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# Ordinary Agenda

Council Meeting

15 May 2023

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## Qualified Persons Advice

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The *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 65, provides (in part) as follows: -

- A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the Council is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- A council is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless the general manager certifies in writing that such advice was obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the Council and a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the Council with the general managers certification.

I therefore certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to the Council in or with this agenda:

- a. the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- b. where any advice is directly given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

## Notification of Council Meeting

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**NOTICE** is given that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Dorset Council will be held on Monday, 15 May 2023 at the **Council Chambers, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale** commencing at 6:00 pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend in person, however, due to recommended physical distancing guidelines, the number of persons able to attend is limited. Any member of the public who wishes to attend the meeting **must** register their details with Executive Assistant, Sarah Forsyth by **3:00 pm Monday 15 May 2023** via email [gm@dorset.tas.gov.au](mailto:gm@dorset.tas.gov.au) or by calling 03 6352 6500. A recording of the Council Meeting, except for any part held in Closed Session, will be made available to the public as soon as practicable after the Meeting via Council's website and social media.



**JOHN MARIK**  
General Manager

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## Council Meeting Agenda 15 May 2023

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Meeting Opened:

Present:

Apologies:

Item 59/23                      Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 24 April 2023  
Ref: DOC/23/4716

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*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 24 April 2023 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.*

**Recommendation**

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 24 April 2023 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

Item 60/23                      Confirmation of Agenda

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**Recommendation**

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 15 May 2023 Council Meeting.

Item 61/23                      Declaration of an Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate

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In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary interest or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**INTEREST DECLARED**



The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

### Approved Applications




	Approved April	Approved 2023 YTD	Approved 2022 YTD
<b>Planning</b>	13	37	51
<b>Building*</b>	8	37	46
<b>Plumbing</b>	5	25	19

See attachments for detailed information about applications approved in April 2023.

\* From 15 March 2023, Dorset Council ceased providing Building Surveying services for any new building applications. Council is still providing Plumbing Surveyor services and continues to act as the Permit Authority, as required.

### 2022/23 Capital Works Program Update | April 2023

Ref: DOC/22/7876

	Complete 2022/23
	Completed in April 2023
	Carried Forward 2023/24

PROJECT	PROJECT PHASE
<b>BRIDGES</b>	
Bridge 1507 Garibaldi Road - timber superstructure renewal	Sourcing materials
<b>Bridge 1512 Barnett Road – re-deck</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Bridge 1540 West Maurice Road – re-deck</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Bridge 1620 Cuckoo Road – re-deck</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Bridge 1515 Maurice Road - upgrade to concrete	Design
Bridge 1617 Duncraggen Road - upgrade to concrete	Design
<b>ROADS - RESHEETING</b>	
Shanty Road, North Scottsdale	Commenced
<b>Scott Street, Scottsdale</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Duncraggen Road, Jetsonville	Carried Forward
Upper Brid Road, West Scottsdale	Commenced
Lisle Road, Nabowla	Commenced
Knights Road, Nabowla	Commenced
Cuckoo Road, Scottsdale	Commenced
Banca Road, Winnaleah	Commenced

ROADS - RESEALS	
Telita Road	Tender Awarded
<b>Gladstone Road</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>North Scottsdale Road</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Gillespies Road</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Main Road, Pioneer	Preparation Commenced
Charles Street, Pioneer	Preparation Commenced
Moore Street, Pioneer	Preparation Commenced
Alfred Street, Pioneer	Preparation Commenced
FOOTPATHS	
<b>Main Street, Bridport - from top of roundabout to South Street (Asphalt) (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Port Hills extension	
STORMWATER	
Main Street, Bridport - upgrade existing 525 pipeline to 900 and install new side entry pits	Design
Union Street, Scottsdale - upgrade existing pipeline lower end of Union Street	Carried Forward
Bentley Street, Bridport - upgrade existing 525 pipeline to 900	Design
Bridport - stormwater pit replacements in Walter Street and South Street (carried forward)	Design
Urban Stormwater Management Plans (carried forward)	Commenced
ROADS - OTHER	
Carisbrook Lane - complete works McDougalls Road intersection	Awaiting property owner commitment
Carisbrook Lane - underpass contribution	Awaiting property owner commitment
Golconda Road - straighten road alignment and upgrade culvert Lone Star Creek	Commenced
Cascade Dam Road safety improvements including new stormwater pipeline	Commenced
Victoria Street, Scottsdale - upgrade	Commenced
CWA Carpark Bridport - extend existing carpark	Commenced
<b>Main Street, Derby - extend existing kerb, footpath and stormwater</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Old Waterhouse Road - safety improvements and upgrade	Grant Deed Pending
Golconda Road - widening design (carried forward)	Commenced
<b>Golconda Road (Stage 4) - from Chainage 1,600 to Gillespies Road (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Albert Street, Bridport - replace kerb between Main Street and Thomas Street, west side (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Cairns Close, Tomahawk - repair seal (carried forward)	Commenced
LAND IMPROVEMENTS	
<b>Redevelopment of old Derby depot site and trail head (including car park and amenities block)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Redevelopment of old Derby depot site and trail head (including car park and amenities block) (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Derby Park - play equipment replacement</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Scottsdale Sports Stadium - carpark reseal</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Ellesmere Cemetery- seating and memorial wall upgrades	Commenced
<b>Bridport Cemetery - seating and memorial wall upgrades</b>	<b>Completed</b>

Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station - compacted gravel sheeting in yard (steel area)	Commenced
Rail Trail (carried forward)	Awaiting outcome of Appeal Proceedings
<b>Main Street, Bridport - replace children's crossing poles</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park - bollards around fire hydrants	Commenced
Northeast Park - MTB Trails (carried forward)	Planning
<b>Green Flow Trail Derby (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails - Enduro World Series 2023</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Bridport Football Club Ball Retrieval Safety Net (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>Bridport Netball Courts - Lighting Upgrade (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Gladstone Pump Track (carried forward)	Title Transferred
<b>Derby EV Fast Charging Station (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>
<b>BUILDINGS</b>	
Scottsdale Sports Stadium - floor recoat	Planning
Sideling toilets - extra solar panels for cameras	Planning
<b>Council Chambers - power upgrade stage 2</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Bridport Pavilion toilets - tile floors and repaint walls	Planning
Derby Park toilets – re-grout showers and handrail on verandah	Planning
<b>Gladstone Hall - new vertical blinds</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Scottsdale Visitor Information Centre - replace windows	Commenced
<b>Alfred Street, Scottsdale toilets - replace cisterns</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Replacement of security key system	Planning
Scottsdale Depot storage	Commenced
<b>Derby Hall - 10 collapsible tables</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Scottsdale Railway Station Restoration	Rotary Project
Bridport Seaside Caravan Park - Goftons Beach amenities - shower timers	Planning
Scottsdale and Bridport Depots - upgrade to security alarm panels	
New Derby Depot (carried forward)	Commenced
Gladstone Hall - new septic tank (carried forward)	Carried Forward
Branxholm Town Hall - new sink and hot water service	Planning
<b>Bridport Seaside Caravan Park - 2 washing machines and 2 dryers</b>	<b>Completed</b>
Building Renovations (Proposed Workers Accommodation) - 71 Main St Derby (carried forward)	Blue Derby Foundation Project
Bridport Football Club viewing deck (carried forward)	BFC responsible for delivering project
<b>Amenities Upgrade Bridport Football/Cricket Clubrooms (carried forward)</b>	<b>Completed</b>

## Recommendation

That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.

**2 May | Briefing Workshop**

- Briefing Reports and Question Time
  - Mayor’s Report & Correspondence
  - Management Team Updates
- Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan
- Structure Plan Update
- Draft 2023/24 Budget Estimates
- 2023/24 Rates Strategy Discussion
- Draft 2023/24 Fees and Charges
- Bridport Seaside Caravan Park Progress Report (*partially deferred*)
- Meatstock Event Discussion

**5 May | Special Briefing Workshop**

- Draft Council Submission – Director of Local Government Draft Investigation Report

The following questions were **taken on notice** from a member of the public at the 24 April Council Meeting:

**Vincent Teichmann, Pioneer:**

*What records are there of any complaints received by Dorset Council regarding any Derby shuttle drivers?*

**Response from General Manager, John Marik:**

Complaints in regards to Derby shuttle drivers may be within the jurisdiction of either Parks and Wildlife, the Tasmanian Police or Council depending on the nature of the complaint. Complaints may be relayed to the Council verbally, or in writing. A review of Council’s document management system shows one recent written complaint to Council that was within Parks and Wildlife jurisdiction and this has been actioned to them.

Correspondence from the former General Manager suggests that a verbal complaint was received in regards to a Derby shuttle driver.

*What evidence was submitted to support any complaint, how was such evidence handled and who was it passed on to, and when / how can I obtain a copy of any such evidence?*

**Response from General Manager, John Marik:**

As per the previous response, a complaint is dealt with according to the nature and the responsible authority investigating the complaint. Strict confidentiality surrounds complaints and any required investigations. In regards to the one written complaint that Council has received, this has been passed on to Parks and Wildlife, with Council not privy to their complaint investigation procedures / processes. In regards to the verbal complaint mentioned in the previous response, besides communication between the former General Manager and a ratepayer, no further documentation of the complaint process can be located as the investigating officer is no longer an employee of Council.

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The following questions were received **without notice** from members of the public:

**Item 66/23                      Deputations**

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**Item 67/23                      Councillor Question Time**

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The following questions were **taken on notice** from Councillors at the 24 April Council Meeting:

**Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:**

*Can we revisit our Public Liability for Halls Policy in the district again? We're bragging that all our halls are free, well they're not free at all because you're looking at a couple of thousand in public liability and for a small group, it puts them at a disadvantage.*

**Response from Administration Manager, Lauren Tolputt:**

Council's Public Liability Insurance for Users of Council Facilities Policy (Policy 20) was reviewed in December 2022 and adopted at the December Council Meeting. The policy provides for users of Council's facilities (that do not already have their own public liability insurance) to access one-off public liability cover under Council's policy for a nominal fee which is currently \$27. The policy also provides that the nominal fee can be waived where the use of the facility is considered low risk and the amount of the nominal fee is not affordable or practicable for the user. In practice, community groups rarely pay the nominal fee as they usually meet the conditions to have the fee waived.

There are a number of activities that are excluded from being covered under Council's policy (e.g. participation in sporting events) as Council's insurer will not accept liability for claims arising from those activities. Whilst Council review all circumstances on a case-by-case basis and offer coverage if possible, it is always recommended that users participating in excluded activities consider purchasing their own public liability insurance to limit their exposure to claims emanating from activities that are excluded under Council's policy.

**Councillor Edwina Powell:**

*Regarding revegetation, there used to be a beautification committee with members of the public that looked at what the needs were in each town in terms of putting trees, shrubs or ground cover in. Is there any room for us to be able to look at how we could invite that same kind of public contribution and look at ways of addressing things like beautification of the towns?*

**Response from General Manager, John Marik:**

There was a Scottsdale Beautification Committee formed in approximately 2012, which was primarily focused on the redevelopment of King Street. Councillors can have a general discussion on beautification works at a future Workshop.

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The following questions were received without notice from Councillors:

Item 68/23

Notices of Motion by Councillors

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## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to present to Councillors and the community the financial performance for the 9 months ended 31 March 2023.

## Background

The Dorset Council Year to Date Financial Report for period ended 31 March 2023 provides information on income and expenditure budget variations, cash flows and the status of current capital projects.

## Planning, Environment & Statutory Requirements

*Local Government Act 1993* - Sections 82(4) and (5) enable Council to vary the budget during the course of the year.

## Financial & Asset Management Implications

Please refer to the notes below for variances between actual and budget estimates.

## Officer's Comments

For the 9 months ended 31 March 2023, Council recorded an adjusted underlying surplus of \$1,369,000 compared to a budget of \$1,102,000 (\$267,000 above budget).

The improved adjusted underlying surplus is a result of operating income (including gain on disposal of assets) being \$335,000 above budget and operating expenditure (excluding flood related expenses) being \$68,000 above budget. An increase in income received from operating grants and contributions, interest and other income had the most material impact on results. Income received from rates and user charges continues to be below budget and employee costs and depreciation expense are above budget for this period, which has also affected the results reported. These variances are discussed in further detail within the report.

Additional factors that are likely to impact results for the remainder of the 2022/23 financial year include:

- Interest rates continue to rise, which will increase returns received on Council's cash investments, positively affecting results. Interest rates on Council's current borrowings are fixed, and therefore unaffected by these movements.
- Employees costs will be above budget this year due to a number of employee movements that were unbudgeted in the 2022/23 financial year.

- Inflation remains high, with the national Consumer Price Index (CPI) for twelve months to March 2023 increasing to 7.0% (Hobart 6.9%). The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) further recognises that CPI, as a measure alone, does not fully reflect the increased cost pressures associated with delivering local government services. Consequently, they calculate a Council Cost Index (CCI), which is released annually in March and considers movements in the wage price index, road and bridge construction index, as well as Hobart CPI. The CCI for the twelve months to March 2023 was 8.11%, increasing significantly from 4.06% for the twelve months to March 2022.
- Depreciation will be higher than budgeted for in the 2022/23 year as assets were indexed at levels well above the national CPI at 30 June 2022. Council officers liaised with the Tasmanian Audit Office during the budgeting process and were advised that indexing may not be required, however, inflation increased rapidly towards the end of the 2022 financial year which materially impacted asset values and current replacement costs.
- The municipality was seriously impacted by the October 2022 flooding event and additional expenditure (both capital and operational) is required to repair the damage sustained to Council assets. Where clearly identifiable, additional operating costs associated with significant natural disasters can be excluded from recurrent expenditure, as per guidance received from the Tasmanian Audit Office. Consequently, \$127,000 in operating expenditure incurred in relation to this event has been added back to the adjusted underlying result for the period. Council expect to receive up to 75% of this expenditure back through the Tasmanian Relief and Recovery Arrangements (TRRA) provided by the Tasmanian State Government.



# Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the period ended

31 March 2023

	Note	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
		YTD Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Budget Variance %	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Variance %
<b>Operating Income</b>							
Rates and charges	7	6,924	6,836	(88)	(1.3%)	6,160	11.0%
Statutory fees		141	149	8	5.7%	134	11.2%
User charges	8	1,153	1,102	(51)	(4.4%)	1,027	7.3%
Grants and contributions	1	3,632	3,731	99	2.7%	3,400	9.7%
Interest	2	61	185	124	203.3%	51	262.7%
Other income	3	234	496	262	112.0%	426	16.4%
Investment income from Water Corporation		175	146	(29)	(16.6%)	146	0.0%
<b>Total Operating Income</b>		<b>12,320</b>	<b>12,645</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
<b>Capital Income</b>							
Capital grants and contributions	4	2,103	2,360	257	12.2%	2,162	9.2%
Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets	5	-	10	10	100.0%	(124)	108.1%
<b>Total Capital Income</b>		<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,370</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>14,423</b>	<b>15,015</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>13,382</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Employee costs	9	3,721	4,008	287	7.7%	3,370	18.9%
Materials and services	6	2,592	2,362	(230)	(8.9%)	2,252	4.9%
Finance costs		58	58	-	0.0%	90	(35.6%)
Other expenses		1,396	1,426	30	2.1%	1,448	(1.5%)
Depreciation and amortisation	10	3,451	3,559	108	3.1%	3,409	4.4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>11,218</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>10,569</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
<b>Net result for the period</b>		<b>3,205</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>28.0%</b>
<i>Less:</i> Capital grants and contributions		(2,103)	(2,360)	(257)	(12.2%)	(2,162)	(9.2%)
<i>Add:</i> Loss on disposal (Unscheduled)		-	-	-	0.0%	132	(100.0%)
<i>Add:</i> Flood related operational expenditure		-	127	127	100.0%	-	100.0%
<b>Adjusted underlying result for the period</b>		<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>74.7%</b>
<i>Less:</i> Adjustment for prepayment of FA grants		(2,131)	(2,131)	-	0.0%	(853)	(149.8%)
<i>Less:</i> Roads to Recovery funding		(563)	(563)	-	0.0%	(563)	0.0%
<b>Statutory underlying result for the period</b>		<b>(1,592)</b>	<b>(1,325)</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>(633)</b>	<b>(109.3%)</b>

## Notes on significant variances

### Favourable Variances

#### 1. Grants and Contributions (Operating) | \$99,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
FA Grants – General*	1,225	1,294	69	5.6%	1,137	13.8%
FA Grants – Roads & Bridges*	1,617	1,637	20	1.2%	1,524	7.4%
Roads to Recovery**	563	563	-	0.0%	563	0.0%
Heavy Vehicle Motor Tax	140	140	-	0.0%	-	100.0%
Aminya Redevelopment Project	-	-	-	0.0%	145	(100.0%)
Urban Residential Growth Strategies (Structure Plans) for Derby & Scottsdale^	50	50	-	0.0%	-	100.0%
Australia Day Event – 2023	-	16	16	100.0%	-	100.0%
Contributions received	27	30	3	11.1%	25	20.0%
Donations	10	1	(9)	(90.0%)	6	(83.3%)
<b>Total operating grants and contributions</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>3,731</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

Operating grants and contributions are \$99,000 above budget (up 2.7%) as a result of an increase in the amount received from the Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) program and additional funding received to support Councils 2023 Australia Day events. Unfortunately, income received from donations is \$9,000 below budget (down 90.0%) due to a delay in receiving the Donation Point Tap terminal from the supplier, which was to be used at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre during the 2022/23 pool season.

FA grants are expected to be \$120,000 above budget by year-end due to a revised estimate provided by the State Grants Commissions in August 2022. This revised estimate takes into consideration the latest population estimates for the municipality and the actual CPI movement for the March 2022 quarter; factors which were both unknown when initial budget estimates were presented.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, operating grants and contributions have increased by \$331,000 (up 9.7%).

\* Council have reported FA grants on an accruals basis and have included the prepayment received last financial year in the budget estimates and actuals presented. Council's statutory reports recognise FA grants on a cash basis so the prepayment has been backed out of the adjusted underlying result in the Statement of Comprehensive Income to show the statutory result for the period. Prior year figures have also been adjusted for comparability.

\*\* Council have reported Roads to Recovery under operating grant income as previously it was deemed to be recurrent in nature. As this funding is primarily used to assist Council fund capital works it will be recognised as capital income, as per accounting requirements, in budgets and financial reports moving forward. As a result, this amount has been backed out of the adjusted underlying result shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Prior year figures have also been adjusted for comparability.

^A budget variation for this funding was approved in the November 2022 Council meeting (Item 197/22).

## 2. Interest | \$124,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Interest income	45	167	122	271.1%	38	339.5%
Interest on overdue rates	16	18	2	12.5%	13	38.5%
<b>Total interest</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>203.3%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>262.7%</b>

Interest income is \$124,000 above budget (up 203.3%) due to an increase in interest received from cash investments as a result of increasing interest rates.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, interest income has increase by \$134,000 (up 262.7%).

## 3. Other income | \$262,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Reimbursements	92	159	67	72.8%	200	(20.5%)
Private works	7	6	(1)	(14.3%)	33	(81.8%)
Tourism income	22	24	2	9.1%	17	41.2%
Other income	113	307	194	171.7%	176	74.4%
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>112.0%</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>16.4%</b>

Other income is \$262,000 above budget (up 112.0%) as a result of an increase in income received from insurance reimbursements and trainee/apprentice incentive payments that were not included in budget estimates for the 2022/23 financial year. Other income also includes accommodation payments received from the Derby Accommodation Booking Platform that have been returned to operators during the period. The corresponding expense for these operator returns has been reported under other expenses (see breakdown of other expenses for further information).

In comparison to the same period last financial year, other income has increased by \$70,000 (up 16.4%).

#### 4. Capital grants and contributions | \$257,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Scottsdale Aquatic Centre redevelopment	-	-	-	0.0%	345	(100.0%)
Bridport Back Road upgrade	-	-	-	0.0%	205	(100.0%)
Bridport Skate Park upgrade	-	-	-	0.0%	164	(100.0%)
Derby MTB Trail – Hazy Days	157	25	(132)	(84.1%)	10	730.0%
Derby Park playground	50	50	-	0.0%	-	100.0%
Bridge 1502 – Banks Road over Main Creek	-	14	14	100.0%	141	(90.1%)
Victoria Street redevelopment	984	984	-	0.0%	-	100.0%
Cascade Dam Road safety improvements	264	262	(2)	(0.8%)	-	100.0%
Carisbrook Lane redevelopment	-	352	352	100.0%	185	90.3%
Bridport CWA Carpark	17	17	-	0.0%	-	100.0%
Golconda Road – Stage 4	-	211	211	100.0%	993	(78.8%)
Golconda Road – Lone Star	-	65	65	100.0%	-	100.0%
Derby Trail Head redevelopment	400	334	(66)	(16.5%)	61	447.5%
Derby Accommodation Booking Platform	-	7	7	100.0%	5	40.0%
Australian Mountain Bike Museum	220	-	(220)	(100.0%)	-	0.0%
Levelling the Playing Field	9	9	-	0.0%	9	0.0%
Northeast Park bike park/jumps	2	2	-	0.0%	-	100.0%
Aqua aerobic equipment	-	5	5	0.0%	-	100.0%
Electric Vehicle Charger – Derby	-	23	23	100%	-	100.0%
Winnaleah Irrigation shed contribution	-	-	-	0.0%	44	(100.0%)
<b>Total capital grants and contributions</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

Capital grants and contributions are \$257,000 above budget (up 12.2%) as a result of receiving final grant instalments for stage 1 & 2 of the Carisbrook Lane (Legerwood) upgrade and the Bridge 1502 replacement (Banks Road), which were not included in 2022/23 budget estimates. Council also budgeted to receive \$220,000 in capital funding to construct a Mountain Bike Museum in Derby however, this grant application was unsuccessful and these funds will not be received.

Actual grant funding received for the construction of the new mountain bike trail 'Hazy Days' will be less than budgeted as Council were unable to meet the project completion date specified in the funding agreement. The inability to meet the project completion date was entirely due to the landslip that occurred during the October 2022 flooding event and the subsequent remedial works that were required to safely open the track for public use. It is now expected that only \$118,000 in total (\$92,000 recognised in the 2021/22 financial year) will be received under the Recovery for Regional Tourism grant program. Council officers will investigate if the additional costs incurred from repairing the flood damage and completing the project can be recovered under the TRRA arrangements.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, capital grants and contributions have increased by \$198,000 (up 9.2%).

## 5. Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets | \$10,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Proceeds of sale	-	915	915	100.0%	97	843.3%
<i>Written down value of assets disposed:</i>						
Plant, machinery and equipment	-	(180)	(180)	(100.0%)	(84)	(114.3%)
Infrastructure assets	-	-	-	0.0%	(137)	100.0%
Land	-	(593)	(593)	(100.0%)	-	(100.0%)
Buildings	-	(128)	(128)	(100.0%)	-	(100.0%)
Other assets (Pines)	-	(4)	(4)	(100.0%)	-	(100.0%)
<b>Total net gain/(loss) on disposal of assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>108.1%</b>

Gain/(loss) on disposal of assets is \$10,000 above budget (up 100.0%) as a result of the disposal of several Council assets which were not included in budget estimates for the 2022/23 financial year.

Notable disposals include:

- Building and land at 2 Alfred Street, Scottsdale (the Scott Centre), land at 14 Hawkes Place, Scottsdale and land at 99 Main Street, Derby;
- 75ML of water irrigation rights from the Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme; and
- Sale of various plant items i.e. vehicles, mower.

In comparison to the same period last year, gain/(loss) on disposal of assets has increased by \$134,000 (up 108.1%).

Please note that the disposal of infrastructure assets in the prior financial year relates to the unscheduled replacement of Bridge 1502 (Banks Road) due to Council successfully obtaining grant funding for this project. As a result, this disposal was added back to the adjusted underlying result.

## 6. Materials and services | (\$230,000)

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Materials	367	290	(77)	(21.0%)	312	(7.1%)
Utilities	372	344	(28)	(7.5%)	342	0.6%
Plant, machinery and equipment	371	357	(14)	(3.8%)	237	50.6%
Office administration	44	46	2	4.5%	45	2.2%
Contracts	1,094	998	(96)	(8.8%)	1,021	(2.3%)
Professional services	174	155	(19)	(10.9%)	119	30.3%
Management contracts	170	172	2	1.2%	176	(2.3%)
<b>Total materials and services</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>2,362</b>	<b>(230)</b>	<b>(8.9%)</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>4.9%</b>

Materials and services are \$230,000 (down 8.9%) below budget primarily as a result of the timing of additional operational projects to be completed in the 2022/23 financial year. Some projects still to be completed include:

- Listers Lane and Bridport walking track maintenance;
- Maintenance works at the Branxholm swimming pool;
- Additional maintenance at Scottsdale, Bridport and Branxholm Recreation Grounds; and
- Additional footpath and stormwater maintenance in all areas.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, materials and services have increased by \$110,000 (up 4.9%).

## Unfavourable Variances

### 7. Rates and charges | (\$88,000)

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
General rate	5,174	5,112	(62)	(1.2%)	4,785	6.8%
Waste management	1,473	1,446	(27)	(1.8%)	1,114	29.8%
Fire service levy	277	278	1	0.4%	261	6.5%
<b>Total rates and charges</b>	<b>6,924</b>	<b>6,836</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>(1.3%)</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>11.0%</b>

Rates and charges are \$88,000 below budget (down 1.3%).

Income received from general rates is \$62,000 below budget as a result of the application of differential rate remissions and supplementary valuations yet to be received. Unbudgeted rate remissions are expected to total \$66,000 for the full financial year. Income received from supplementary valuations to date totals \$73,000 (annual budget: \$100,000). The receipt of this income is dependent on receiving valuation updates from the Office of the Valuer-General as they occur.

Income received from waste management is \$27,000 below budget due to remissions applied for the varied waste management charge as a result of Council's decision to reduce the amount payable in Winnaleah and Branxholm to \$1,920 per eligible property, reduce the amount payable to the standard waste management charge (\$120) for ratepayers who supply evidence that their properties are not used for commercial purposes and reduce the amount payable to one charge per property for those that are tenured and have separate valuations for separate dwellings on a single property. Council expect remissions for the varied waste management charge to total \$268,000 for the full financial year, of which \$42,000 is unbudgeted.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, rates and charges have increased by \$676,000 (up 11.0%).

## 8. User charges | (\$51,000)

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Caravan and camping fees	785	824	39	5.0%	730	12.9%
Rental and lease income	34	58	24	70.6%	36	61.1%
Building services	82	100	18	22.0%	94	6.4%
Cemetery fees	25	21	(4)	(16.0%)	25	(16.0%)
Waste disposal fees	36	28	(8)	(22.2%)	30	(6.7%)
Aquatic centre fees	8	19	11	137.5%	-	100.0%
Other user charges	183	52	(131)	(71.6%)	112	(53.6%)
<b>Total user charges</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>(51)</b>	<b>(4.4%)</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

User charges are \$51,000 below budget (down 4.4%) as a result of a decrease in income received from Blue Derby sponsorships and accommodation commissions. Although these income streams are not expected to meet budget expectations this financial year, the accommodation booking platform is a great initiative for Derby and surrounding areas and will continue to support the Blue Derby brand into the future.

Positively, it is pleasing to note that the Learn to Swim and Aqua Aerobics programs, held at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre over the 2022/23 pool season, exceeded budget expectations during the period. Income received from caravan and camping fees, at both the Bridport Seaside Caravan Park and Derby Park, were also above budget for the period.

In comparison to same period last financial year, user charges have increased by \$75,000 (up 7.3%).



## 9. Employee costs | \$287,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Wages and salaries	4,158	4,565	407	9.8%	4,299	6.2%
Superannuation	434	416	(18)	(4.1%)	397	4.8%
Payroll tax	203	195	(8)	(3.9%)	171	14.0%
Workers compensation	72	230	158	219.4%	108	113.0%
Fringe benefits tax	25	24	(1)	(4.0%)	21	14.3%
Less: amounts capitalised	(1,171)	(1,422)	(251)	(21.4%)	(1,626)	12.5%
<b>Total employee costs</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>18.9%</b>

Employee costs are \$287,000 above budget (up 7.7%) due to an increase in wages and salaries resulting from one off payments associated with employee departures, that were unbudgeted for in the 2022/23 financial year. Although wages and salaries are reported as \$407,000 (up 9.8%) above budget, once these one off payments are removed, employee costs have only increased by \$199,000 (up 4.8%) on budget, and 1.3% on prior year figures. When compared to the 5.1% Enterprise Agreement increase that was applied to wages at the beginning of the financial year, results are slightly below prior period levels in real terms. Additional workers compensation expenditure (which includes insurance and salary payments) and higher capitalisation of employee costs than budgeted during the period has also impacted the results reported.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, employee cost have increased by \$638,000 (up 18.9%).

## 10. Depreciation | \$108,000

	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Budget Variance	Budget Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Roads	1,757	1,814	57	3.3%	1,782	1.8%
Bridges	360	394	34	9.4%	372	5.9%
Plant, machinery and equipment	438	440	2	0.5%	514	(14.4%)
Buildings	282	288	6	2.1%	267	7.3%
Stormwater	218	165	(53)	(24.3%)	151	9.8%
Land improvements	292	359	67	22.9%	222	61.7%
Computer and technology	101	90	(11)	(10.9%)	93	(3.2%)
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	3	9	6	200.0%	8	12.5%
<b>Total depreciation</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>3,559</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3,409</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

Depreciation is \$108,000 above budget (up 3.1%) as a result of the indexation of assets at 30 June 2022 at level that were higher than expected when the 2022/23 budget estimates were presented.

In comparison to the same period last financial year, depreciation has increased by \$150,000 (up 4.4%).

## Breakdown of Other Expenses

For the period ending

31 March 2023

Other expenses	Note	Current Financial Year				Prior Financial Year	
		YTD Budget \$'000	YTD Actual \$'000	Budget Variance \$'000	Budget Variance %	YTD Actual \$'000	YTD Variance %
State levies, licences and taxes		420	408	(12)	(2.9%)	394	3.6%
Insurance		142	141	(1)	(0.7%)	121	16.5%
Councillors' allowances		133	129	(4)	(3.0%)	125	3.2%
Commissions	1	1	5	4	400.0%	15	(66.7%)
IT maintenance		95	96	1	1.1%	109	(11.9%)
Communications		64	54	(10)	(15.6%)	59	(8.5%)
Subscriptions and memberships		59	60	1	1.7%	54	11.1%
Professional development		27	20	(7)	(25.9%)	20	0.0%
Cost of goods sold		40	35	(5)	(12.5%)	45	(22.2%)
Election expenses		40	53	13	32.5%	3	1,666.7%
Community grants and donations		87	81	(6)	(6.9%)	74	9.5%
Advertising		24	34	10	41.7%	41	(17.1%)
Marketing	2	11	33	22	200.0%	8	312.5%
External audit fees		33	26	(7)	(21.2%)	29	(10.3%)
Bank fees and charges		24	24	-	0.0%	26	(7.7%)
Postage		16	15	(1)	(6.3%)	16	(6.3%)
Lease payments		24	16	(8)	(33.3%)	16	0.0%
Derby accommodation operator returns	3	-	37	37	100.0%	-	100.0%
Other expenses	4	156	159	3	1.9%	293	(45.7%)
<b>Total other expenses</b>		<b>1,396</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>(1.5%)</b>

### Notes on significant variances

- Commissions:** Commissions are \$4,000 (up 400.0%) above budget as a result of an increase in the amount of external commissions paid to third-party payment processors.
- Marketing:** Marketing expenditure is \$22,000 above budget (up 200.0%) as a result of an increase in external marketing costs and includes expenditure for the Flow MTB Campaign, which is undertaken every three to four years by Council.
- Derby accommodation operator returns:** Derby accommodation operator returns are \$37,000 above budget (up 100.0%) as this is unbudgeted expenditure relating to the payment of accommodation income back to operators listed on the Derby Accommodation Booking Platform. This expenditure is 100% offset against the corresponding income recorded under other income, creating a nil impact on Council's underlying result for the period.
- Other expenses:** Other expenses in the comparative period includes the payment of the grant funding for the Aminya Redevelopment Project to May Shaw to complete the project. Please see note 1. Operating Grants and Contributions for further information.

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the period ending**  
**31 March 2023**

	YTD Actuals Inflows/(Outflows) \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Rates and charges	8,351
Statutory fees and fines, user fees, contributions, reimbursements and other income (inclusive of GST)	1,990
Grant and contributions (inclusive of GST)	1,674
Interest received	143
Finance costs	(61)
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)	(5,043)
Payments to employee (including redundancies)	(4,404)
GST refunds received	762
<b>*Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>3,412</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Payments for property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(5,836)
Proceeds from sale of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment and other assets	915
Receipts from investments	500
Dividend from water corporation	146
Capital grants (inclusive of GST)	1,062
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(3,213)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	
Proceeds of interest bearing loans and borrowings	-
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings	(374)
Repayments received from loan to May Shaw	188
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(186)</b>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	13
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	6,932
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>6,945</b>

\* The cash raised through operating activities is one of the most important figures for Council, as this shows the surplus cash raised through operations to fund capital and infrastructure works. This figure is slightly ahead of expectations as per Council's Long Term Financial Plan, which was adopted in June 2022. This figure is forecast to be lower than past years, due to a large portion of Council's Financial Assistance Grants being prepaid in the 2021/22 financial year.

## Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to net result for the period

	YTD Actuals Inflows/(Outflows) \$'000
<b>Net result for the period</b>	<b>3,602</b>
Depreciation	3,559
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	(10)
Capital grants and contributions received specifically for new or upgraded assets	(2,360)
Dividends from water corporation relating to investing activities	(146)
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>	
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivable	(798)
Decrease/(increase) in other assets	(344)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	17
Decrease/(increase) in contract assets	106
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	1,876
Increase/(decrease) in deposits	6
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(28)
Increase/(decrease) in contract liabilities	(2,068)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>3,412</b>

## Capital Works Summary

For the period ending

31 March 2023

	Actual Year to Date \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Variance \$'000	Budget Utilised %
Bridges	148	1,014	865	14.6%
Roads	2,979	5,080	2,101	58.6%
Footpaths	49	85	36	57.8%
Stormwater	31	475	444	6.6%
Buildings	275	954	679	28.8%
Land Improvements	1,136	3,005	1,869	37.8%
Plant	964	1,250	286	77.1%
IT	145	273	128	53.0%
<b>Total Capital Works</b>	<b>5,726</b>	<b>12,135</b>	<b>6,409</b>	<b>47.2%</b>

The infrastructure team has continued to perform strongly this quarter with 47.2% of the capital budget utilised for the 9 months ended 31 March 2023. There are also additional works that have been undertaken in the quarter that are yet to be invoiced, which will also increase the percentage completed. As part of the revised budget of \$12.1 million, at least \$2.5 million will be carried forward into the 2023/24 financial year (Rail Trail \$1.5 million; Bentley St Stormwater upgrade \$139,000; Main St & Westwood St Stormwater upgrade \$158,000; Bridge 1617 Duncraggen Road \$356,000; Bridge 1515 Maurice Road; \$375,000).

In October 2022, the municipality was impacted by severe flooding which caused extensive damage to some of Council's assets, including the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails and various road and bridge infrastructure. During this period, it has been necessary for Council officers to prioritise works required to repair these assets, which has delayed the completion of other budgeted capital works.

Positively, works completed on the Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails has seen the creation of a new trail 'Cuddles' in time for the UCI Enduro World Cup, held in Derby during April 2023.

During the period, capital works also continued on the redevelopment of Victoria Street, Scottsdale as well as various projects on Golconda Road, Golconda. Further land improvement works also commenced on the upgrade of the CWA carpark in Bridport.

### Recommendation

That Council receive the Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2023.

## Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to review Animal Management Fees for the 2023/24 financial year.

## Background

Council provides a range of services in relation to dogs, including dealing with stray dogs, investigation of barking nuisance complaints, relocation of dogs, regulation of dog kennels and miscellaneous enquiries and activities. The purpose of dog registration fees is to obtain a contribution from dog owners toward the cost of Council providing these services to the community. Council also provides support for residents in managing cats by making cat cages available for public hire.

Registration fees for dogs are due and payable from 1 July in each financial year. To enable an adequate notification period for fees payable, it is necessary for Council to review fees and charges at this time.

## Planning, Environment & Statutory Requirements

Section 80 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* (the Act) provides that Council may determine any fees payable under the Act.

## Financial & Asset Management Implications

See Officer's Comments below.

## Community Considerations

Council's dog management service supports the community in responsible ownership and welfare of dogs.

## Officer's Comments

Council's general approach to dog registrations has evolved over time into solely providing life-time registrations rather than annual registrations. Removing the task of administering annual registrations saves Council time and money. Providing a low-cost fee structure for lifetime registrations saves dog owners money and promotes improved registration compliance; complementing the service that Council can then provide to the community.

A departure from the above approach is required in relation to the management of declared dangerous dogs. For the forthcoming financial year, it is recommended that an annual registration charge of \$500 apply to any dog declared dangerous pursuant to Section 29 of the Act. This charge is designed to penalise and deter irresponsible dog ownership and/or control. Prescribing this as an annual charge will also support cost-recovery of Council's dog management service in the ongoing monitoring of compliance with the dangerous dog declaration (e.g. inspecting the condition/standard of the dog enclosure area required pursuant to the Act and the Dog Control Regulations 2021).

Dog seizure fees are recommended for increase and restructuring in order to promote responsible dog ownership and deter reoffending. Under the existing fee structure a 'three-tier' penalty approach is

provided, with fees progressively increased from the first to the third instance of seizure (reported over the duration of the respective dog's lifetime). Although Council recognises there can be inadvertent lapses in the effective containment of dogs by owners, Council does not condone recurring containment breaches; and it is therefore appropriate to adjust the existing fee structure so as to strongly disincentivise recurring seizures. To achieve this, it is recommended that the three-tier approach be replaced with a two-tier approach, with all seizures subsequent to a first seizure incurring a penalty equivalent to three times the amount of the first seizure.

A modest increase of approximately 8% for all other animal management fees and charges (excluding dog registration tags, which will remain stagnant) is recommended, aligning with the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Council Cost Index (for the 12 month period up until March 2023).

Council's proposed fee structure will continue to be priced to encourage responsible dog ownership and management whilst supporting the effective delivery of operational duties and functions of the Council's dog management service. The proposed Schedule of Fees for animal management fees in the 2023/24 financial year is tabled below:

<b>SCHEDULE OF FEES – Animal Control</b>	<b>Current 2022/23 Fees</b>	<b>Proposed 2023/24 Fees</b>
<b>Dog Registration – Annual</b>		
Declared Dangerous Dog	N/A	\$500
<b>Dog Registration – Lifetime</b>		
Non-Desexed Dog	\$143	\$155
Desexed, Working, Purebred or Greyhound	\$83	\$90
Pensioner-Owned Dog	\$56	\$60
Guide Dog	Nil	Nil
Guard Dog	\$440	\$476
<b>Dog Licence Fees</b>		
New Dog Licence – 3 to 5 Dogs	\$102	\$110
New Dog Licence – More than 5 Dogs	\$124	\$135
Existing Dog Licence – Renewal	\$39	\$42
<b>Dog Fees – Other</b>		
Maintenance Charge – Daily	\$31	\$35
Nuisance	\$35	\$40
Replacement Tag	\$5	\$5
1 <sup>st</sup> Seizure of any Dog	\$67	\$72
2 <sup>nd</sup> Seizure of any Dog	\$90	N/A
Subsequent Seizures (per seizure)	\$168	\$216
Delivery Charge (Dog returned to Owner)	\$90	\$100
<b>Cat Management</b>		
Relocation Device (Trap) Hire Deposit	\$75	\$80

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Schedule of Fees payable for animal management for the 2023/24 financial year as tabled:

<b>SCHEDULE OF FEES – Animal Control</b>	<b>Proposed 2023/24 Fees</b>
<b>Dog Registration – Annual</b>	
Declared Dangerous Dog	\$500
<b>Dog Registration – Lifetime</b>	
Non-Desexed Dog	\$155
Desexed, Working, Purebred or Greyhound	\$90
Pensioner-Owned Dog	\$60
Guide Dog	Nil
Guard Dog	\$476
<b>Dog Licence Fees - Annual</b>	
New Dog Licence – 3 to 5 Dogs	\$110
New Dog Licence – More than 5 Dogs	\$135
Existing Dog Licence – Renewal	\$42
<b>Dog Fees – Other</b>	
Maintenance Charge – Daily	\$35
Nuisance	\$40
Replacement Tag	\$5
1 <sup>st</sup> Seizure of any Dog	\$72
Subsequent Seizures (per seizure)	\$216
Delivery Charge (Dog returned to Owner)	\$100
<b>Cat Management</b>	
Relocation Device (Trap) Hire Deposit	\$80



## Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to review Food Business Registration Fees for the 2023/24 financial year.

## Background

Council provides services in relation to maintaining food safety within the community, including through food premise inspections, food handler training, food sampling and investigation of food complaints.

Food Business registration fees and renewals are due and payable from 1 July in each financial year. To enable an adequate notification period for registration renewals and fees payable, it is necessary for Council to review fees and charges at this time.

## Planning, Environment & Statutory Requirements

Section 130 of the *Food Act 2003* provides that Council may determine any fees payable under the Act for the notification and registration of food businesses.

## Financial & Asset Management Implications

See Officer's Comments below.

## Community Considerations

Council's food registration service supports the community to be responsible in food preparation and service.

## Officer's Comments

For several years Council's unique food registration model has strongly encouraged investment by locals in food business activity through the waiving of fixed premises registration fees for all food businesses and only applying a fee for mobile premises registrations to non-residents of Dorset. The influx of additional food business activity into the municipality precipitated by this approach has been positively received, diversifying the local hospitality market and complementing the local and visitor eating experience alike. Although a wonderful outcome for the municipality, this increased activity has understandably placed exceeding resourcing pressure upon Council's food business registration service. Therefore – and although promoting registration fees remaining at amongst the most competitively priced in local government in Tasmania – officers are recommending re-introduction of (i) a standard \$185 fee for new annual food business registrations, regardless of the nature of the premises (fixed or mobile) or the applicant's residency status and (ii) a standard \$35 fee for single-event registrations (regardless of residency status).

Renewals of annual registrations (fixed and mobile premises) are recommended to continue being waived to permanent residents of Dorset, upholding Council's advocacy of encouraging investment by locals in local business activity. Registration renewal for non-resident mobile premises however is recommended to

be increased to \$185, consistent with the proposed fee for new registrations. Noting these types of registrations can be utilised on a state-wide basis, it is entirely reasonable to increase fees in a manner that promotes cost recovery of the registration service, particularly where it is being provided to non-residents.

A modest increase of approximately 8% for all other food business fees and charges (which attract a charge) is recommended, aligning with the Local Government Association of Tasmania's Council Cost Index (for the 12 month period up until March 2023).

The proposed Schedule of Fees for food business registrations in the 2023/24 financial year is tabled below:

<b>SCHEDULE OF FEES – Food Business</b>	<b>Current 2022/23 Fees</b>	<b>Proposed 2023/24 Fees</b>
<b>Food Business Registration – Non-Mobile Premises:</b>		
New Food Business (Annual Registration – one off)	Nil	\$185
Renewal of existing Food Business (Annual Registration)	Nil	Nil
Temporary Registration (Single Event - Permanent Resident of Dorset)	Nil	Nil
<b>Food Business Registration – Mobile Premises (Permanent Resident of Dorset):</b>		
New Food Business (Annual Registration – one off)	Nil	\$185
Renewal of existing Food Business (Annual Registration)	Nil	Nil
Temporary Registration (Single Event)	Nil	\$35
<b>Food Business Registration – Mobile Premises (Non-Permanent Resident of Dorset):</b>		
New Food Business (Annual Registration – one off)	\$143	\$185
Renewal of existing Food Business (Annual Registration)	\$143	\$185
Temporary Registration (Single Event)	\$32	\$35
<b>Food Business Registration – charitable cause:</b>		
Community Organisation or Charitable Event Applicants	Nil	Nil
<b>Food Business Registration – Other:</b>		
Food Business Inspection	\$83	\$90

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Schedule of Fees payable for food business registrations for the 2023/24 financial year as tabled:

SCHEDULE OF FEES	Proposed 2023/24 Fees
<b>Food Business Registration – Non-Mobile Premises:</b>	
New Food Business (Annual Registration)	\$185
Renewal of existing Food Business (Annual Registration)	Nil
Temporary Registration (Single Event - Permanent Resident of Dorset)	Nil
<b>Food Business Registration – Mobile Premises (Permanent Resident of Dorset):</b>	
New Food Business (Annual Registration)	\$185
Renewal of existing Food Business (Annual Registration)	Nil
Temporary Registration (Single Event)	\$35
<b>Food Business Registration – Mobile Premises (Non-Permanent Resident of Dorset):</b>	
New Food Business (Annual Registration)	\$185
Renewal of existing Food Business (Annual Registration)	\$185
Temporary Registration (Single Event)	\$35
<b>Food Business Registration – charitable cause:</b>	
Community Organisation or Charitable Event Applicants	Nil
<b>Food Business Registration – Other:</b>	
Food Business Inspection	\$90

## Purpose

The purpose of this agenda report is to provide an update to Council and the community on the UNESCO City of Gastronomy program.

## Background

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (**UCCN**) was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development. The cities that make up this network work together towards the common objective of 'placing creativity and cultural industries at the heart of their development plans at the local level and cooperating actively at the international level'. The network recognises seven areas of creativity, one of which is gastronomy.

UNESCO takes a broad definition of gastronomy to include all stages of the food supply chain but with a focus on using the region's unique cultural and creative identity in the area of gastronomy to address issues of economic, social and environmental sustainability. Within the broader Launceston region, including Dorset, food plays a vital role in culture, creativity, social exchange and mental wellbeing.

The production, processing, distribution, preparation and consumption of food contributes significantly to the northern economy, while gastronomic tourism is a vital part of our visitor economy. It is with this appreciation that the Council supported the initial bid for Launceston and Northern Tasmania to be designated as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. Council contributed \$2,429 in 2021/22 and 2022/23 and is budgeting \$3,643 in 2023/24.

The broader efforts of the program in relation to the Northern region, including Dorset, are as follows:

### Strategic Intent 1: Global Network

#### UCCN events

- Attend monthly meetings.
- Attending Creative Cities Event Australia and New Zealand being held Bendigo, Victoria.
- Gastronomy Travel Fair Macau - working with State Growth on participating to promote our food and visitor experiences.
- Annual UCCN meeting scheduled for Istanbul in September. Dates as yet not confirmed.
- All reporting requirements met.
- Planning for Gastronomy Symposium 25 to be held 2024.
- Launceston Airport as gateway to Gastronomy Region. Signage welcoming residents and visitors to Launceston and Northern Tasmania City and Region of Gastronomy.
- Video clips highlighting regional producers and gastronomic experiences in baggage collection area.

### Strategic Intent 2: Social Prosperity

- Signed MOU with FaRM project which focuses on food security and resilience.
- Meeting with stakeholders to consider re-applying for funding for school lunch program Deloraine High School.
- Visited community gardens George Town, Westbury, and Deloraine.
- Advocating and promoting the work of School Food Matters school lunch program and 24 Carrot school gardening.
- Advocating for cooking skills to be re-introduced into curriculum.

### Strategic Intent 3: Cultural Prosperity

- agriCULTURED 2023 planning underway with the event now auspice by Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy.
- Working with Festivale on gastronomy focus for next year's event.
- Meeting with Junction to leverage designation and encourage local food produce including indigenous foods
- Discussion around events will be part of each Gastronomy Table session.

### Strategic Intent 4: Environmental Prosperity

- Advocating for circular economy activities.
- Social campaign on educating on seasonal produce to be followed by campaign on seasonal signature dishes and how to cook them.

### Strategic Intent 5: Economic Prosperity

- Following the speaking engagement of Chair in Kuching in Borneo Malaysia 2022 a Nuffield study tour including local primary producers will be led by Kuching Gastronomy.
- Increasing traction of Melbourne and Sydney markets to social media promotions on City and Region of Gastronomy.
- Brand presence at the business function that welcomed the new president of the Hawthorn Football Club.
- Meeting with Visit Northern Tasmania on skill development within emerging agri-tourism sector.

Additionally, the reports outline the development and launch of a gastronomy brand for the region in July 2022 and provides a summary of the strategic communications which achieved a reach of 127,213 Facebook and Instagram users in Northern Tasmania, engaging around 10,000 people for the campaign between September and December 2022.

The program team engaged with the Dorset municipality via The Dorset Gastronomy Table on 30 March 2023 whereby fifteen participants, including Mayor Howard and Councillor Anna Coxen provided input. The participants included representation from parts of the municipal food system, growers, producers and those that add value to the produce, distributors, exporters, hospitality, agri-tourism and event operators and those working on building food resilience.

The purpose of the Gastronomy conversation and table session was to:

- raise awareness of the UNESCO designation;
- understand the brand and use of it;
- outline upcoming campaigns and how to get involved; and
- understand what is happening in the Dorset area and the strengths participants think should be promoted. The information gained sets the foundation for the development of gastronomic maps of the Dorset region.

### Community Considerations

Networks such as the UNESCO Creative Cities network have, over time, demonstrated tangible brand and economic value to the respective cities. This is in part due to heightened brand exposure to the audience in the network and opportunities for collaboration within the network resulting in attracting more visitors to the region, enhancing exposure and perception of the region's products and services in the marketplace and creating a strong identity around which innovation and enterprise can flourish, including attracting new businesses. For instance, the Tuscon City of Gastronomy (Arizona, USA) indicate that the national and international exposure and profile that Tuscon has received since its designation has been valued to be in the vicinity of \$35 million per annum

Dorset's key industries include farming and agri-tourism and Council's financial contribution towards this program is likely outweighed by the benefits of working collaboratively with neighbouring Councils.

### Financial & Asset Management Implications

See below funding that will be requested as part of the 2023/24 Budget Estimates:

	<b>Funding 2022/23</b>	<b>Requested Funding 2023/24</b>
George Town	\$2,585	\$3,878
Meander Valley	\$7,279	\$10,919
Break O'Day	\$2,305	\$3,457
<b>Dorset</b>	<b>\$2,429</b>	<b>\$3,643</b>
Northern Midlands	\$4,940	\$7,410
West Tamar	\$8,872	\$13,309

## **Officer's Comments**

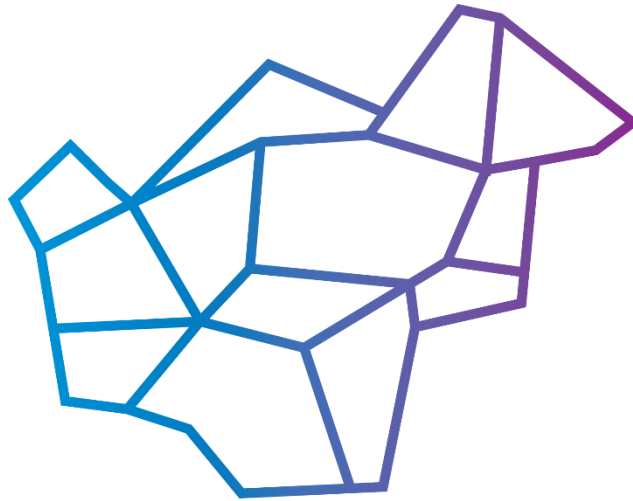
The reports submitted by Launceston and Northern Tasmanian Gastronomy indicates that the program has now established itself and is continuing to develop and refine its role across the region. There has been progress made across each of the program's strategic intents and demonstrated that there is an opportunity to further define the identity of the City and Northern Region locally, nationally, and globally through the gastronomy lens.

Included in the attachments is the current March 2023 Progress Report, supplementary information relating to Regional Gastronomy tables and activities and a Dorset specific report provided by the Launceston Gastronomy Coordinator.

## **Recommendation**

**That Council receive and note the progress of the UNESCO City of Gastronomy Program.**

**Time Meeting Closed:**



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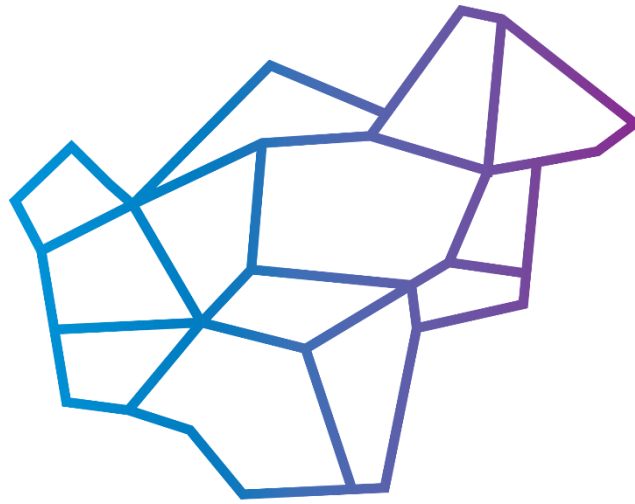
# Ordinary Council Meeting

## Agenda Attachments

15 May 2023

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## Council Meeting Minutes 24 April 2023

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**Meeting Opened:** 6:00 pm

**Present:** Crs Greg Howard (Mayor), Dale Jessup (Deputy Mayor), Edwina Powell, Mervyn Chilcott, Kahlia Simmons, Leonie Stein, Anna Coxen, Jerrod Nichols, Beth Donoghue

General Manager: John Marik

**Apologies:** Assistant General Manager/Director – Community & Development: Rohan Willis, Finance Manager: Allison Saunders

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**Item 42/23**                      **Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 20 March 2023**  
Ref: DOC/23/3390

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*The Chair reported that he had viewed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 20 March 2023 finds them to be a true record and recommends that they be taken as read and signed as a correct record.*

### DECISION

**MOVED:** Cr Powell | **SECONDED:** Cr Chilcott

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Dorset Council Ordinary Meeting held on 20 March 2023 having been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true record.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Item 43/23**                      **Confirmation of Agenda**

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### DECISION

**MOVED:** Cr Jessup | **SECONDED:** Cr Donoghue

That Council confirm the Agenda and order of business for the 24 April 2023 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and Council's adopted Code of Conduct, the Mayor requests Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary interest or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

**INTEREST DECLARED**

Nil

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Councillors and the community with a briefing on matters of interest dealt with during the past month by Council's Management Team.

**DECISION****MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Jessup****That the Management Team Briefing Report be received and noted.****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4 April | Briefing Workshop

Nil

The following questions were **taken on notice** from members of the public at the 20 March Council Meeting:

**Terry Smith, Derby***(In relation to Cascade Dam Road)*

*Does Council have any estimate of the amount of Council work hours and public money it is prepared to throw at this ever problematic road safety exempt white elephant of a Council road?*

**Response from General Manager, John Marik**

Council received a grant of \$400,000 through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund to undertake safety upgrades to the Cascade Dam Road. While I cannot provide you with exact work hours expended on the project due to the voluminous nature of this request, Council has expended approximately \$240,000 to date, with approximately \$160,000 for hotmix and seal repairs yet to be expended.

## Jo Ambrosi (property owner in Derby but reside on the mainland)

*In regards to waste management, I've noticed that Nigel's Plumbing comes and empties all the on-site waste management systems in the area. When I costed companies to empty waste from my septic tank, it was 15% more expensive than the local company. Is Council getting a good rate from this contractor?*

### Response from General Manager, John Marik

Council is getting value for money from the current contractor. Council require a service that operates on very short notice due to the fluctuating visitation numbers at Derby and the impact on septic systems. The local contractor was approached to tender and declined the offer. Council have also approached other contractors to tender for this service, however they were either unsuitable or could not meet the tender requirements.

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The following questions were received on notice from a member of the public:

### Karl Willrath | Scottsdale – 13 April 2023

*Last month I placed two questions on notice through the Dorset Council contact page of which I received an acknowledgement for the questions within minutes, I am now of the understanding that this acknowledgement was a generated response and the questions did not actually get through to a human so they could be dealt with at the March meeting. Thus, my first question of three for the 24 April 2023 meeting is:*

- 1. Does Dorset Council currently use artificial-intelligence (AI) e.g. ChatGPT or are they thinking of getting some?*

### Response from General Manager, John Marik:

Council currently do not broadly use artificial intelligence, however, I am personally investigating how artificial intelligence may be incorporated into Council operations in the future.

*My second question of three for the 24 April 2023 meeting is:*

- 2. Does Mayor Howard think it would be prudent of him to make a public apology to Mr Vincent Teichmann for comments made by the Mayor in regards to Mr Teichmann at the 16 Jan 2023 and the March 20 2023 meetings and follow up with a genuine attempt to make sure this apology is accepted and the situation is resolved?*

### Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

No.

*At the June 28 2021 meeting I asked the following question: "In the three financial years before GM Watson recommended Mayor Howard be supplied with a fully funded vehicle, how many kilometres did Mayor Howard claim for in each given year"? of which I received the following response from GM Tim Watson - "The request is voluminous and the allocation of staff resources cannot be justified".*

- 3. As there was a perceived bias by GM Tim Watson in this matter, if I were to ask GM John Marik the same question that I posed on 28 June 2021 would he be able to answer it with facts and figures?*

### Response from General Manager, John Marik

Yes, Council can supply the facts and figures to your question, see below. I will qualify the below kilometre claims made by the Mayor. The Mayor historically only claimed for trips outside of the Dorset municipality which are estimated at approximately 25% of actual kilometres travelled whilst undertaking Council duties. The Council supplied Pajero had an odometer reading of 105,000kms at October 2022.

### Response from Finance Manager, Allison Saunders:

Mayor Greg Howard submitted travel reimbursement claims for the following:

#### Mitsubishi Pajero purchased 31/10/2019:

2020 FY until purchase (4 months) – 3,133 km

2019 FY: 7,965 km

2018 FY: 8,189 km

2017 FY: 14,460 km

2016 FY: 7,935 km

**Total km's: 41,682**

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The following questions were received without notice from members of the public:

#### Mary Schramm, Ringarooma

*Could Council consider undertaking an active revegetation program on the hills surrounding the Ringarooma River Bridge after the hills were left bare post road reconstruction works completed by Council four or five years ago?*

#### Response from Mayor Greg Howard:

As previously advised, there is a considerable amount of rock in those road batters which is highly unlikely to grow any vegetation, however there has been considerable native vegetation regrowth on parts, with parts still exposed but the hills are not eroding severely. It would be money that Council would be spending without any real benefit I would of thought.

#### Vincent Teichmann, Pioneer

*I have a question for the General Manager on what Dorset Council's procedures are if Dorset Council receives any complaints about Derby shuttle drivers professional driving?*

#### Response from General Manager, John Marik:

Council don't have a written policy / procedure, but Officers would refer the complainant to Tasmania Police.

*What records are there of any complaints received by Dorset Council regarding any Derby shuttle drivers?*

### QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

*What evidence was submitted to support any complaint, how was such evidence handled and who was it passed on to, and when / how can I obtain a copy of any such evidence?*

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**Mary Schramm, Ringarooma**

*Is Council aware that considerable revegetation activity is taking place alongside the reconstructed sections of the Sideling, and would Council consider enquiring whether similar procedures could be applied to the bare, ugly and crumbling hillsides on either side to the approaches to the Ringarooma bridge?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

Erosion is minimal in that particular area. The processes being undertaken on the Sideling are expensive and State Government has a budget of \$120 million for the upgrade. You might not like the look of it but there is no environmental damage resulting from the area not being specifically revegetated.

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Item 49/23                      Deputations

Nil

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Item 50/23                      Councillor Question Time

The following questions were received without notice from Councillors:

**Councillor Anna Coxen:**

*In the Bridreport there was an article about the rice grass in Trent Water at Bridport that was apparently eradicated a few years ago but there were signs there had been new growth. Can we work with Crown or NRM North to create a solution for this or express that we want to find a solution for the health of the river?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

Trent Water is totally controlled by MAST or Parks. Those sorts of issues are normally dealt with through the Bridport Coastal Care group run by Lou Brooker, of which there is a meeting this week or early next week. I'll mention it at the meeting and if there is an issue, they'll raise it with Parks.

**Councillor Mervyn Chilcott:**

*The Sideling is progressing slowly, is there going to be any passing lanes?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

There are supposed to be pull off lanes for slow moving vehicles on those two large corners halfway up the Sideling above the top horseshoe, whether that eventuates I'm unsure. I understand that the piece near the turn off to Whish-Wilsons Road where the big thumb used to be, there was a pull off there that quite a few trucks used to utilise, they've fenced that in, which

is disappointing. There has been a number of enquiries and complaints to the Department of State Growth regarding this.

*Once the Sideling is completed back to Minstone Road, what facility is Council allowing for b-doubles to enter into the improved road – are they likely to be going up King Street?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

Yes.

*At one stage Carey's Road was discussed for possible improvement and use, is this still a possibility?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

That was discussed, however to improve the road to b-double standard would be at least an \$8-10 million project. At this stage, heavy vehicles instead of going up George Street they'll be going up King Street.

*Can we revisit our Public Liability for Halls Policy in the district again? We're bragging that all our halls are free, well they're not free at all because you're looking at a couple of thousand in public liability and for a small group, it puts them at a disadvantage.*

#### QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**Councillor Leonie Stein:**

*In regards to Bridport Highway/Flinders Highway, the volume of big trucks that are using it, is there any way we can approach the State Government for them to revisit passing lanes on that highway?*

**Response from Mayor Greg Howard:**

We can ask the question. There are some long straights along there that do allow for passing. Is that more important than the Waterhouse Road, for instance, which is actually quite dangerous to drive? Once the Sideling is finished in three or four years there will be a reduction in b-doubles.

**Councillor Edwina Powell:**

*Regarding revegetation, there used to be a beautification committee with members of the public that looked at what the needs were in each town in terms of putting trees, shrubs or ground cover in. Is there any room for us to be able to look at how we could invite that same kind of public contribution and look at ways of addressing things like beautification of the towns?*

#### QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**Item 51/23**

**Notices of Motion by Councillors**

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Nil



**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is to update Council and the community on progress of the 2022/23 Annual Plan as at 31 March 2023.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council defer Activity No. 5 (Council's Enterprise System integration) of the Priority Action Plan provided within Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan for completion during 2023/24.
  2. That the attached 2022/23 Annual Plan - March Quarterly Update be received and noted.
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**DECISION**

**MOVED: Cr Stein | SECONDED: Cr Chilcott**

1. That Council defer Activity No. 5 (Council's Enterprise System integration) of the Priority Action Plan provided within Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan for completion during 2023/24.
2. That the attached 2022/23 Annual Plan - March Quarterly Update be received and noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to nominate a person for the position of Chair for the Blue Derby Operations Committee.

**Recommendation**

That Council appoint the General Manager as the Chair of the Blue Derby Operations Committee for a period of one year.

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**DECISION**

**MOVED: Cr Jessup | SECONDED: Cr Simmons**

That Council appoint the General Manager as the Chair of the Blue Derby Operations Committee for a period of one year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to nominate a person for the position of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator.

**Recommendation**

That Council appoint John Marik as the Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of 3 years.

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**DECISION**

**MOVED: Cr Chilcott | SECONDED: Cr Powell**

That Council appoint John Marik as the Dorset Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a term of 3 years.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Time Meeting Closed:** 6:50 pm

**Minutes Confirmed:** 15 May 2023

**Minute No:**

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**Mayor**

## DORSET COUNCIL – Development Approvals

April 2023

DEV-2023/21	Mr M A Bushby 168 Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 20/02/2023 New Garage and Dwelling Alterations with relaxation of boundary setbacks standards Value of Works - \$50,000	Determined APPD on 03/04/2023
DEV-2023/22	Honed Architecture and Design 15 Marilyn DR BRIDPORT	Lodged 24/02/2023 Single Dwelling and Shed with relaxation of building envelope (side and rear) boundary setback standards Value of Works - \$500,000	Determined APPD on 03/04/2023
SUB-2023/1289	D J McCulloch Surveying 29 Bentley ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 07/03/2023 Subdivision (1 Lot into 2 Lots) with relaxation of privacy standards Value of Works - \$70,000	Determined APPD on 21/04/2023
DEV-2023/24	Engineering Plus (Tas) Pty Ltd 51 West Minstone RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 14/03/2023 Dwelling additions with relaxation of frontage and side boundary setback standards	Determined APPD on 03/04/2023
DEV-2023/27	Mr N C Thompson 47 King ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 17/03/2023 Change of Use (Shop to Fitness Centre) Value of Works - \$25,000	Determined APPD on 03/04/2023

DEV-2023/31	Mr K K Yeo 3 Church ST DERBY	Lodged 28/03/2023	Change of Use (Visitor Accommodation) Determined APPD on 03/04/2023
DEV-2023/36	Mr J M Randone 65 Main ST WINNALEAH	Lodged 12/04/2023	Dwelling Determined APPD on 13/04/2023
DEV-2023/38	Douglas Design and Drafting 38 Winnaleah RD WINNALEAH	Lodged 13/04/2023 Value of Works - \$15,000	Dwelling Renovation and Deck Extension Determined APPD on 13/04/2023
DEV-2023/41	Ms M M Connelley 10 Cross ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 13/04/2023 Value of Works - \$90,000	Garage Demolition and Dwelling Extension Determined APPD on 13/04/2023
DEV-2023/42	Mr A S Jordan 31 Buckneys RD SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 13/04/2023 Value of Works - \$18,000	Farm Building Determined APPD on 13/04/2023
DEV-2023/44	Miss A Hall 563 Bridport RD JETSONVILLE	Lodged 14/04/2023 Value of Works - \$80,000	Farm Building Determined APPD on 14/04/2023
DEV-2023/45	Mr H Sun 2 Killworth ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 14/04/2023 Value of Works - \$7,000	Building Addition Determined APPD on 14/04/2023

DEV-2023/47

Barnett and Stanford Pty Ltd

Lodged 21/04/2023

Gazebo

1 Bentley ST BRIDPORT

Value of Works - \$1,000

Determined APPD on 27/04/202

## DORSET COUNCIL – Building Approvals

April 2023

OTH-2023/29	Bison Management Pty Ltd 425 North Scottsdale RD NORTH SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 17/02/2023 Value of Works - \$98,000	New Farm Building Determined APPR on 14/04/2023
BLD-2023/32	Stronach View Pty Ltd 12 Charles ST RINGAROOMA	Lodged 01/03/2023 Value of Works - \$80,000	New Dwelling (Relocated) Determined APPR on 14/04/2023
OTH-2023/35	Mr M Stahl 656 South Springfield RD SOUTH SPRINGFIELD	Lodged 09/03/2023 Value of Works - \$20,000	New Greenhouse Determined APPR on 18/04/2023
OTH-2023/39	Mr O Frobose Ms F C Spencer 125A Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 14/03/2023 Value of Works - \$535,000	New Dwelling Determined APPR on 21/04/2023
OTH-2023/42	Design to Live 123 Waterhouse RD BRIDPORT	Lodged 30/03/2023 Value of Works - \$60,000	Shed Demolition & Dwelling Alterations/Additions Determined APPR on 21/04/2023
OTH-2023/43	Bison Constructions 78 Speers RD TELITA	Lodged 30/03/2023 Value of Works - \$135,000	New Farm Shed Determined APPR on 21/04/2023

OTH-2023/44	Enlightened Energy 103 Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 30/03/2023 Value of Works - \$6,000	Solar Panel Installation Determined APPR on 14/04/2023
OTH-2023/47	Mode Electrical 279 Duncraggen RD JETSONVILLE	Lodged 04/04/2023 Value of Works - \$19,739	Solar Panel Installation Determined APPR on 21/04/2023
OTH-2023/50	Mr R M Martin Mrs S A Martin 45 Marilyn DR BRIDPORT	Lodged 06/04/2023 Value of Works - \$800,000	New Dwelling Determined APPR on 13/04/2023

# DORSET COUNCIL – Plumbing Approvals

## April 2023

SP-2023/32	Stronach View Pty Ltd 12 Charles ST RINGAROOMA	Lodged 01/03/2023 Value of Works - \$80,000	New Dwelling (Relocated) Determined APPR on 14/04/2023
SP-2023/33	Stronach View Pty Ltd 10 George ST SCOTTSDALE	Lodged 07/03/2023 Value of Works - \$15,000	Demolition of Dwelling & Shed (Retrospective) Determined APPR on 21/04/2023
OTH-2023/39	Mr O Frobose Ms F C Spencer 125A Westwood ST BRIDPORT	Lodged 14/03/2023 Value of Works - \$535,000	New Dwelling Determined APPR on 21/04/2023
OTH-2023/42	Design to Live 123 Waterhouse RD BRIDPORT	Lodged 30/03/2023 Value of Works - \$60,000	Shed Demolition & Dwelling Alterations/Additions Determined APPR on 21/04/2023
OTH-2023/50	Mr R M Martin Mrs S A Martin 45 Marilyn DR BRIDPORT	Lodged 06/04/2023 Value of Works - \$800,000	New Dwelling Determined APPR on 13/04/2023



# A report on progress and submission to continue funding the 2023-24 work of Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy.

To the General Managers  
City of Launceston  
and the Councils of Break O'Day,  
Dorset,  
George Town,  
Northern Midlands,  
Meander Valley and  
West Tamar

**What does gastronomy mean to you?**

“Everyone having a seat at a kitchen table to share...a good meal, recipes, and stories.”



*Our winner: Kathryn Kahl from Ravenswood*



**Launceston  
& Northern  
Tasmania**  
Gastronomy

**The overarching goal of the 2021 application for the UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy designation was to gain official recognition of the City and Region's food system and culture.**

We are an agrarian community, and our food system provides the foundation for our identity and prosperity. Our food culture has evolved to a level of depth and sophistication that is now internationally recognised.

The UNESCO acknowledgment provides a vehicle for us to talk with confidence about the value proposition and competitive advantage of our 'place'. This includes mature food system and culture of production, trade, value adding, eating, drinking, events, learning, sharing, skill development but also the 'Tasmanian paradox' of food insecurity amongst abundant production.

We are building strategic networks with other 'gastronomy' cities where there is the potential to learn, share and trade. China's southern island state of Macau is hosting a

gastronomy travel fair which offers a chef and producer from our city and region the opportunity to attend and promote our culinary skills and food products. Local Macau businesses who stock our foods will also be involved. We are presently developing this opportunity with State Growth, one that would not have come about without the gastronomy designation.

Our primary role is to advocate for funding for others who align with the sustainable development goals and to respond where there is a genuine gap. An example is agriCULTURED, the four-day event that brings the agri-food and cultural sectors together in our city and region. agriCULTURED needed a credible governance structure to secure funding from Events Tasmania for the next three years. agriCULTURED is now an event of Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy.

An example of a genuine gap, is an app-based 'seasonal gastronomic map' that can influ-

ence people to explore further, buy differently and share surplus throughout our region. There is no comparable product available, while the outcome has the potential to benefit the region's entire food system.

Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy is a volunteer board. Our budget is modest with each dollar considered and strategically placed. There are some project grants available that the board helps other groups access, but there is no funding to cover operating costs.

The board is committed to the international recognition of our city and region, the sustainable development goals, and influencing change within our communities to grow environmental, cultural, social, and economic prosperity. We hope you will continue to support this work through helping to support the boards operating costs.

**Jane Bennett**

Chair,  
Launceston and  
Northern Tasmania Gastronomy

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# 1

## The role of Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy

### Our role with the UNESCO Creative Cities Network:


- Be a conduit between the City and Region of designation and the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and international members.
- Share learnings and global best practice.

### Our role with our City and Region:

- Amplify the region's gastronomic value proposition.
- Elevate existing and emerging activities and projects.
- Attract funding for gastronomic activities and projects.
- Advocate for issues and activities relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Facilitate bringing groups together to work on gastronomy activities that matter to them.
- Partner with groups and organisations who share gastronomic aspirations and want to make change around the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Oversee the City and Region's Gastronomy Brand.

## Launceston & Northern Tasmania Gastronomy:

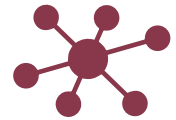
 **Is not a funding body**

 **Does not duplicate the programs or activities of existing groups.**





# Launceston City of Gastronomy Action Plan 2023-24



PROJECT	1 Gastronomy Table Program	2 Communications	3 Right to Food	4 Gastronomic Mapping	5 agriCultured	Supporting: SAG 25	Supporting: FaRM	Supporting the: Fermentation Hub
	Gastronomy Table Program - place-based conversations on gastronomic strengths and activities	Communications for change and impact	Right To Food Movement of the City and Region to share learnings and insights of need and change	Gastronomic Mapping - what gastronomic activities are happening in our city and region	agriCULTURED - 4 day event focusing on our city and region's rich agricultural production and culture	Development and promotion of the 25th Symposium of Australian Gastronomy 2024	FaRM: A sustainable Food and Resilience Movement	Fermentation Tasmania Ltd (FermenTas) - hub incubator and fermentation education and training
OUTCOME	Six regional Table sessions (Twice yearly)  Raise awareness  System Data gathering	Raise awareness of the SDGs through Gastronomy  Influence Change behaviours	Four sessions annually  Exchange knowledge  Advocate policy changes	Raise awareness of the food system and gastronomic offerings across the region  Influence Change behaviours	Promote innovation  Celebrate our food culture	Sharing knowledge and insights  Contributing to the Creative Cities Network	Healthy living  Pathways to employment in agriculture and hospitality	Research and Innovation  Training
PARTNERS	Northern Councils : City of Launceston, West Tamar, George Town, Dorset, Break O' Day, Northern Midlands and Meander Valley.	City of Launceston Northern Councils Launceston Central City Launceston Airport	Northern Suburbs Community Centre, University of Tasmania, City of Launceston, Launceston Gastronomy, Ravenswood Neighbourhood House, UTas	City of Launceston, Launceston Gastronomy and Northern Councils, University of Tasmania, Food system representatives	City of Launceston, Launceston Gastronomy, Visit Northern Tasmania, QVMAG, Events Tasmania, Tourism Tasmania, Launceston City Council, NRM, UTAS, TIA, Community Gardens Australia, 24 Carrot Gardens, Harvest Market, Launceston Central City	Launceston Gastronomy, City of Launceston, Visit Northern Tasmania, Harvest Launceston Community Farmers Market, FermenTasmania, Business Events Tasmania, Sustain Australia	Northern Suburbs Community Centre, University of Tasmania, City of Launceston, Launceston Gastronomy, Ravenswood Neighbourhood House	City of Launceston, Launceston Gastronomy, Tasmanian Government, Australian Government, UTAS, TIA, TasTAFE , Institute of Brewers and Distillers agriCULTURED

Sustainable Development Goals

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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# 3

## Enabling Success

### 3.1 Our Theory of Change

# OUR APPROACH

Our *Theory of Change* looks for opportunities in our challenges with the aim of positively impacting the city and region's prosperity.

### WHEN:

- OUR INVESTORS AND FUNDERS,
- SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS,
- OUR INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND LOCAL CREATIVE CITIES NETWORKS,
- OUR BOARD AND SMALL SUPPORT TEAM;

apply: →

- • Systems thinking
- • Focused initiatives and communications for purpose
- • Place and strengths - based approaches
- • Learning, collaboration, and advocacy
- • Measurement against the Sustainable Development Goals;

to: →

→ the issues and opportunities of our food system and culture:

- Production Value adding
- Trade
- Health and Wellbeing
- Agri-tourism Events
- A Clean and productive environment

### THE IMPACT

will be growing and enriching our City and Region's economic, social, cultural and environmental prosperity.

# 3

## Enabling Success

### 3.2 Measuring Progress

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Within the Creative Cities of Gastronomy Network there is a formal progress measurement process. The work of the international Creative Cities Network is aligned to and seeks to advance the Sustainable Development Goals.

Each activity, program or project of Gastronomy is linked to the goals. Assessment is undertaken through Membership Monitoring and Reporting where peers from around the world rate progress. Launceston took part in the assessment of three cities last year which proved a great learning experience of innovations, best practice and alignment to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy is also developing a local measurement framework to assess the impact of initiatives. This is being led by board member, Rayne van den Berg, who recently attended COP 27 as part of the Australian Government delegation.

Each initiative will report on progress against our theory of change, strategic intents and the Sustainable Development Goals. This is a complex measurement project but one that has the potential to engage not only our communities but also the broader Creative Cities Network.



# 3

## Enabling Success (Cont)

### 3.3 Regional Gastronomy Tables: the Right To Food Movement and Municipal Areas



Our 'Gastronomy Tables' are about bringing people together to learn, understand and work on issues that matter.

A 'table' was held with representatives of the Right to Food Movement. With food insecurity affecting so many people and so much going on in the space the benefit of getting everyone together from beyond the specific Launceston Northern Suburbs project was tested. Fifteen people representing all aspects of this vexed issue attended. High on their agenda is having information on what each is doing;

quarterly meetings; advocacy to government on policy change in land availability for community gardens; advocacy on teaching cooking skills in schools; working on relevant 'edible plantings' in neighbourhoods.

This concept has been extended to an inaugural round of regional gastronomy tables, about to take place. A 'table session' will be held in each of the six regional councils. All but the Break O' Day session will be held the week beginning 26 March. Break O' Day will be scheduled for end April.

The tables will enable awareness raising, collection of information on strengths particularly to inform the development of the gastronomic maps and the associated app and motivation around community-lead initiatives. They also enable the development of stronger connections and relationships between the board, the strategic intents, and communities of each municipality.



# 4

## Strategic Intent and Action Plan December 2022 to March 2023

### **Strategic Intent 1: Global Network**

Global Network Focal point, build collaborations, report back to UNESCO, attend mandatory global conferences

#### **Actions**

UCCN events

- Attend monthly meetings.
- Attending Creative Cities Event Australia and New Zealand being held Bendigo, Victoria.
- Gastronomy Travel Fair Macau - working with State Growth on participating to promote our food and visitor experiences.
- Annual UCCN meeting scheduled for Istanbul in September. Dates as yet not confirmed.
- All reporting requirements met.
- Planning for Gastronomy Symposium 25 to be held 2024.
- Launceston Airport as gateway to Gastronomy Region. Signage welcoming residents and visitors to Launceston and Northern Tasmania City and Region of Gastronomy.
- Video clips highlighting regional producers and gastronomic experiences in baggage collection area.

### **Strategic Intent 2: Social Prosperity**

Food security, education and skill development of children and young adults in growing and preparing food, urban greening, and edible gardens

#### **Actions**

- Signed MOU with FaRM project which focuses on food security and resilience.
- Meeting with stakeholders to consider re-applying for funding for school lunch program Deloraine High School.
- Visited community gardens George Town, Westbury, and Deloraine.
- Following meeting with Mayor and General Manager Launceston will now run educational campaign on verge gardening and what plants are suitable for low maintenance gardens.
- Advocating and promoting the work of School Food Matters school lunch program and 24 Carrot school gardening.
- Advocating for cooking skills to be re-introduced into curriculum.

### **Strategic Intent 3: Cultural Prosperity**

Work with others to promote region as innovative and creative food culture, promote local produce and indigenous foods, work with events to leverage designation.

#### **Actions**

- agriCULTURED 2023 planning underway with the event now auspiced by Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy.
- Working with Festivale on gastronomy focus for next year's event.
- Meeting with Junction to leverage designation and encourage local food produce including indigenous foods.
- Discussion around events will be part of each Gastronomy Table session.

# 4

## Strategic Intents activities December 2022 to March 2023 (Cont)

### **Strategic Intent 4: Environmental Prosperity**

Minimising food waste, sustainable agricultural practices, promoting local food production, circular economy

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#### **Actions**

- Advocating for circular economy activities.
- Social campaign on educating on seasonal produce to be followed by campaign on seasonal signature dishes and how to cook them.

### **Strategic Intent 5: Economic Prosperity**

Promote and sustain diversity, innovation and entrepreneurship, skilled workforce, investment

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#### **Actions**

- Following the speaking engagement of Chair in Kuching in Borneo Malaysia 2022 a Nuffield study tour including local primary producers will be lead by Kuching Gastronomy.
- Increasing traction of Melbourne and Sydney markets to social media promotions on City and Region of Gastronomy.
- Brand presence at business function to welcome new president of Hawthorn Football Club.
- Meeting with Visit Northern Tasmania on skill development within emerging Agri-tourism sector.

# 5 Our Wins

## 2.1 Our new landmarks

### A pivotal point was the development and launch of a gastronomy brand for the City and Region July 2022.

Under the UNESCO Creative Cities guidelines, the approved logo identifies Launceston as a Member of the Creative Cities Network and a City of Gastronomy. There are strict rules as to how the official UNESCO designation brand may be used.



Official Designation Logo

**However**, a key aspect of Launceston receiving the designation is the international acknowledgement that the City is the centre of **a region that has a vibrant food and beverage culture**. Consequently, we have developed a brand to work alongside the official UNESCO landmark that can be extended to the whole region, identifying outlets and experiences as part of our city and region's rich gastronomic offerings.



Regional Brandmark

“This.... presents us with many exciting opportunities to further promote our food and producer credentials, to support food education and agri-food initiatives, and develop programs and projects that foster greater understanding of where our Gastronomic journey can take us.”

**Jeremy Rockliff,**  
Premier of Tasmania

Brand launch, July 2022



# 5

## Our Wins (cont)

### 2.2 An 'Arrival Gateway' -a City AND Region brand presence at Launceston Airport



Highlighting the UNESCO designation at the point of arrival will give visitors a sense of the gastronomic experiences they can expect in Northern Tasmania. It will also give residents arriving back home a sense of pride.

Launceston Airport shares these aspirations. The first outcomes of the collaboration between our organisations will be seen in the first week of April 2023. The images show the arrival security hall. Videos and other signage is scheduled for installation through May 2023.



*We were approached by Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy to establish the airport as the 'gateway' to the City and Region's gastronomic experiences. We have always been excited by the UNESCO international acknowledgement for Launceston and feel it is a perfect message to have within the airport where we welcome large numbers of visitors to our region each day. We look forward to the opportunity of working together to raise the profile of both the destination and the airport.*



**Launceston Airport**

# 5

## Our Wins (cont)

### 2.3 agriCULTURED

Launceston and the region are rich in events. Each gathering, in some way or another, features regional produce. The goal of the four-day event, agriCULTURED, is to link agricultural heritage and cultural endeavours.

agriCULTURED brings the agri-food and artistic sectors together for learning and sharing through conversations, food, art, landscapes, and community celebrations.

agriCULTURED required a credible governance structure to enable funding certainty. Stakeholders came together to examine governance models along with 'wants and offers' between the two organisations.

agriCULTURED has now become an event of Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy and the funding has been secured. The 2023 program is still in development, but Conversations in the City will once again be held in Launceston along with a variety of cultural events and activities in the region.

#### Some of the statistics on the 4 to 7 August 2022 agriCULTURED event emphasise its enormous potential.

Activity	Numbers
Audience all events	3,018
Visitors	357
93% of survey respondents rated the event as:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outstanding: 43%</li><li>• Very Good: 36%</li><li>• Good: 14%</li></ul>
The marketing digital strategy has increased traffic and to website, facebook and Instagram	
Publicity generated	48 press/digital articles
Reach of 2.45m	
\$295,000 advertising rate value	
Zero waste management for the event	Just over 50%



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## Our Wins (Cont)

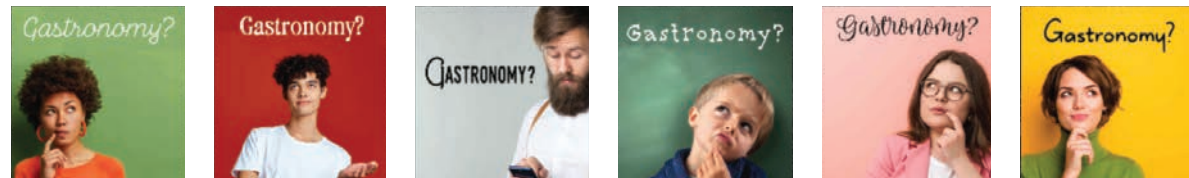
### 3.3 Strategic Communications: increasing regional understanding of ‘gastronomy’.

The UNESCO Designation is not simply an acknowledgment. It is also a commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals. Essential to understanding the significance of the designation and how we can leverage it is understanding what ‘gastronomy’ means.

‘Gastronomy’ means far more than fine dining. It is the interplay between food and a regional culture. It can refer to any aspect of the food system: from where and how we grow, distribute, package, prepare and how we share it. It also includes the issue of food justice and how much we waste.

Our first campaign in the second half of 2022 targeted Northern Tasmanians and focused on the question ‘what does gastronomy mean to you?’

**Between September and December 2022 the campaign reached 127,213 Facebook and Instagram users in Northern Tasmania, engaging around 10,000 people.**



Screen grabs from the social media campaign. Gastronomy can be as simple as a great cup of coffee or a perfectly poached egg on home-made bread. Participants were encouraged to write in 20 words or less what gastronomy meant to them. The best entry received a \$500 voucher that could be spent at a venue of their choice anywhere in Northern Tasmania.

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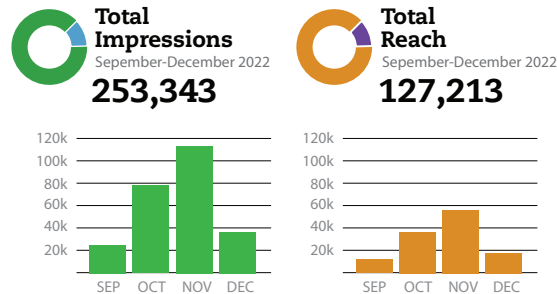
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Nearly 200 Northern Tasmanians from all over the region submitted entries. Twenty finalists were chosen and put to a public vote. In collaboration with Launceston Central City, the finalists were displayed in the Brisbane St Mall in the City. Three weeks and 200 + votes later Kathryn Kahl from Ravenswood topped the poll. **Kathryn chose to spend her \$500 voucher at Timbre in West Tamar.**

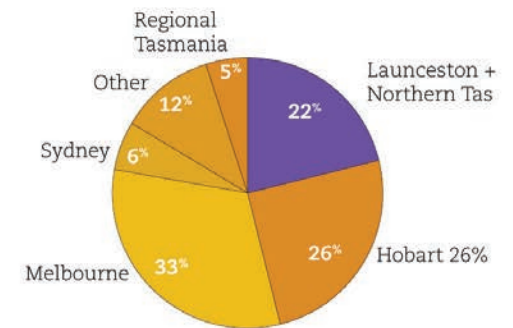
**Although the campaign only targeted Northern Tasmania, 80% of the website traffic generated by the campaign came from Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney.**

#### Social Media



Collated Social Media Summary September- December (from a standing start)

#### Web traffic sources [www.cityofgastronomy.com.au](http://www.cityofgastronomy.com.au)



80% of the 3.5k unique visitors to the website came from outside the region.

“I have said it many times but the food, beverage and experience offerings Tasmania provides are world class and they continue to prove a big lure for both tourists and locals wanting to explore their own backyard,”

**Steve Old**

CEO

Tasmanian Hospitality Association



The ‘Voting Wall’ in Brisbane St Mall

# 6

## Funding Request 2023-2024

There is an opportunity to further define the identity of the City and Northern Region locally, nationally, and globally through the Gastronomy lens. This will encourage the growth of local business and innovation, build local pride in produce and products and enhance the visitor experience.

The UNESCO recognition puts us on a world stage. We must make the most of this opportunity. Achieving success will not come without a focused and collaborative effort that is resourced.

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# Supplement

to the Report on Progress and Submission to Continue  
Funding the 2023-24 work of Launceston and  
Northern Tasmania Gastronomy

## Regional Gastronomy Tables and the activities for 2023-24



**Launceston  
& Northern Tasmania**  
Gastronomy

# Snapshot: the Regional Gastronomy Tables



We have almost completed our inaugural round of Regional Gastronomy Tables.

Break O'Day is scheduled for early May.

#### **Locations:**

Held in the Northern Midlands at Longford;  
Meander Valley at Deloraine;  
West Tamar at Exeter;  
George Town at George Town;  
Dorset at Scottsdale.  
Break O'Day- venue to be decided.

#### **Purpose:**

Raise awareness of the designation and brand opportunities; discuss each municipality's gastronomic activities and key strengths.



# What we have heard so far:

## Produce:

The Region's produce is a mix of traditional large scale and emerging specialise small scale ventures. Combined we have a diverse range of local, quality produce and that needs to be highlighted in our gastronomy stories.

## Value adding:

Small scale and specialised experiences are attractive to visitors. Each municipality has a unique focus. In the Northern Midlands food is connected to heritage and history. In the West Tamar, cellar doors and artisanal producer are emphasised.

## Right to Food:

We confront the paradox of producing fresh, seasonal produce but an increasing number of our residents including our children are hungry and families are experiencing difficulty in putting food on the table each day.

## Tourism and Agri-Tourism:

Experiences are rapidly emerging throughout the region.

## Workforce:

A growing concern. The agricultural workforce requires the housing support for seasonal workers and hospitality needs an increase in skilled workers

## Waste management:

Also an issue of growing concern to people and event organisers across the region.

For events the call is **'No plastics'**

**These highlighted regional issues will translate into initiatives and projects that will benefit both the City of Launceston and the Northern Region in our Action Plan.**

# Specific activities from these conversations:

## The Right to Food Movement

This was the key concern from all participants who attended the 'Gastronomy Tables'. At the request of system representatives who see this Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy as playing a role, three 'Right to Food' tables are planned.

Bring the players together from across the region to:

- Share and learn from each another
- Co-design sustainable social enterprise models for the operation of community gardens
- Lobby the State Government for the extension of the School Lunch Pilot (providing Tasmanian children with a nutritious meal each day) being delivered by *School Food Matters*. Presently there are five schools in Northern Tasmania participating in the pilot.

## Skills development

In conjunction with VNT and THA, promote a skills development program for tourism and hospitality operators to connect with producers, and offer local seasonal produce in cafes and restaurants.

**Free coffee training:** During the Gastronomy Tables, Drysdale General Manager and board member, David Dunn offered to bring free 'coffee making' training to each municipality where there was interest.

### Gastronomic Mapping:

Working with VNT and other partners, the production of 'gastronomic maps' and an associated app will feature the regional gastronomic experiences such as:

- Agri-tourism locations
- Community gardens
- Cafés and restaurants using local seasonal produce

## agriCULTURED

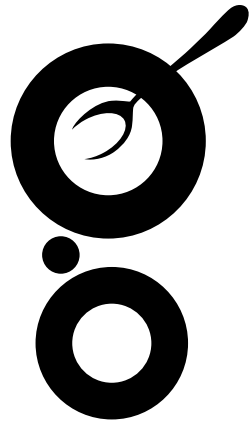
As per the previous years events there will be sub-events in the regions. At this stage the program has not been finalised so we cannot report on specifically where the activities will take place.

### Your input

During the gastronomy programs some participants confirmed they wanted:

- Gastronomic mapping
- The development of the criteria for use of the regional gastronomic brand beyond each Council's use.

# Using our Regional Brand



## **Launceston & Northern Tasmania** Gastronomy

**Each Council, as a financial supporter has use of the regional brand.**

**The Launceston and Northern Tasmanian Gastronomy communication team will work with you to develop ways the brand can be used to the benefit of each part of the Region.**

**The opportunity is to link gastronomy to your Municipality's economic development profile, health and well being plans and events and celebrations.**

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# Dorset Region | Progress Report

## Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy

### Dorset Gastronomy Table

Thursday 30 March 2023

5pm to 7pm

Overall Participants: 15 (Prior to and during the table)

### What was heard and what comes next

Our regional gastronomy includes the entire food system made up of growers, producers, those who add value to the produce, distributors, exporters, hospitality, agri-tourism and event operators and those working on building food resilience.

The purpose of the Gastronomy conversation and table session was to:

- raise awareness of the UNESCO designation,
- understand the brand and use of it,
- outline upcoming campaigns and how to get involved and,
- understand what is happening in the Dorset area and the strengths participants think should be promoted. The information gained sets the foundation for the development of gastronomic maps of our region.

### What was heard:

These outputs will help position Dorset in Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy's promotional material and social media and guide the development of gastronomic maps of the area.

The 'gastronomic' strengths of the area lies in the rich red soil, climate, available water, geographic isolation and the innovation of the people who live here. There is an appetite to support new ventures and knowledge in the community that can be leveraged for community-led initiatives.

Diversity within the food system is supported by these strengths. The area produces everything from seafood to rhubarb. Outside of tropical areas, fresh food is grown all year round. Dorset is a top milk producing area. Surplus produce becomes delicious jams, relish and pies. There are many emerging niche agricultural producers that strengthen the diversity and attractiveness of the food offering in the area.

Agri-tourism is growing with people coming seeking an authentic farm-stay in an agricultural setting. Distillery numbers are also on the rise.

Food resilience is being worked on and Winnaleah is now one of the schools participating in the School Lunch Program Trial. However, there are still people within the area who cannot afford to put food on the table every day. There were calls to re-introduce cooking and nutritional skills into the Tasmanian Education Curriculum.



## **Project focus of Launceston and Northern Tasmania Gastronomy.**

The following projects will be guided by the input of the Gastronomy Tables.

### **Launceston Airport signage and video clip**

Signage: The 'Welcome to Launceston and Northern Tasmania' signage is now up in the airport. As visitors and residents returning come through the security doors before arriving at the baggage area the fact that they are entering an officially recognised UNESCO City and Region of Gastronomy is announced.

Video Clip: We will be making a 60 second regional clip of the region highlighting the 'gastronomy' region to include something from each municipality.

### **Social Media Campaign: Our 'signature dish'**

Beginning in June, this campaign will highlight the produce of our region and feature 'chefs and cooks' from each area of the region who are putting forward their 'signature dish' for consideration. The campaign will also highlight the experiences you can have while visiting or rediscovering where you live. We will be asking those who attended the 'Gastronomy Tables' if they are interested in being part of the group to develop the criteria for assessing the 'signature dish'.

### **FREE coffee making training by TasTAFE Drysdale Launceston**

As organised by Northern Tasmania Gastronomy and generously offered by TAFE Drysdale, free coffee making training will be delivered in each municipality to interested parties. Promotion of this will begin soon.

### **Attendance at Healthy Dorset**

Northern Tasmania Gastronomy has been asked to attend the Healthy Dorset Expo.

### **Other Northern Tasmania Gastronomy activities**

- Advocating to Visit Northern Tasmania, **a stronger inclusion of 'local food and culture'** strengths as part of the training in the Agri-tourism sector.
- **Other promotional opportunities** include: Food sector businesses within the Dorset municipality that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals will feature in the updated version of the Gastronomy website currently under construction and social media program over the next 12 months. Selected businesses that align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals will also appear in advertising online and at Launceston Airport.
- **Advocating to government** the re-introduction of cooking and nutritional skills into our education curriculum.