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COUNCIL SUPPORTS COASTAL PATHWAY PROJECT



The proposed Ambleside to Latrobe section of the Coastal Pathway

Council has approved a \$1.6 million funding commitment over the next two financial years towards the Coastal Pathway Project.

The Federal and State Governments have each committed \$4.8 million to the project with North-West Councils' commitment based on the cost of path sections within their local government area.

The Cradle Coast Authority has prioritised three sections of the pathway to create a continuous link between Latrobe and Sulphur Creek.

This is a considerable step towards the original vision of a 110km path linking communities along the Coast.

Two of those sections - Leith to Don and Ambleside to Latrobe - partly fall within the Devonport boundary.

The project proposes to complete the link from Don Heads to Lillico via a new bridge at Don Heads before following

the road back to the highway, and under a cattle underpass, onto a dedicated path extending to Leith.

The Ambleside to Latrobe design proposes a 2.5 metre path, constructed on the south side of River Road.

This path would mostly be on reclaimed land, at a lower level than the road, occasionally rising to utilise existing land where available.

It will extend from the current bicycle lane along River Road to a separate path reaching to the Latrobe boundary.

Other options were considered for the path alignment, both within and adjacent to the road reserve.

But, the option to construct a low level embankment on the side of the Mersey River was assessed to be the most economical option which met the objectives of the Coastal Pathway Project.

COUNCIL TO UNDERWRITE FESTIVAL

Council has agreed to a request from the Lions Club of the City of Devonport Inc. to continue to underwrite the popular Taste of the Harvest Festival to a maximum of \$10,000 should the event have to be cancelled due to weather conditions.

The Lions Club has had a partnership agreement with Council for several years relating to the running of the event and the agreement has another two years to run.

In September 2015, following an approach by Lions Club, Council agreed to underwrite the event for three years up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year. That period expired following the January 2018 event.

Council will underwrite the event in 2019 and 2020.

The Lions Club have made several changes to the Festival to ensure its continued sustainability is planning to hold the 2019 event in February 2019 year in a bid to increase attendance and reduce the risk of inclement weather.

TENDERS APPROVED

Council last night approved an East Devonport foreshore toilet renewal contract for \$189,000.

The new facility will be situated in the same location as the existing building. It will feature an accessible toilet, an ambulant toilet and an accessible shower and will have a consistent look and feel with the recently completed toilet block at Pioneer Park.

A tender of \$350,000 for the replacement of a side load garbage truck, as included in the capital expenditure budget for 2018/2019, was also approved. After trade-in the new truck will cost \$310,000.

TASMANIAN MASTERS GAMES

Given the likely difficulty in securing sponsorship and competitors the Council has decided not to proceed with the concept of a Tasmanian Masters Games (TMG) at this point in time.

Last night's meeting was told that \$70,000 would be required in State Government and corporate support to make the Games viable, and Council would potentially need to commit between \$30,000 and \$50,000, if that level of funding was not achieved.

Council considered this to be too great a level of commitment, given other competing funding priorities and concerns that the TMG could struggle to attract enough participants given other established Masters events held throughout the country.

WENVOE STREET SOUTHBOUND LANE CLOSURE

Work on the Wenvoe Street Renewal Project is due to begin on Wednesday 24 October, weather permitting.

As a result the southbound lane of Wenvoe Street - between the Wenvoe Street Car Park and Steele Street - will be closed from Wednesday 23 October 2018 until Friday 21 December 2018.

The public can still access the Car Park from the northern end of Wenvoe Street and exit via McFie or Wenvoe Streets.

The project involves the renewal of the road and footpath assets on the northern end of Wenvoe Street.

The road is in poor condition and the footpaths were found to rate as some of the poorest in the recent compliance audit around the CBD.

Work in Steele Street is on the south side of the road, between Rooke Street and Wenvoe Street.

The work is being undertaken now so that it can be completed in December, with work on the Southern Rooke Street Renewal Project due to recommence in January.

ATM Civil Contracting is undertaking the work.