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# COUNCIL UPDATE

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## CEMETERY MASTER PLAN OPEN FOR COMMENT



The Devonport City Council has released its draft General Cemetery Master Plan 2021-2031 for public comment.

The Cemetery is located on 2.8 ha of public open space on the northern corner of Stony Rise Road and Lawrence Drive.

It is the second largest of the four cemeteries along this road and is within a few hundred metres of St Olave's and the Congregational Cemetery.

Opened in 1922, there are 1743 known recorded burials at the site as well as several unmarked sites.

The Cemetery is closed to new burials with only reserved plots and re-openings available.

Identified issues acknowledged in 2009, but largely unaddressed since, include:

- Early deterioration of some headstones
- No interpretive, directional signage or burial information on site
- The site lacks privacy from adjacent industrial and Council properties

- Entrance of the site requires enhancement and;
- Accessibility of the site is restricted largely due to topographical constraints.

A total of 73 people responded to a community survey in March, with almost 70 per cent of those living in Devonport.

Participants were asked for their suggestions on how to improve the cemetery with general maintenance (tree pruning, weed control, removal of litter), plot maintenance/restoration and road/walkway accessibility among the most common.

Council also sought feedback from staff through a consultation process.

As a result of all the feedback three key principles have underpinned the development of the Master Plan - conserving heritage values, improving access in and around the cemetery and enhancing the cemetery experience.

The Master Plan is now open for public comment on the Speak Up Devonport page of Council's website for 30 days.

# LATEST UPDATE REPORT ON 2015-2020 BIKE RIDING STRATEGY RELEASED BY COUNCIL



Construction of the Coastal Pathway link from Ambleside to Latrobe is underway.

Council has released the latest update report on its Bike Riding Strategy 2015-2020.

The objective of the Strategy is to make bike riding more accessible and safer for everyone through promotion, community education and by providing a well-maintained network of bike lanes and paths.

It contains 26 actions. Four actions have been completed and another five are underway. Ten are ongoing throughout the life of the Strategy.

Many of the actions that are either yet to commence or underway will not be completed during the five-year life of the Strategy, which is nominally September 2020.

Highlights of the progress made in the last year include:

- A link from Thomas Street to the East Devonport foreshore path was completed, which also involved improvements to the Eastern ferry pontoon.
- A link between Clements Street and the Coastal Pathway was significantly improved as part of the Mersey Bluff traffic, parking and pedestrian improvement project.

## MAIDSTONE PARK LIGHTING CONTRACT AWARDED

Council has awarded the Maidstone Park Ground Lighting tender to Devonport Electrical Services for a total sum of \$182,175, to be funded by a State Government grant and Council.

The existing lighting does not meet the current standards for training and creates issues for stakeholders including an increased risk to users due to substandard light levels, underutilisation of the ground due to substandard facilities, excessive wear on the small well-lit areas of the field and one existing pole is at the end of its life and requires immediate replacement.

- Construction of a new link between Gloucester Avenue and the Coastal Pathway is under construction, which improves access to the Bass Strait Maritime Centre.
- Lighting has been installed on the Coastal Pathway between Aikenhead Point and the Bluff Skate Park, which now completes lighting of the path between the CBD and Mersey Bluff.
- Design and planning work is progressing on the Don to Leith section of the Coastal Pathway, which is funded by the three levels of Government.

Council was told the opportunity to progress construction of the Coastal Pathway to both Latrobe and Leith required a \$1.6 million commitment from Council to secure equivalent funding commitments from other levels of government.

"The commitment to these projects will bring great benefits to Devonport and the region, but has meant many other more modest actions have not progressed at this time," the report said.

Future projects will be considered as part of the forward works program, which is still being compiled.

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN OPEN FOR COMMENT

Council has released its Stormwater Asset Management Plan for public comment.

Stormwater assets represent the largest asset group by number, and second largest in value with a combined replacement value of \$137.7 million and an annual depreciation cost of more than \$1.3 million.

The plan details seven actions required for the management of stormwater assets (and services provided from these assets), compliance with regulatory requirements and funding needed to provide the required levels of service over a 10-year planning period.

Council was told the plan was prepared based on asset and financial data available as at December 2019.

It does not consider any of the current or future impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and can be considered a 'business as usual' approach.

Future reviews of the plan will respond to the funding changes that are likely to occur due to the impacts of the pandemic.

Community members can view and comment on the plan by visiting the Speak Up Devonport page on Council's website.