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### SAFETY UPGRADE PLANNED FOR CITY INTERSECTION



**Infrastructure and Works Manager Michael Williams and Mayor Annette Rockliff at the intersection of Fenton and Stewart Streets**

Work will begin next week on safety improvements aimed at remedying the traffic blackspot at the intersection of Stewart and Fenton Streets, in Devonport.

Since 2000, 54 crashes have occurred at the intersection with one in every three resulting in injury. Almost nine in every ten crashes have involved vehicles colliding at 90 degrees.

Daily traffic movements on the streets are projected to almost double - from 6500 a day to 12,000 – in the next 15 years with a 2015 LIVING CITY Traffic Study finding that the intersection would not operate efficiently in its current give-way configuration by 2025.

The intersection is above the threshold for a blackspot application and Federal funding of \$415,000 has been secured for the project.

The Mayor, Cr Annette Rockliff, said traffic lights were considered for the intersection.

While they would address the dominant crash type and be suitable for pedestrians, they were not eligible for blackspot funding and did not align with Federal and State road safety strategies.

Cr Rockliff also said, considering expected traffic growth at the intersection, the average peak hour delay at a roundabout was estimated to be eight seconds compared with four minutes if the current layout was maintained.

Design work has also considered the retaining walls located on all four corners and an arborist had been engaged to recommend on design and construction details to ensure minimal risk to the historic tree located at the intersection.

“Council has been assured that the work can be undertaken in a manner to ensure there is no detrimental impact upon the tree’s long-term health and stability,” she said.

Preliminary work, involving kerb and footpath replacement on the north-east corner will begin on Monday 2 December with the bulk of the work to be completed from Monday 6 January 2020, following the Christmas break. Detours and lane closures are likely for critical activities from 6 January.

COUNCIL UPDATE

# COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TASTE THE HARVEST FESTIVAL IN 2020



The Devonport City Council has agreed to continue its financial support for the Taste the Harvest Festival.

Taste the Harvest is a family friendly fresh food, produce and wine festival which has been run by the City of Devonport Lions Club for over 20 years.

The Lions Club advised that it had some challenges in proceeding with the 2020 event due to its ability to provide sufficient resources to continue running the event, but has decided to proceed.

Also considering the Waterfront Park construction, a new location for the 2020 event had to be identified.

The Lions Club has considered an option to host the event at Providore Place and plans to hold the event on Sunday 15 March 2020 commencing at 11.00 am until 8.00 pm, subject to event approval.

In the event of inclement weather, the Lions Club has requested use of the multi storey car park so that it can be held regardless of weather conditions.

As a result, Council's previous commitment to underwrite the event will not be required.

Council was told that other commitments as outlined in the current Partnership Agreement are required, which includes \$5,000 towards marketing and equipment hire.

It was also told there would be different equipment requirements due to the event being held at Market Square/Providore Place rather than Roundhouse Park, but these could be accommodated.

## TWO ROAD PROJECTS APPROVED

Council last night approved two road contracts - the Holyman Street renewal and the Victoria Street renewal - valued at more than \$600,000.

The Holyman Street renewal project was initially listed in the capital expenditure budget as two separate allocations - one for the road surface and one for the footpath - but the projects have been combined as it was considered impractical to have two design and construction crews working at the same location.

This project involves the renewal of kerb and channel, driveways, footpath, stormwater infrastructure, pavement and seal and will be undertaken by Hardings Hotmix.

The Victoria Street renewal involves the construction of a new kerb and channel, pavement and seal and minor stormwater improvements.

Civilscape Contracting Tasmania was the successful tenderer.

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS TO CLOSE SOON

Nominations for the Devonport City Council's 2020 Australia Day Awards will close on 2 December.

The awards recognise the achievements of community members and groups who have made a significant contribution to the Devonport community.

They reflect values such as the pursuit of excellence, commitment to a tolerant and diverse society, a fair go and public service.

Nominations can be lodged in the categories of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

Nominees must have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the Devonport community over a number of years.

All nominations are strictly confidential and the information provided will only be used to assist the Devonport City Council in considering the merits of the nomination.

For more information and to nominate visit <https://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/live/your-community/awards/australia-day-awards/>