

CAPITAL CITY News

Ten-year plan builds on Hobart's strengths

The Transforming Hobart capital works program has been approved by the Council, setting out the major projects that will be undertaken in the next decade across the municipal area.

On the list of major projects to begin in the next three years, are:

- rejuvenation of the shopping strips in Sandy Bay, Lenah Valley and New Town
- improved footpaths in Salamanca precinct
- pedestrian and cycling bridges over the Brooker and Tasman highways
- improved traffic and pedestrian flows in the Elizabeth Street bus mall
- new and renovated public toilets across Hobart
- improved tracks and toilets on kunanyi / Mount Wellington and the Queens Domain
- surface and toilet improvements at the TCA Ground on Davies Avenue, Queens Domain
- traffic improvements on Bathurst and Elizabeth streets to reduce congestion and improve the amenity of inner-city streets.

The Transforming Hobart projects aim to improve and modernise City of Hobart roads, paths, buildings, toilets and open spaces. They will occur in addition to normal maintenance and replacement programs.

Most suburbs within the City of Hobart will benefit from one or more of the projects.

While the schedule is over ten years to allow for better forward planning, the Council will have the option of reviewing it every year.

For a full list of major projects and the years they will begin, visit hobartcity.com.au/transforminghobart ■



FREE FLOW: Work is scheduled to improve pedestrian movement across the Brooker Highway. Image: Terroir.



STANDING TALL: New lighting has been installed to showcase the historical features of Franklin Square and improve public safety. Photo: Alastair Bett.

Fresh new look takes Franklin Square back in time

A revamped Franklin Square is open again, with new stairs, paths, retaining walls and garden beds that take the park closer to its original 1865 design.

The last time the park received a facelift, was back in the 1980s when the brown brick stairs and walls were built and seating installed. These elements were nearing the end of their life, which was the impetus for the recent renovation as part of the Transforming Hobart program.

As well as the amended pathway and boundary design, more lighting and seating has been installed, including the illumination of the large statue of Sir John Franklin, who the park is named after.

While the park's 1980s features have been replaced, one link to that era remains. David Shaw who designed the seats thirty years ago has returned, this time around using wood that has been salvaged from Hydro Tasmania dams.

Franklin Square was officially opened in May with music, food and speeches, more than making up for the accidental unveiling of the Franklin statue back in 1865 when the tarpaulin blew off during a storm.

Signs explaining the area's historical significance will be installed later in the year. ■



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The Hobart Town Hall is turning 150 and you're all invited



PIPE MUSIC: The Town Hall organ has been rebuilt twice since it was first installed in 1870. Photo: Rosie Hastie.

The Hobart Town Hall turns 150 this September and the birthday celebrations will include an open day of music, food, historical tours and, of course, a cake.

Sunday 25 September 2016 will see the doors of the Town Hall thrown open for tours of the building and Elizabeth Street between Davey and Macquarie streets will be closed for performances, food and children's activities.

To mark the anniversary year, the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra will re-create the first

performance in the Town Hall – Haydn's *The Creation* – but this time, it will be performed at Federation Concert Hall on 10 September.

Many events will be held in the Town Hall this year, including the annual floral shows which have been held in the Town Hall for most of its lifetime.

To stay informed about the 150th anniversary celebrations and events, keep an eye on hobartcity.com.au and follow the Town Hall Facebook page: facebook.com/hobarttownhall ■



GIVING BACK: Bushcare groups help the City of Hobart look after bushland and reserves. Photo: Matt Newton.

Volunteers help provide more services for City of Hobart

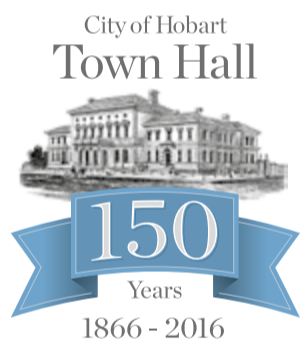
The City of Hobart celebrated its volunteers last month as part of National Volunteer Week.

Volunteers help the City of Hobart through six programs:

- Cooking and support for Mathers House programs for older Tasmanians and participation in the City's Older Persons Reference Group
- the Still Gardening program to help older people look after their garden
- Youth Arts and Recreation Centre programs for young people
- helping care for bushland through on-ground work and education under the Bushcare program
- welcoming visitors off cruise ships and once a week at Hobart International Airport through the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre
- International Student Ambassadors who attend citizenship ceremonies, Harmony Day and sister city events.

If you'd like to volunteer for one of the City's programs, please take a look at the webpage: hobartcity.com.au/volunteer

The City also thanked volunteers from Hobart's many community groups last month with a civic reception at Hobart Town Hall. ■



SPARKLING: The Town Hall ballroom chandeliers are cleaned every two years. Photo: City of Hobart.

Statewide planning scheme closer

The City of Hobart has made a detailed submission to the Tasmanian Government's draft statewide planning scheme, expressing concern about heritage, zoning and vegetation clearance controls.

The Tasmanian Planning Commission is assessing the submissions, which closed on 18 May.

Once the government finalises the State Planning Provisions, the City of Hobart will prepare its Local Planning Provisions. These will include objectives for local areas, determining Particular Purpose Zones which cover unique uses, Specific Area Plans for identified sites, such as universities and hospitals, and where statewide zones will apply.

Local Planning Provisions will be open for public submission and a hearing through the Planning Commission before they can be enacted.

For more information on the Tasmanian Planning Scheme visit the Planning Commission website: www.planning.tas.gov.au/planning_our_future/draft_state_planning_provisions ■

Founding sister recognised with regal award in Japan

A driving force behind the City of Hobart sister-city relationship with Yaizu, Fumiko Plaister, has received an award from the Japanese Emperor for her dedication over 40 years.

Ms Plaister met her husband Alderman Doug Plaister, then Lord Mayor of Hobart, when he visited Yaizu in the mid 1970s to establish the sister-city relationship, which was formalised in 1977.

For the past 40 years she has been an active and enthusiastic volunteer member of the City of Hobart – Yaizu Sister City Committee. Her connections with Yaizu staff and mayors have played an integral role in organising activities, including the successful exchange program involving hundreds of students over 25 years.

The City of Hobart is planning a 40-year sister-city anniversary celebration, which will include a delegation of approximately 30 people from Yaizu in February 2017. For more information, contact the Community Development Officer, Multicultural on (03) 6238 2151 or fields@hobartcity.com.au ■



ON POINT: Keen volunteers Caroline and Millie Lindus spruce up the Hobart Rivulet on their way home from school. Photo: City of Hobart.

Volunteers rid Hobart of kilograms of rubbish on Clean Up Australia Day

Hobart's bushland has received a pick-me-up from the 73 volunteers who turned out for this year's Clean Up Australia Day.

Across three days and 148 hours of support, volunteers removed a staggering 280 kg of rubbish from three of Hobart's most popular parks.

Specifically, 65.5 kg was collected from Cornelian Bay, 61.5 kg from the Hobart Rivulet, and 39.5 kg from the summit of kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

City of Hobart Bushcare groups run regular working bees to care for Hobart's open spaces. If you'd like to get involved, find your local group at: hobartcity.com.au/bushcare ■



TEAMWORK: Green Army participants hard at work in the Hobart Rivulet Park. Photo: Rosie Hastie.

Green Army revs up parks projects

A new recreational trail track on kunanyi / Mount Wellington is quickly taking shape, thanks to the help of the Green Army team.

The Green Army is a federal program that provides skills to 17–24 year olds through environment and heritage project work.

The Green Army is working with City of Hobart officers, Bushcare volunteers and private land owners, with the support of Manpower and Landcare Australia, on the following projects:

- removing extensive patches of gorse and other weeds from the Hobart Rivulet and surrounding bushland
- supporting the building of the Slides mountain bike and walking track above McRobies Gully connecting West and South Hobart
- expanding the City of Hobart's weed and wildlife surveys on public and private land
- protecting and restoring habitat for the threatened swift parrot, eastern barred bandicoot and chaostola skipper butterfly.

The team's support means that many City projects will be finished sooner than planned, enabling other projects to get underway. ■

Public toilet improvements on track

The City of Hobart's ten-year strategy to improve public toilet facilities is on track, with seven facilities identified for refurbishment or complete rebuilds in the coming 2016–17 year.

In the past eighteen months, fourteen facilities have been updated, a new toilet facility has been built in Salamanca Square, and work has started on new toilets in Princes Park at the edge of the city centre.

In this coming financial year, work is planned on facilities at Wellesley Park in South Hobart, Centrepont Shopping Centre, Franklin Square, TCA sports ground and Soldiers Memorial Oval on the Queens Domain, Ancanthe Park in Lenah Valley, and new late-night transportable toilets.

The *Public Toilet Strategy 2015–2025* has earmarked \$12.6 million to bring the City's toilets up to date. ■



WELCOMED WCs: Modern new toilet blocks cater to locals and visitors. Photo: Alastair Bett.

Wishing well upgrade preserves history and access

A new bridge and wider track now run past the historic sandstone wishing well on the Pipeline Track in Wellington Park.

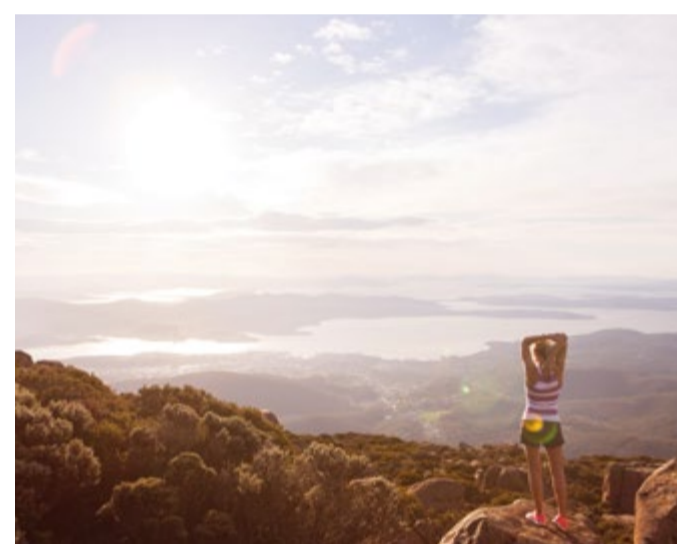
The well was previously a mixing point for water from Long and Fork Creeks in Hobart's mountain water supply system. However, locals used to regularly visit the spot to make a wish and the name stuck.

The water supply system is heritage-listed and work has also been done to conserve the stone spillway and troughs.

Why not take a look for yourself? The Greater Hobart Trails website contains information on all the tracks within the City of Hobart: greaterhobarttrails.com.au ■



STONE WORK: As well as the new bridge and trackwork, the historic stone troughs and spillway have been repaired. Photo: City of Hobart.



NEW DAY: The new website is full of ideas for enjoying Hobart and beyond. Photo: Sean Fennessey.

Travelling online just got a whole lot easier

The Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre has launched a new website hobarttravelcentre.com.au to showcase the state's outstanding tourism offerings.

The easy-to-use website is a great resource for any friends or family who are heading south for a visit as it lists what to do, where to stay and what's on.

Locals can also benefit by booking the Spirit of Tasmania through the centre. The website will showcase regular specials, and no fee applies to booking amendments, potentially saving \$50.

Owned and operated by the City of Hobart, the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre runs a program which involves volunteers sharing their local knowledge with visitors. If you are interested in becoming involved, visit the About Us page of the new website. ■

Swim and Survive

Our Swim and Survive program offers a range of water safety programs for children aged 6 months to 17 years.

Once your lesson is finished you are welcome to stay and play!

Lessons run Monday through to Saturday. Lesson duration varies from 30 minutes to 1 hour according to student ability.

Enrolments are open all year round, however subject to availability.

To learn more about any of our programs please call our Customer Service staff on 6222 6999 or visit hobartcity.com.au/thac



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Council Meetings

All Hobart City Council meetings are open to the public and start at 5pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

Meeting dates for the next quarter are:

- Monday 6 June
- Monday 20 June
- Monday 11 July
- Monday 25 July
- Monday 8 August
- Monday 22 August
- Monday 5 September

To see what's on the agenda and listen to council meetings, visit the City of Hobart website: hobartcity.com.au/Council/Council_Meetings.

What's On

Bushcare working bees

Held monthly at 15 reserves and parks across the City of Hobart

hobartcity.com.au/Recreation/Bushland/Bushcare/Meet_the_Groups

Youth Arts and Recreation Centre

Open Access for people aged 12–25 years
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 3–6pm
youthartsandrec.org

Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

City of Hobart Resident Open Day
Sunday 17 July, 11.30am–3.30pm

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Tasmanian Theatre Company
5–16 July, Dorney House, Porter Hill
tastheatre.com/whos-afraid

Australian Antarctic Festival

8–11 September, Hobart waterfront
facebook.com/australianantarcticfestival

Musica Viva

Enso String Quartet
Monday 6 June, Hobart Town Hall
mvt.org.au/concerts

Dark Mofo

10–21 June, various venues
darkmofo.net.au

Festival of Voices

30 June–17 July, various venues
festivalofvoices.com

Tasmanian North Melbourne games

Friday 3 June, 7.50pm vs Richmond
Saturday 20 August, 1.45pm vs Sydney
Blundstone Arena, Bellerive
www.nmfc.com.au

Hobart City Band

Saturday 23 July, Hobart Town Hall
facebook.com/HobartCityBandInc

Daffodil, Camellia and Floral Art Show

26–27 August, Hobart Town Hall,
tasblooms.com/hobhortsociety

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Mow it, rake it, prune it, bin it

Regular fortnightly green waste bin collections have been rolled out across the City of Hobart to help residents get rid of garden waste and reduce the City's landfill.

The new bins with distinctive lime-green lids have been delivered to all properties between 400m² and 4000m² in size, and with fewer than three tenancies, but not in Sullivans Cove, the city centre or Fern Tree.

People with blocks that haven't received a bin can opt in to the collection for about \$50 per year, per bin.

Green waste bins will replace the twice-yearly green waste kerbside collections, but the five free entry weekends to the South Hobart McRobies Gully Waste Centre will continue.

The new green waste bin service will divert about 386 full garbage trucks from landfill every year. The green waste will be turned into compost and mulch to be used on City of Hobart parks and gardens and for sale direct to the public.

For more information on the green waste bins or to order a bin, visit hobartcity.com.au/greenwaste ■

Dark Mofo blows into town this June

Hold on to your beanie and zip up your puffer jacket, because the Dark Mofo winter festival is blowing back into Hobart from 10 to 21 June.

The City of Hobart is presenting the Winter Feast at Princess Wharf 1 on Castray Esplanade as part of a three-year funding deal for the festival.

City of Hobart buildings and significant places will be lit red as part of the festival, which will take place at the Macquarie Point "Dark Park", Princess Wharf 1, the Blacklist party in the city centre and other selected venues throughout Hobart and Tasmania. ■



CULINARY STORM: The City of Hobart – Dark Mofo Winter Feast this year, 15–19 June. Photo: Alastair Bett.

AFL Footballers sample Hobart youth culture via rap music

North Melbourne football players recently dropped in to the City of Hobart Youth Arts and Recreation Centre and dropped a few beats while they were there.

Club captain, Andrew Swallow, and vice-captain, Jack Ziebell, were enthusiastic participants in a one-hour session in which they worked with local rap musicians to write and record their own rap music.

Young Hobartians use the centre's free recording studio and participate in regular Beats and Rhymes Workshops to help them hone their craft.

The next North Melbourne game to be played in Tasmania will be on 3 June against Richmond, and the last match of three in the state will be on 20 August against Sydney at the Blundstone Arena in Bellerive.

For more information about the Youth Arts and Recreation Centre, visit youthartsandrec.org and for North Melbourne games in Hobart visit hobartcity.com.au/Hobart/Hobart_Events/Tasmanian_North_Melbourne_AFL_matches ■



HANGING OUT: North Melbourne Football Club Vice-captain Jack Ziebell, Peter Kokavasis, Alex O'Leary, Dan Bower, Hayden Nichols and North Melbourne Captain Andrew Swallow. Photo: City of Hobart.

How safe is your heating-oil tank?

If you still have a heating-oil tank installed at your home, even if it's no longer in use, read on.

Old oil tanks, even if they look in good condition, can potentially cause serious contamination of your property.

If there is still oil in the tank, it can corrode the inside and leak into the wall and ground. This could lead to fire, and poses a risk to your health and ground water.

Cleaning up a spill is expensive. The best way to prevent spills is to remove old tanks. If this is not possible, tanks should be checked to ensure they have been completely emptied.

If you suspect an oil leak or spill has occurred, you should contact Tasmania Fire Service immediately. For help cleaning spills please contact the City of Hobart Environmental Health Unit on (03) 6238 2715. ■

Planning system goes paperless

Applying for permits will become simpler this month with the introduction of an online lodgment system for all building, planning and plumbing applications.

The system can be accessed through the City of Hobart website at hobartcity.com.au/e-Services

The paperless system will allow applicants to lodge online, provide all the application details, upload plans, pay fees and then track the progress of their application.

Registrations will be retained by the system so it's easier to lodge future applications, which will help frequent users, such as builders, planners and architects.

The system can also be used to seek extensions and amendments to existing permits. ■