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## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2021 **Annual General Meeting** of the Devonport City Council will be held in the paranple convention centre, level 3 paranple centre, 137 Rooke Street, Devonport on Monday 8 November 2021, commencing at 5:30pm.

**The meeting will be open to the public and live streamed from 5:30pm.**

Matthew Atkins  
GENERAL MANAGER

**3 November 2021**

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**Agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Devonport City Council  
held on Monday 8 November 2021, in the paranapple convention centre, level 3 paranapple  
centre, 137 Rooke Street, Devonport at 5:30pm**

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## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome and introductions by Mayor, Councillor Annette Rockliff

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

All persons in attendance are advised that it is Council policy to record Council Meetings, in accordance with Council's Digital Recording Policy. The digital recording of this meeting will be made available to the public on Council's website. The meeting is being live streamed on Council's YouTube channel.

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## 1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GUIDELINES

1. The Annual General Meeting will be conducted as far as practicable in a manner similar to an ordinary Council meeting and generally align with processes in the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.
2. The Mayor will Chair the meeting or in their absence the Deputy Mayor.
3. All discussion is to be addressed through the Chair.
4. Submissions and questions relating to the Annual Report should where possible be submitted in writing for inclusion in the agenda, however an opportunity is to be provided at the meeting for questions from the floor.
5. Motions
  - a) Motions must be submitted by the advertised cut-off date for inclusion in the agenda.
  - b) Motions (other than those related to an existing agenda item) will not be accepted from the floor.
  - c) The Motion must be moved and seconded before debate is permitted.
  - d) Only one motion may be before the Chair at a time.
  - e) Only electors in the Devonport Local Government Area are entitled to vote.
  - f) A resolution is passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands.
  - g) In speaking to a motion, each person may speak only once and for a maximum of three minutes.
  - h) The mover of the motion has a final right of reply.
  - i) A motion passed at the Annual General Meeting will be considered at the next available meeting of Council.
6. The process for questions without notice will generally be in accordance with Council's Public Question Time policy.
7. Those wishing to speak at the meeting are to come to the lectern and identify themselves by providing their name and address and to limit any comments/questions to no more than 3 minutes on an item.
8. No person may:
  - a) Make any personal reflection on any councillor, council employee or any member of the public;
  - b) Disrupt the meeting; or
  - c) In the opinion of the Chair, use any offensive expression.

Endorsed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 December 2020 – min 20/168 refers.

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## **2 APOLOGIES**

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 9 NOVEMBER 2020**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2020 as attached, be confirmed.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Unconfirmed Minutes Annual General Meeting - 9 November 2020 [**4.1.1** - 14 pages]

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## **5 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

The General Manager will provide an overview of the 2021 Annual Report. A copy of the Annual Report is available [on Council's website.](#)

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## **6 SUBMISSIONS/QUESTIONS TO THE ANNUAL REPORT**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That submissions and questions, and the subsequent answers, on the 2020/21 Devonport City Council Annual Report, be noted.

### **OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The attached submissions and questions were received prior to the close of the agenda and written responses have been drafted by the General Manager and are attached for information.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Annual Report Submission and Qo N to 2021 AGM - Malcolm Gardam [**6.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Response to Question on Notice - AGM - Mr Gardam [**6.1.2** - 3 pages]
3. Question on Notice - Mr Bob Vellacott [**6.1.3** - 3 pages]
4. Response to Question on Notice - AGM - Mr Vellacott [**6.1.4** - 1 page]

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## **7 MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR TREVOR SMITH - FOOTPATHS**

#### **MOTION**

That Councillors be requested to allocate some, if not all, of the \$2 Million surplus funds Council received for the 2020-2021 financial year towards the construction of footpaths particularly in the areas where residents have paid rates for 40 or more years, also prioritising the streets where the residents and or public have constantly requested that footpaths be provided.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



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## **7.2 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR ROBERT VELLACOTT – DISPOSAL BY AUCTION OF PROVIDORE PLACE**

### **MOTION**

That the electors here present at this the Devonport City Council 2021 Annual General Meeting request the Mayor and Councillors take such action necessary for the early sale, of the real estate known as Providore Place, so as to enable it to be listed for sale by auction at a reserve price to be decided by the Council and if the property is sold the proceeds of sale be paid off the Council debt incurred to build it.

### **SUPPORT**

Providore Place has haemorrhaged ratepayer funds from day one and continues to do so when the operational costs and loan payments are taken into account. It is not a community asset in the sense of the Forbes Street sporting complex or numerous other community facilities.

There is no reason that what Providore Place has morphed into, out of necessity, due to it failing to achieve any of the original deliverables as promoted by council cannot be managed by a private owner.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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## **7.3 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR ROBERT VELLACOTT – POSSIBLE INCREASE OF GAMING VENUES AND OR FACILITIES**

### **MOTION**

That we the electors here present at the Devonport City Council 2021 Annual General Meeting here- by express in the strongest possible terms our opposition to any increase in the number of licensed gaming devices in existing venues and or the licensing of new premises for the purpose of licensed gaming in the municipality and we request our elected representatives being the Mayor and Councillors to on our behalf oppose an application to – (a) increase gaming devices in any existing venues, and or the installation of the devices in new premises and (b) refrain from supporting any person or entity seeking to obtain a licence to increase and or manage licensed gaming in Devonport.

### **SUPPORT**

Mayor Councillors and Electors the following is but a very brief résumé of what has been proven as a most hideous problem in many sections of our society.

It is well documented that poker machines and casinos are a proven blight on any community. The professional gambler David Walsh says he despises the pokies, and considers them "antisocial, unsightly and insidious".

There are enough reports of crime, domestic violence and child neglect as it is and we don't need our politicians and local government condoning an increase in these problems through supporting more potential poker machine addiction in our community.

For the council to support or encourage any increase of licensed gaming venues or increase the number of devices that would siphon off funds which would otherwise be spent in the community would make a mockery of their contention that one of the main reasons for the Living City project when completed was to inject funds into Devonport.

In Devonport the average loss in recent years per adult was approx. \$645 and the total annual loss was approx \$12 million. With those types of losses that's a lot of money going out of the city into somebody else's pocket where it could be better spent within the community.

Recent research indicates:-

Electronic Gaming Machines/"Pokies" are built for addiction. "The anticipation of playing hits the pleasure centre of the brain with the same force as cocaine or ice,"

In 2019 net Gambling Revenue per EGM, Tasmanian LGAs LGA NGR/EGM Factor was -  
Burnie \$64,512 1.4 Central Coast \$50,416 1.1 Clarence \$54,237 1.2 Combined Municipalities\* \$36,899 0.8 Devonport \$46,151 1.0 Dorset \$30,976 0.7 Glenorchy \$74,589 1.6 Hobart \$36,589 0.8 Launceston \$46,146 1.0 Northern Midlands \$25,428 0.5 Sorell \$32,208 0.7 Waratah/Wynyard \$47,904 1.0 West Coast \$28,705 0.6 West Tamar \$33,072 0.7 Tasmania \$46,486 1.0

Whilst it is concerning, banning pokies would not stop gambling problems however every effort must be made to restrict the number of the devices and the easy access to them.

Unfortunately, time and time again, we find many politicians of all stripes and colours, losing sight of their moral compasses on important social issues and hopefully our councillors, knowing that Devonport has a large population of socially and economically vulnerable people will have the moral strength to oppose any increase of gaming licenses, now and in the future.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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## 7.4 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR ROBERT VELLACOTT - TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S REJECTION OF THE MOTION PASSED AT THE 2020 AGM IN REGARD TO PROVIDING FREE PARKING VOUCHERS TO THOSE WHO HAVE PAID RATES FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE

### MOTION

That we the electors and ratepayers here present express our extreme disappointment in the Mayor and those councillors who voted, at the DCC Ordinary meeting of 22nd February, to reject the request as per the notice of motion as passed by a majority of electors at the DCC 2020 Annual General meeting being "That Council at the next meeting, consider providing all ratepayers of 50 years or more with parking vouchers as provided to pensioners."

### SUPPORT

Firstly the long term ratepayers who may have derived some benefit if Council had approved to provide the vouchers are grateful for the support given by Deputy Mayor Councillor Allison Jarman and Councillor John Alexiou who spoke and voted against the motion as per Agenda item 5.2 of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

Some of their comments were "We can get rid of some debt for people that owe us money and we forgive them and let them do whatever they like to us". - "Then we've got people that have been paying rates to us for over 50 years and we give them a lunch."

And, "The numbers that were put to us for how much it's going to cost the ratepayers don't add up to me ".

Also of note was the unequivocal support given by the Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry not only at the 2020 Annual general Meeting but also in the media.

It appears council, by their rejection of the motion passed by a vast majority of ratepayers at the 2020 AGM, was, for want of a better description, at best a penny pinching exercise.

### 7.3 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR DOUG JANNEY

MOVED: Mr Mobbs

SECONDED: Cr Jarman

That council, at the next meeting, consider providing all ratepayers of 50 years or more with parking vouchers as provided to pensioners.

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One of the feeble reasons given to disallow the vouchers was that by extending the concession it could not be done fairly and equitably because it was not possible to confirm a ratepayer had paid for 50 years. In regard to that Councillor Jarman was correct in saying "Council would be able to work out who paid rates for 50 years 'pretty quickly' "I don't think there are going to be that many people."

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Well may the matter of the cost be used as an excuse however most on council have no qualms in subsidising the foreign owned waterfront hotel by selling the section of the Harris Scarfe site at a vacant land square metre rate having bought it at a developed property price and in the process dropping some \$750,000 or just three quarters of a million dollars, nor about using ratepayer's funds to provide the necessary access road for the hotel.

Council appears to overlook the demographics of residents and importance of encouraging people into the Central Business District by their continual reduction of easy, accessible and economical car parking.

This situation of reduced patronage in the CBD will be exacerbated when the very convenient and easily accessible Edward Street car park is sold; by council's actions, it appears as if they have a policy to sabotage the Central Business District. Also if the proposed new shopping complex with free parking is constructed adjacent the Homemaker Centre it will I suggest have a further impact on the future viability of the CBD.

I look forward to all present supporting my motions.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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## **7.5 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR ROBERT VELLACOTT - REQUEST COUNCIL TO RESCIND THE RESOLUTION 21/29 PASSED AT THE DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2021**

### **MOTION**

That the electors here present request that Council rescind resolution number 21/29 passed at the 22nd February 2021, being Agenda item 5.2 - "That Council does not include ratepayers of 50 years or more into the parking concession, which is offered to aged, disability and service pensioners"

### **SUPPORT**

Refer to Motion 7.4

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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## **7.6 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MR ROBERT VELLACOTT - REQUEST COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EXTENDING PARKING CONCESSIONS**

### **MOTION**

That the electors here present request Council to include ratepayers of 50 years or more into the parking concession, which is offered to aged, disability and service pensioners

### **SUPPORT**

Refer to motion 7.4

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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**8      GENERAL BUSINESS**

**9      CLOSURE**