



# Annual General Meeting 2020

Gnomon Room - Wharf Precinct  
Wharf Road, Ulverstone  
Monday, 30 November 2020, 7.00pm



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## AGENDA

### *1 - Opening of meeting*

The Mayor

### *2 - Welcome and call for apologies*

The Mayor

### *3 - Confirmation of minutes*

Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 11 November 2019

### *4 - Notice of meeting*

The Annual General Meeting has been called in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, an extract of Section 72B is attached.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in The Advocate newspaper on Saturday 31 October 2020.

### *5 - Introduction of Councillors*

The Mayor

### *6 - Meeting procedures*

Appended hereto

### *7 - Annual report*

An Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2020 has been prepared. This includes financial statements and audit opinion. Notice of the Annual General Meeting indicated that the Annual Report was available

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from the Administration Centre and the Service Centre and on the Council's website.

Electors were invited to make written submissions relating to the Annual Report.

The Mayor will comment generally in relation to the Annual Report.

The General Manager will provide a PowerPoint display of highlights from the Report.

Directors will be available to answer questions specific to their areas of responsibility.

#### *8 – Submissions*

One written submission was received from Mr Lionel Bonde and is reproduced below along with responses to the questions.

##### *Submission opening:*

I intend to ask the following questions at the General Ratepayers Meeting on 30 November:

##### *Item 1*

Coastal Pathway – Due to the large increase in the interest of mountain bikes on the coast, has the Council given thought that this increase could impact heavily on the demand for the Coastal Pathway, and the justification of building such a costly venture in a shifting sporting venture?

##### *Response*

The Cradle Coast Shared Pathway is a regional project with committed Federal and State Government funding. Its major use extends beyond mountain biking, catering for pedestrians, cyclists and other forms of wheeled vehicles such as mobility scooters, prams, etc. Mountain biking has become very popular and appeals to a specific user group. Specialised mountain bike tracks are available across the State and it is not envisaged that usage of the Shared Pathway will be conflicted or reduced due to this.

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*Item 2*

Culture Centre – we read where the cost of the new Culture Centre has blown out to exceed ten (10) million dollars. Has the contribution from the State and Federal Governments also increased in tune with the increased building costs. Could we have a current costing program released?

*Response*

The costing for the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct project (\$10.6m) has previously been provided publicly.

At its Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 June 2020, the Council approved the 2020–2021 Budget Estimates, which included an allocation of \$1.0m. for the Science Centre, History Museum and dome at the Cultural Precinct.

Further to this, at a Special Council Meeting held 6 July 2020, the Council approved the Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with Fairbrother Pty Ltd for construction of the Cultural Precinct. In a media release on 15 July 2020, the Mayor announced the official turning of the sod ceremony and reconfirmed the \$10.6m. project, funded by the Council in partnership with the State and Federal Governments.

Reproduced below is the funding allocations for the project:

FUNDING ALLOCATION	\$ (EXC. GST)
Australian Federal Government	2,500,000
Tasmanian Government	2,500,000
Central Coast Council contribution (Borrowings)	3,500,000
Council contribution (Borrowings) – via Accelerated Local Government Capital Program	1,500,000
Capital funding in the 2020–2021 Capital Council contribution – Federal Assistance Grant to Council))	600,000
<i>TOTAL FUNDING</i>	<i>\$10,600,000</i>

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*Item 3*

Access Reibey Street – It appears the vast changes in the western approach to Reibey Street will make it much more difficult to access Reibey Street from the western end. Was any consideration given to installing a small roundabout similar to the one in Grove–James Streets which is satisfactory. Is it too late to consider that it is needed because of the already overloading of the bridge site?

*Response*

It is too late to consider changing the design, several options were considered during the design phase of the Kings Parade and Queen’s Garden Project. The Council conducted extensive community consultation in relation to the project designs prior to making their final determination. The final design, that is currently under construction, will see improved intersection safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers as well as improved pavements along Kings Parade, and rehabilitation of the historic Queen’s Garden.

*Item 4*

Eastlands Drive roundabout – This is a sorry mess of shrubs and undergrowth and is in a disgraceful state. Has the Council considered removing all the vegetation and creating a clean work free roundabout, if not could the Council do a clean up job that is urgently needed?

*Response*

Maintenance on the Eastlands Drive roundabout has been arranged and will be undertaken in the week commencing 30 November 2020. The maintenance arrangement between parties (Department of State Growth and the Council) has been reviewed and the Council will continue to maintain the area into the future.

*Item 5*

Westella Drive is a very busy road, in a sad state of disrepair with an urgent need to repair the edges in several places. The traffic on this road deserves a road capable of accommodating all modes of traffic that it has, such as bikes, foot traffic and all motor vehicles, it really needs the full works of filling in the drain on the southern side and widening of the road for future heavy use. Has the Council plans to progress?

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*Response*

The section between Stubbs Road to Forth Road will be partially undertaken as part of subdivisional works in 2021–2022 and the section between Forth Road to Turners Beach Road will be undertaken in 2026–2027. The Council’s Long-term Financial Plan does not currently include an upgrade for the section of Westella Drive to the west of Stubbs Road, Turners Beach.

*Item 6*

Parking Coles – Furners car park is a nightmare for parking on a wet day, where people are standing in quite deep water to load their groceries into their car. This is happening every wet day for the past three years. Has the Council plans to address this?

*Response*

Council staff regularly inspect and clean the drain to prevent blockage, unfortunately there are times when blockages and rain events coincide which create a water build-up. An alternative arrangement is being investigated to ensure this is not an ongoing long-term problem.

*Item 7*

Water charges and restrictions. We had water restrictions last year, which was the first time for many years. On enquiring, I am not clear what the problem was, as there was no shortage of water in the Forth River, but there seemed to be a problem in meeting the water demand on a given day, hence the restrictions to alleviate that. We read that dam storage is lower than this time last year, so are we looking at further restrictions this year. The Central Coast Council has an interest in the water complex so should be aware of the shortage of supply, and could we have a review of the situation?

*Response*

TasWater are proactive in contacting the Council if there are likely to be any restrictions that may come into effect. TasWater has a Corporate Plan (2021–2025) which is agreed to by shareholders to gradually implement improvements in the system.

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At this stage, the Council has not received any information on likely water restrictions but has contacted TasWater to discuss whether there is a likelihood of any restrictions this year.

9 – Any other business

Any further business considered appropriate to the Annual General Meeting.

The Mayor to invite a motion to receive the Annual Report.

*10 – Projects happening in 2020–2021*

The Mayor to report on projects happening in the 2020–2021 year.

*11 – Close of meeting*

The Mayor.



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## Meeting procedures

- The meeting will be conducted generally in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*. In particular, no person may:
  - . make a personal reflection about a Councillor, Council employee or member of the public;
  - . interject repeatedly or disrupt the meeting and disobey a call to order by the chairperson; or
  - . in the opinion of the chairperson, use any offensive expression.
- All questions, comments and any motions are to be addressed through the Chair.
- As a matter of courtesy and for the purpose of record, speakers are asked to identify themselves prior to addressing the meeting.
- No speakers are to be interrupted other than by the chairperson in exercising effective meeting procedure.
- Questions and comments should be concise to allow as many electors as possible to have an input.
- All motions must be moved and seconded before debate is permitted.
- Only one motion may be before the Chair at any one time.
- In speaking to a motion, individuals may speak only once and for no longer than five minutes. The mover of the motion may exercise a three-minute right of reply.
- Voting is by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the Council determines, and only electors in the Central Coast municipal area are entitled to vote.
- A resolution is passed by a simple majority of electors present voting in favour of it.
- Any resolution passed at the meeting will be considered at the next available meeting of the Council to be held on 14 December 2020.

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***Local Government Act 1993***

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**72B. Annual General Meeting**

- (1) A council must hold an Annual General Meeting on a date that –
  - (a) is not later than 15 December in each year; and
  - (b) is not before 14 days after the date of the first publication of a notice under subsection (2) .
- (2) A council must publish a notice in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area or other prescribed newspaper specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) If a quorum of the council is not present at an Annual General Meeting –
  - (a) the Annual General Meeting is to be reconvened and held within 14 days; and
  - (b) a notice is to be published in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) Only electors in the municipal area are entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- (5) A motion at an Annual General Meeting is passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the council determines.
- (6) A motion passed at an Annual General Meeting is to be considered at the next meeting of the council.
- (7) The general manager is to keep minutes of the Annual General Meeting.