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ROOKE STREET RENEWAL TENDER AWARDED



The Devonport City Council last night awarded the construction contract for the \$1 million Southern Rooke Street Renewal Project to Treloar Transport.

It involves the full renewal and upgrade of streetscaping in Rooke Street between Steele and Stewart Streets.

When the project is completed it is expected there will be an increase in parking spaces in the area by almost 50 per cent - from 21 to 30 - while at the same time maintaining the existing two-way traffic flow.

Other features of the project include:

- Wider footpaths constructed with exposed aggregate concrete and stones pavers
- Additional trees and plantings
- A raised intersection at King St to slow traffic and provide safer crossing points and;
- New street furniture.

The scope of the work was developed following stakeholder consultation and a number of Council workshops.

Stakeholder consultation with property owners began in January this year and is ongoing. Whilst there has been a wide variety of opinions regarding the work, the stakeholder group has been kept informed throughout the project to date.

The project continues the implementation of the LIVING CITY Master Plan, which aims to change the heart of the city and revive the region.

Treloar Transport will begin work in January 2019 with the project scheduled to be completed in April 2019.

Some minor works are required this year, taking advantage of the scheduled temporary closure of one business.

THREE STRATEGIES APPROVED



Council has approved three strategies - the Environment Strategy (2019-2024), the Regional Youth Strategy (2019-2024) and the Devonport Retail Strategy (2018-2023) following 30-day public consultation periods.

The Environment Strategy was developed in response to community issues and solutions raised through three main avenues - a community survey, youth

workshops and Environmental Strategy Working Group workshops.

The development of the strategy reflects the work of the community and Council officers to improve the management of Devonport's natural resources over the next five years.

The Regional Youth Strategy covers people transitioning into adulthood from approximately 10 to 18+ years of age who live, work, study or play in the Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe and Kentish local government areas.

Its outcomes were largely based around the input of 497 young people, who responded to a youth survey. The top issues of concern raised in the survey included bullying, meeting places, mental health, relationships, alcohol, smoking and other drugs, transport and job opportunities

The Devonport City Council Retail Strategy intends to provide a clear direction for the role of Council in supporting retail activities within the CBD and greater Devonport.

Copies of the strategies are available on the Council's website, www.devonport.tas.gov.au

LIVE AND LEARN STEERING GROUP FORMED

Council has appointed the initial ten members of its Live and Learn Steering Group to deliver actions arising from the Live and Learn Strategy.

Council considered it beneficial to have a Steering Group of experienced professionals who were committed to delivering on the objectives of the strategy to the Devonport community.

Members appointed are: Andrew Hillier (Devonport Chaplaincy), Brett Williams (UTAS), Grant McDonald (Don College), Karen Eyles (Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment), Karen Hampton (DCC), Kathleen Priestly (LINC), Kate Beer (Devonport Community House), Kim McVeity (B4 Early Years Coalition), Sheree Vertigan (SAVii Consultancy and Project Management) and Todd Hendricks (Department of State Growth).

They have begun preparing an action plan and have also started planning for the month-long Festival of Learning event, which will be held in September.

The Festival has been successfully run since 2016.

MYC BOAT RAMP UPGRADE APPROVED

Council has agreed to undertake stage one of a proposed multi-stage marina redevelopment at East Devonport.

The work - which will cost \$49,000 - includes removing the existing fixed finger and piles, which have been condemned, and excavating the northern bank to allow for a floating pontoon. It will also see broken concrete, left by flood damage, and oyster shells removed and replaced by a spread of rocks and sand to improve safety underfoot.

It will allow the Mersey Yacht Club to host the 2019 Oceania and Australian Laser Sailing Championships, from 1-8 January.

The work will also provide benefits to the wider community with improved access to the water for sail training programs and other users of the facility.

This includes Dragons Abreast, Devonport's local Dragon Boat Club, which uses the facility weekly.

The MYC has also indicated that, with improved water access, it is willing to allow the general public to access the ramp for vessel launching and retrieval.

Currently there is no boat ramp at East Devonport.