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### PARK TO BE RECOGNISED AS STATE MEMORIAL



Council last night endorsed the Vietnam War Memorial Park being recognised as Tasmania's State Memorial for all Vietnam Veterans, their families and visitors.

The endorsement was in response to a request from the Vietnam Veterans Association for the Memorial Park, at Bluff Road, to be recognised as the State Memorial.

The Association has indicated that it plans to erect an additional memorial within the the Park precinct, the details of which are yet to be finalised.

It will be dedicated to the 521 Australians killed in the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia will fund the new memorial therefore it will be at no initial cost to Council.

However, the constructed memorial would revert to Council as an asset upon completion.

As such, the ongoing maintenance, asset renewal and depreciation costs would be borne by Council.

At present the Association is seeking in principle support only for the Memorial and the design and plans will be submitted for Council's consideration and approval.

In 2015 the Mersey-Leven Sub-Branch of the Association constructed a Memorial Wall honouring returned Vietnam Veterans from the region who had passed away since the war ended.

# COUNCIL APPROVES GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Council has approved grants and one rate remission totalling \$30,039.18 to seven organisations as part of round two of its 2018-19 Financial Assistance Scheme.

The scheme supports projects, programs and activities developed for the benefit of Devonport's residents and visitors.

Major grants provide \$3,000 to \$25,000 and minor grants provide up to \$3,000 for organisations to deliver programs that enhance the Devonport community through development, community events, community facilities, cultural development, cultural heritage, festivals and events, economic development, sport, recreation and healthy living. Rate remissions provide rate support for local non-profit community organisations to cater for and respond to the needs of Devonport residents.

Twelve organisations sought funding under the scheme.

Donations, individual development grants and in-kind assistance grants are open throughout the year and assessed on a monthly basis.

Successful organisations in round two were –

## Major grants

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| • Devonport Squash Club                             | \$7,833.00   |
| • Devonport Surf Lifesaving Club                    | \$4,100.00   |
| • East Devonport Bowls Sporting and Recreation Club | \$12,809.00* |

(\*Subject to sourcing external funding to complete the project)

## Minor grants

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| • East Devonport Child and Family Centre | \$2,459.08  |
| • North-West Film Society                | \$1,120.00* |
| • Mission Australia                      | \$1,718.00  |

(\*Subject to sourcing a Devonport Jazz approved venue/movie)

## Rates remission

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| • Cancer Council Tasmania | \$3,482.82 |
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# MERSEY VALE CEMETERY WORKS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Council has awarded a tender for the next stage of the Mersey Vale Cemetery's Modern Burial System to CBB Contracting.

The Modern Burial System is a more space efficient method of burials, which allows Council to better utilise the space. The system also creates some operational efficiencies for the excavation and reinstatement of graves.

Stage two is located in the north-west corner of the cemetery and will create 300 additional burial plots, which should be sufficient for the next 3-4 years.

An access road and parking area is included the project.

## LGAT TO BE ASKED TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

The Local Government Association of Tasmania will be asked to develop a sector wide position on climate change under a motion the Devonport City Council will put to the association's annual general meeting.

A motion moved last night sought to ensure the position was supported by the State Government so it could be demonstrated Tasmania was serious about tackling the issue and was prepared to work together to identify and implement positive action.

Elected members were told that Council was committed to mitigating the effects of climate change for the Devonport municipality through actions outlined in the Climate Change Adaption Plan 2013 - which was reviewed internally in 2017 - and the Environment Strategy 2019-2024.

However, climate change was seen as being more than an individual Council responsibility.

It was the responsibility of all levels of government and the community to work together, and therefore a sector wide response was seen as having a greater impact than the actions of any individual Council.