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COUNCIL UPDATE

COUNCIL TO SELL FORMBY ROAD VIC BUILDING



The Devonport City Council has decided to sell the former Visitor Information Centre building on Formby Road.

It has become surplus to Council's needs following the opening of the paranapple arts centre, in November last year.

The paranapple arts centre incorporates the Devonport Regional Gallery, Visitor Information Centre, a box office ticket sales outlet and a modified entrance to the existing theatre.

However, Council has decided to retain the former Devonport Regional Gallery building in Stewart Street.

It will seek to lease the building on a commercial basis.

Council was told that the VIC

building provided 296m² of lettable floor area suitable for a range of commercial uses .

It sits on a 505m² title, has been well maintained and is in good condition.

The property is zoned Central Business and is not heritage listed.

The Gallery site provides 236m² of lettable floor area and is located on a 665m² site.

It also contains a public toilet block on the eastern side of the property.

Originally constructed as a church, the building is listed on the Tasmania heritage register.

The zoning is Central Business and it is well positioned in the CBD for a commercial use.

MERSEY BLUFF PEDESTRIAN LINKS PROJECT APPROVED BY COUNCIL



The Bluff Road approach to Clements Street, where a new pedestrian crossing facility will be provided as part of the Mersey Bluff Pedestrian Links project

Council has awarded a contract for the Mersey Bluff Pedestrian Links project to Hardings Hotmix.

It involves the implementation of the high priority actions from the Mersey Bluff Traffic, Parking and Pedestrian Study undertaken in 2018.

The work will improve pedestrian access across Bluff Road, making crossing the road safer and accessible to all.

It will include new pedestrian crossing facilities between Meercoft Park and the Mersey Bluff and on Bluff Road near Clements Street.

New and improved signage for pedestrian and road users will also be installed.

Work is expected to begin in May.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN WASTE REDUCTION EFFORTS BY RESIDENTS

The recovery and recycling of all waste in Devonport is on the rise, according to the latest figures in the year one progress report for Council's 2018-2023 Waste Strategy.

In 2017-2018 19.8 per cent of all household waste was recycled, the best result for three financial years.

It led to a decrease of 424 tonnes in the total waste delivered to landfill, also the lowest amount since 2014-2015.

The purpose of the Strategy is to reduce the financial and environmental impacts of waste generation.

FOUR CONTRACTORS TO VIE FOR WATERFRONT PARK CONTRACT

Four contractors will be asked to tender to construct the LIVING CITY Waterfront Park.

The contractors are:

- Vos Construction and Joinery Pty Ltd
- Fairbrother Pty Ltd
- Fulton Hogan Construction Pty Ltd
- Hazel Bros Group Pty Ltd

The LIVING CITY Waterfront Park site is bounded by Rooke Street, Best Street, Mussel Rock and the Mersey River.

The public open space aims to create an interactive parkland from Rooke Street to the river edge, based around three main spines - or promenades - providing clear visual lines between the city centre and the river.

An evaluation committee assessment recommended that all four proceed to the second stage of the tender process, which will involve them preparing a lump sum tender submission.

Being one of four still gives tenderers confidence they have a genuine chance of success and therefore the motivation to commit the necessary resources whilst giving Council the confidence of a competitive pricing outcome.