

## Ravenswood Learning Site Community Newsletter 23 April 2018

**Welcome** to City of Launceston's second edition of the Ravenswood Learning Site newsletter. This bi-monthly newsletter is for people who live, work and enjoy the Ravenswood community as a way to keep people informed about City of Launceston's work in the area.

The City of Launceston has recently recruited a Northern Suburbs Project Officer, who is responsible for developing the Northern Suburbs Revitalisation Plan, a key action listed as part of the Smart Cities Plan: Launceston City Deal [www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Launceston-City-Deal](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Launceston-City-Deal). The Northern Suburbs Revitalisation Plan is a strategic document signed off by local, state, and federal government and is separate to the asset based community driven work of the Ravenswood Learning Site. There will be an opportunity to provide input into the plan later this year.

The past two months have been busy in Ravenswood with the focus on developing two major community-led projects in the suburb; Pioneer Parade Garden Development and the Ravenswood Sign.

Brett in his role as Community Connector has been supporting these local projects by working with volunteers and residents who are involved in the project's working groups. There have been a number of planning meetings, sourcing of materials, volunteers, and local labour to move these ideas into action!

If you would like to find out about how you can get involved in the Ravenswood Learning Site please contact Brett, located at Starting Point Neighbourhood House and is available to meet with on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You can also contact Brett via email [brett.mansell@chl.org.au](mailto:brett.mansell@chl.org.au).

## Community Builder Profile

### Sharon Leonard



Sharon has been a resident of Ravenswood for 50 years and in this time has meant so much to her community.

She has been involved with the Neighbourhood House for over 30 years and is the current President of their Board.

Sharon has raised her four children in Ravenswood but has had an effect on so many others. She was involved in the creation of the first skate park which is currently being replaced and was heavily involved in the development of the Ravenswood Over 50's Club.

Sharon is certainly one of the most dedicated volunteers in Ravenswood and her passion is unquestionable.

"I really want to see some younger people become involved and get their ideas and input" she said

We are certainly lucky to have Sharon involved as Project Manager of the Signage Project which is currently being developed.

## Community Projects

The last few months have continued to be a time of further development of Learning Site projects with project managers and their teams.

Stage 1 of the Pioneer Parade Community Garden project is expected to begin on 5 May.

We have obtained the services of a qualified bricklayer from the suburb to build the BBQ. Alongside the construction young people will be guided through a building workshop to learn skills thanks to Nate and Sarah and young people at the Ravenswood Health Centre. The City of Launceston is kindly donating pavers from the Civic Square for the BBQ area. Obtaining two shipping containers for on-site storage and a public toilet will be the most challenging undertaking but the community will give it a go.

The community project team has sourced materials for the Ravenswood Sign project from the City of Launceston. The community project team is aiming to meet with the Ravenswood Men's Shed and establish their involvement and obtain necessary approvals. Once this is completed, construction can begin to create the sign.

Brett Mansell  
Community Connector

## Get Involved with the Ravenswood Asset Map

We want your input! City of Launceston is in the process of putting together a Ravenswood Asset Map.

An Asset Map is a list of local resources a community already has available and can rely on when in need. The Ravenswood Asset Map will be a tool that community members can use to understand the strengths, skills, and resources in their suburb in order to provide local solutions.

Do you know a business, service, organisation, community space, individual or group that should be listed as part of the Ravenswood Asset Map?

**Share your thoughts with the Community Connector Brett. Phone 0429 274 704 or email [brett.mansell@chl.org.au](mailto:brett.mansell@chl.org.au)**

## Name the Ravenswood Outdoor Community Space



City of Launceston has started construction on the redevelopment of the Prossers Forest Road Park in Ravenswood. The project will be completed in two stages, as detailed below:

**Stage 1** - Work has commenced on the construction of a new Skate Park, featuring a cantilevered ramp, grinding rails, quarter pipes, hips, small bowl and grinding ledges. The Skate Park is expected to take ten weeks to complete and open in July 2018.

The current Skate Park will remain available to use until the new space is completed.

**Stage 2** - Construction is expected to commence in early spring 2018 on a new Play Space which includes a fenced toddler space, basketball half-court, nature play elements, landscaping and shade shelters and much more.

### Ravenswood Community Competition

We're asking the Ravenswood community for ideas to help name the new Ravenswood Outdoor Community Space.

The person who suggests the winning name will receive a \$250 gift voucher to use at a local skate or sports store of your choice. Runner-up prizes will include family passes to the Launceston Leisure & Aquatic Centre.

Enter at [www.launceston.tas.gov.au/ourspace](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/ourspace) or visit Starting Point Neighbourhood House Ravenswood. Five names will be selected and presented to the community to vote on their favourite. **Competition closes at 5 pm on Friday, 25 May 2018.**