



30 January 2019

COUNCIL UPDATE

DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL

PO Box 604 Devonport TAS 7310 – 137 Rooke Street, Devonport

Telephone 03 6424 0511 **Email** council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Web www.devonport.tas.gov.au



INTERSECTION UPGRADE TENDER APPROVED



The Devonport City Council has approved a tender for road safety improvements at the Parker and Ronald Streets intersection.

Three personal injury crashes occurred at the location in a three-year period between January 2014 and January 2017.

All these crashes were a result of drivers failing to give way to the right.

The crash history of the intersection has meant that the site meets the criteria for black spot funding from the Federal Government.

As a result Council has been able to secure \$270,000 in funding to allow the project to go ahead.

The project involves the construction of a new roundabout which is a proven treatment for the type of crashes that have occurred and aligns with Council's road network strategy.

The work includes construction of new traffic islands as well as pavement, kerb and footpath works and the relocation of two power poles.

A well-designed roundabout is considered the safest form of intersection control.

Numerous 'before and after' studies have shown that, in general, fewer motor vehicle crashes resulting in fewer casualty crashes occur at roundabouts than at intersections containing traffic signals, stop, or give-way signs.

This is because the relative speeds are considerably lower at a well-designed roundabout than for other types of at-grade intersections.

All drivers approaching a roundabout potentially have to give way and this, combined with a design that physically restricts the speed at which drivers can enter and negotiate the treatment, generally results in a superior safety performance.

The contract for the work has been awarded to Civilscape Contracting Tasmania.

Work is expected to begin in March.

NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED

The Devonport City Council will sign new partnership agreements with Youth, Family and Community Connections (YFCC) and the Devonport Motor Show following their endorsement at last night's meeting.

Council was told the ongoing partnership and collaboration between Council and YFCC had proven beneficial to the Devonport community.

The new five-year agreement is seen as further strengthening that relationship as it seeks to enhance the delivery of a range of youth services in Devonport.

Throughout January Council and YFCC collaborated to deliver several school holiday programs, all of which were fully subscribed.

Future opportunities have already been identified which will see extra programs offered to more young

people in Devonport.

Council was told that by working together with organisations such as YFCC, the number of participants involved in programs could be doubled at no extra cost to either organisation.

The Devonport Motor Show is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Devonport North and commenced in 2007 with 55 vehicles on display. It has now grown to having over 600 display vehicles and attracts up to 10,000 people.

In 2018, the Devonport Motor Show was cancelled due to significant rainfall on the morning of the event.

The new agreement with Council will allow the event to be held in the CBD Multi-level Car Park in the event of inclement weather.

It also allows Council, at its discretion, to make available facilities, including the parade centre and surrounding areas to assist with the running of the Devonport Motor Show.

COUNCIL OFFERS SUPPORT FOR SILO PROJECT

Council last night offered in principle support for the painting of tasteful murals, or similar artwork, on the six silos operated by Tasmanian Stockfeed Services on the western side of the Devonport wharf.

However, the support has been offered on the basis that Council has no jurisdiction over the site (aside from potential planning considerations) and therefore was unable to adopt the project as its own nor would it contribute financially to the project.

Council was told that while the silos clearly performed a highly valuable function on a working port, enhancing their appearance would add scenic value to the drive into Devonport along Formby Road.

Additionally, if the eastern side of the silos were painted, the view travelling up the Mersey River for Spirit of Tasmania passengers would also be enhanced and could entice passengers to the western shore who may not have had plans to do so.

Similar projects across Australia have drawn considerable support and in some cases have become a tourist attraction for rural and regional towns.

COMMUNITY INPUT INVITED FOR 2019/20 BUDGET

As part of the 2019/20 budget consultation process Devonport City Council is inviting community members to put forward their ideas for projects and initiatives which they feel will benefit the community.

This is the fourth year that Council has sought input from the community into the budget process.

The consultation process has proven successful in the past.

Council has already either implemented or earmarked several projects that were suggested by community members in previous budget consultation processes.

Ideas can be submitted through www.speakupdevonport.com.au, by emailing council@devonport.tas.gov.au, by completing a form available from Council's Customer Service Centre or in writing to PO Box 604, Devonport, Tas, 7310.

The consultation period will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 1 March 2019.