

COUNCIL UPDATE



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COUNCIL OFFERS SUPPORT FOR SEAWALK



An artist's impression of the SeaWalk Project

The Devonport City Council has offered its support to the concept for the development of a Mersey Bluff SeaWalk.

But, Council also stressed it was not in a position to commit capital funding to the proposal.

However, it did agree to assume ownership of the SeaWalk infrastructure, on practical completion of the project, and therefore be responsible for the physical maintenance and operating depreciation from that point.

It has requested that the project's Steering Committee, in conjunction with the Devonport North Rotary Club, continue to pursue the project through lobbying for Government grants and undertaking further community consultation particularly with the Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation (SRAC).

Aldermen have previously indicated that the views of SRAC in regard to the project were important and ongoing consultation with the group

was essential if the project was to become a reality.

Last night's Council meeting received a feasibility study for the project prepared by KPMG on behalf of the Rotary Club.

The Steering Committee appointed by the club to progress the project determined its objectives were:

- For the rocky coastline of the Mersey Bluff to be made accessible to both residents and visitors.
- The creation of an informative experience that told the story of the Aboriginal people, the maritime history and the area's geology and environment.
- The development of an attraction that would become a 'must-do' activity for the community, their family and friends, and visitors to Devonport and;
- A development which was accessible and safe for all to visit.

COUNCIL ROLLS CLOSE NEXT MONTH

MAKE YOUR MARK



VOTE LOCAL

2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Council elections will be held during October 2018. To vote in these elections, you must be either:

- Enrolled for the State Electoral Roll at an address in the Devonport area; or
- Enrolled on the General Manager's Roll.

Providing you are eligible to vote, you may be eligible for the General Manager's Roll if:

- You are a resident of the Devonport area but are not eligible for the State Electoral Roll (eg you are not an Australian citizen); or
- You own or occupy land in Devonport but do not live in the area (eg you lease a shop or own property in Devonport); or
- You are the nominated representative of a corporate body which owns or occupies land in Devonport.

Please contact Council on 6424 0511 or visit Council's website, www.devonport.tas.gov.au, for further information regarding eligibility and also to download an application form.

Rolls close at 6pm on Thursday 13 September 2018.

In Devonport all Alderman positions will become vacant, with the polling period to be held from 9-30 October 2018.

Standing for election provides you with a great opportunity to influence the future direction of the Devonport community and help those who require support.

Whether you are a resident, property or business owner, becoming an Alderman can be the most direct and rewarding way to contribute to your local community.

Aldermen play a vital leadership role, working together to create and implement the community's vision, strategic direction and the values within which they operate.

COUNCIL OFFERS SUPPORT FOR SILO PROJECT

Council last night offered in principle support for the painting of tasteful murals, or similar artwork, on the two plain concrete silos 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 be expected to 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.

We're moving!
On Monday 3 September, Council will relocate to 137 Rooke Street in the new **paranaple centre**

