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COUNCIL APPROVES REVISED HOTEL PLAN



A visual depiction of the development looking from Best Street

The Devonport City Council last night approved a revised plan for a hotel to be built on a waterfront site in Best Street.

Local developer Fairbrother has revised its plan to construct an eight-level 208-room hotel, rather than including residential apartments which formed part of its original design.

The ground floor is split between hotel front of house, hotel back of house and lower level car parking.

The front of house includes hotel reception and restaurant while back of house includes a kitchen, amenities and loading dock facilities.

The building services plant sits in a mezzanine, along with further hotel back of house facilities, hotel gym and meeting room.

Levels 1-5 contain hotel rooms.

The car turn-in bay off Best Street is designed with pedestrian pram-ramp crossings to allow uninterrupted pedestrian traffic along Best Street.

The development will have a total height of 26.88 m compared to 26.50 m in the original design. However, this height does not extend over the entire building.

A Traffic Impact Assessment found that the additional traffic volumes generated by the development were not expected to have any significant impacts to the safety and operation of the surrounding road network.

Council was told one representation was received during the 14-day public scrutiny period required by the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

The application was approved subject to five conditions.

Work has begun on a waterfront parkland to be developed north and west of the hotel.

COMMEMORATIVE SEAT TO RECOGNISE BABIES BURIED IN UNMARKED GRAVES

A seat commemorating babies who have been buried in unmarked graves will be placed in the Devonport General Cemetery, in Lawrence Drive, adjacent to the children's area containing unmarked graves.

The application was made to Council by Soroptimist International of Devonport.

Council was told the placement of commemorative seats within the community, as endorsed by Council's policy, is to commemorate individuals, organisations, businesses or clubs who have made a significant contribution to the community or to recognise a significant milestone.

The site requested by Soroptimist International of Devonport is in an area which would be suitable for the placement of a seat as there is no other seating available at the cemetery.

The cost of supplying and placing the seat will be met by the club and it will be installed by Council.

The club will also be responsible for supplying the plaque to be affixed to the seat.

FREEDOM OF ENTRY MARCH PLANNED

RAN vessel HMAS Stuart will receive Freedom of Entry to the city when it visits Devonport next month.

Devonport has had a number of visits from HMAS Stuart in the past and is the ship's ceremonial home port.

HMAS Stuart will visit Devonport between Friday 28 February and Monday 2 March.

Council was told the event would add value to several activities being held at that time including the Triathlon and Devonport Regatta.

HMAS Stuart was last granted Freedom of Entry to the city in 2014.

TENDER GRANTED FOR KERB RENEWAL PROJECT

Council has approved a tender for the Victory Avenue Kerb Renewal project to Civilscape Contracting for a total cost of \$227,594.

The project involves the renewal of the kerb on each side of the road and reseal of the road.

It includes a continuation of the scheme of road humps at each end of the street as is being constructed in the adjacent Adelaide Street.

The 2019/20 capital expenditure budget included an allocation of \$210,000 for the work.

COUNCIL TO SUPPORT BUSHFIRE RELIEF CONCERT

The Devonport City Council will support a planned bushfire relief concert scheduled to be held in the city next month.

Council will reallocate funding previously committed to the Taste of The Harvest Festival to support the Sea FM and 7AD Fire Relief Concert through the provision of necessary facilities, equipment and staffing.

The concert is planned to be held in either the Town Hall or paranapple convention centre on Friday 21 February.

The radio stations have secured a headline act, which will be supported by Sea FM's Spotlight program, featuring emerging talent from the North-West Coast.

The total estimated commercial value of Council's contribution to the event, including venue hire, ticketing fees, equipment hire and staffing is between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

As of 15 January, the 2019/2020 national bushfire season has burned an estimated 46 million acres, levelled 5900 buildings and claimed 29 lives.