it can feel dull and a bit ugly for neighbouring businesses, residents and passers-by.

“ART SITES seeks to change that by providing a collection



Artist Kat Scarlet, left, and her work *Suspended Breath*, above.



of original contemporary local Tasmanian artworks to use on construction sites.

The four artists commissioned for ART SITES are Kat Scarlet, Robert O’Connor, Daniel Gray-Barnett and Tasmanian First Nations designer Michelle Maynard.

Creative City Portfolio Chair

Cr John Kelly said the artists were chosen for their bold and engaging style.

“The works showcase the iconic Tasmanian landscape, First Nations design, fantastic fungi and chaotic collage, all in vibrant contemporary styles,” Cr Kelly said.

“The aim is to turn construction sites into public galleries that enliven our city while providing an opportunity for some of our best local artists to display their works on a large scale.”

The first creative hoarding was installed at the Salamanca Place Precinct Upgrade site.

The bold landscape work *Suspended Breath: a Hartz Journey* is from Huonville artist Kat Scarlet, who describes the work as a love letter to Tasmania’s Hartz Mountains National Park.

Companies are encouraged to contact the City of Hobart if they are interested in having a creative hoarding installed for an upcoming Hobart project.

PREPARE NOW FOR BUSHFIRE

Hobart is one of the most bushfire-prone cities in Australia. To lower the risk, the City of Hobart reduces flammable materials in our forests and maintains a large network of fuel breaks and fire trails.

We’ve done everything we can to protect you. It’s now your turn to take steps to keep your life, family and property safe from the threat of bushfire.

- Learn more at bushfire.tas.gov.au



Prepare a bushfire plan



Clean up your garden



Make an emergency kit



Know when to leave early

Water project something to spout about

HAVE you noticed the blue Good Water Project stations that are being rolled out along the Hobart waterfront? They have a very important role to play and are doing their bit for the environment.

Every year thousands of plastic bottles enter our waste stream and end up at the Hobart tip as landfill. In a bid to reduce the use of single-use-plastic water bottles, four water stations have now been installed along the waterfront with the goal of influencing people's behaviour ahead of the tourism season.

Thousands of people visit

Hobart each year and many of them don't know that our tap water is clean, clear, tastes great, and is a viable option to buying expensive bottled water. The water stations provide a visible reminder that our water is good to drink and you can refill for free. This will be a welcome relief for visitors to our city in the hot summer months.

Locals will also enjoy the water stations as they walk and exercise around the waterfront area. The design features a spout for easy drinking, a tap to refill your bottle and some even have a dog water bowl at the



Sole Mates runners Jill Doyle, her furry friend Caesar, Kellie Williams and Jarrod Gibson quench their thirsts during a city run. Sole Mates schedules runs every week and is open to everyone.

- base, so dog lovers can give their pooch a welcome drink.
- There are plans to roll this initiative out further with more water stations on the cards to create a network of handy drinking locations. The current locations include:
- Salamanca Plaza near Parliament Lawns.
 - Murray Street near Parliament Lawns.
 - Morrison Street along the waterfront near PW1.
 - Corner of Hunter and Davey streets on the waterfront.
- Two more will be installed over the coming weeks near Mures and Flippers

and there are more water stations being planned for later this year.

The project is a joint initiative of the City of Hobart, Pennicott Foundation, Tasmanian Government and TasWater.

For more information on the Good Water Project visit goodwaterproject.com.

A Hobart culinary institution

"WURSTHAUS" is German for sausage house – and to this day the humble sausage remains the most popular item at this Hobart institution.

First established in 1985 as a small butcher shop on Carlton Street, Lenah Valley, Wursthau was started by former Drysdale teachers who had a shared interest in making artisan smallgoods and gourmet sausages.

From there Wursthau has grown into the iconic business it is today.

Wursthau Kitchen is a gourmet deli, butcher/charcuterie, a premium wine and cheese store and catering kitchen located in Salamanca.

The owner, Peter Trioli, bought the shop in Salamanca in 2003.

"I have a background in wine sales and importing wine," he says.

"I worked in Paris for three years or so in restaurants and hotels, which helped develop my love of French food and wine."

Wursthau opened its first Salamanca retail store in 1991 and was originally



Tap into butcher Michael Scamarcia's wonderful food knowledge when visiting Wursthau.



located in Salamanca Place before moving around the corner to Montpellier Retreat, its current location.

"Salamanca wasn't a trendy location in those days, and there wasn't much here apart from warehouses," says Peter.

At first, Wursthau shared a space with Manna bread, but the business slowly outgrew the bakery, which moved on, leaving Wursthau to take over the full shop.

Wursthau expanded further into the space on Montpellier Retreat and, under Peter's expert guidance, started to stock more international products alongside their extensive Tasmanian range.

"We stock a range of French, Italian and German products," says Peter.

"For example, you'll find Italian wine, cheese, prosciutto, handmade, air-dried artisan Italian pasta and a range of German smallgoods."

It is not uncommon to see a line out the door during the busy lunch-rush period – once you grab lunch there, you'll know why. On Fridays, those in the know queue up for the 12.30 pm special – an incredible fruit loaf that flies out the door.

Read the full story at hellohobart.com.au.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dementia Friendly Café

MATHERS House is partnering with Dementia Friendly Tasmania and Libraries Tasmania to provide a Dementia Friendly Café.

The monthly event provides a safe and supportive space for those living with dementia, their supporters, carers and friends. Morning tea includes the chance to seek advice from peers.

Libraries Tasmania will provide creative activities.

The cost is \$5 and the cafe is open 10 am – 12 pm, last Wednesday of the month, Mathers House, 108-110 Bathurst Street.

Council meetings

HOBART City Council meetings start at 5pm, unless otherwise advertised, and are streamed live on the City of Hobart's YouTube channel. Agendas are published on the City's website.

Meetings schedule:

- Mon 25 September
- Mon 30 October
- Mon 27 November
- Mon 11 December