



# GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

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## *new look annual report highlights **SURPLUS** for 2018/2019 financial year*

George Town Council's 2018/19 Annual Report showcases a very successful financial outcome for the financial year with a surplus of \$400k which is testament to the vision and hard decisions made by George Town Council.

The streamlined internal structure has resulted in an efficient year of operations, with all staff committed to delivering quality services. The flow-on effect from this has been better communications and quality services that continue to rebuild Council's reputation, as well as enhancing the day-to-day life of ratepayers and residents.

Moving forward, Council will develop and implement strategies to keep the municipality a relevant and inviting place for residents and business.

The work completed over the past year is testament to Council's commitment to the community. Without the support and dedication of professional and community focused workforce, these results would not have been achieved.

For the full report visit [www.georgetowncouncil.com.au/news](http://www.georgetowncouncil.com.au/news)



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## FROM THE MAYOR

Since our last newsletter it has been a remarkably busy three months. We kicked off with the official opening of stage one of Regent Square playground development, with former Mayor, now Federal Member for Bass, Bridget Archer MP. It was magnificent to see the large number of families and children who came to the opening. I would like to thank YMCA Launceston for the additional activities and the Skate Park Leagues event, not to mention the wonderful food and beverage vans who tendered to the hungry hoards. The park continues to be extremely successful with a remarkable number of visitors daily.

As Chairman of the Healthy George Town Working Group I am delighted to announce that the program launched on the 3rd October. This program has been in the planning stages since 2011 and was designed to add value to existing successful local programs/services and fill any identified gaps, it does not duplicate services, rather endorse, support and guide new and existing healthy lifestyle providers to enhance their service and their connection with the community. In partnership with our community organisations, local providers and health professionals, Healthy George Town is facilitating the delivery of a broad suite of activities that are FREE to all participants. This project has been overwhelmingly embraced by our community improving their well-being - creating pathways, reducing barriers and targeting those with the highest need.

I am happy to report that the funding from the Commonwealth has been received for the George Town Mountain Bike Trail. I was fortunate to attend the Australian Mountain Bike Summit (AMBS) held in Derby this month which has increased the passion and enthusiasm to develop a mountain bike trail that will cater for a broad range of riders. The AMBS had speakers who were from all

round the world, they spoke highly of the world class mountain bike trails in Tasmania and the opportunities to develop more facilities evolving Tasmania in to a mountain bike mecca. We will keep you up to date with any project activities, plans and tendering that is likely to arise in the very near future.

The State Minister for Resources, Mr Guy Barnett met with myself and Susie Bower (BBAMZ) on the 20th November after releasing the Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan papers that articulate the State governments vision and actions to develop a renewable hydrogen industry in Tasmania, to discuss its potential site location. The Action Plans highlight benefits that Tasmania offers for low cost hydrogen production and how this will benefit Tasmania, particularly in employment and economic growth. The Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone is thought to be the primary location for the development of the renewable "green hydrogen" plant which is brilliant news for our municipality, placing us again on the world stage to international investors from South Korea, Japan and China.

On behalf of all of us at George Town Council, I want to wish all residents, businesses and service providers a happy and safe Christmas and holiday season. If this time of year holds religious significance, may God bless you and your family with love and grace this Christmas. Remember this time of year is also a period to consider those who are less fortunate, I would encourage everyone to please take the time to think of your neighbours who may be in need of your support during this time.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from all of us at George Town Council.

**Greg Kieser - Mayor**



Australian Mountain Bike Summit – Derby Tasmania  
Left: David Richardson; Peter Rickards; Maureen Lacey; Hans Rey; Shane Power; Cr Andrew Michieletto

### Meet Your Councillors



Cr Harris  
Deputy Mayor



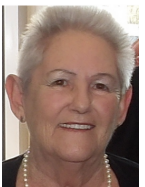
Cr Parkes



Cr Michieletto



Cr Dawson



Cr Barwick




Cr Barraclough



Cr Mason



Cr Brooks

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# FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

I trust you will find this edition of the Council newsletter an enjoyable read, hopefully while warming the bones in some early summer sun. Since the August edition I have had the fortune to attend a number of local community events including art exhibitions, the opening of the Pipers River boardwalk, the Remembrance Service in George Town, the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the Bab at the George Town Senior Citizens Centre, the George Town fair and of course enjoyed Hillwood's win over Bridgenorth in the men's seniors AFL competition.

The Deputy Mayor and I also had the fortune of representing Council at the National Economic Development Australia Awards held in Adelaide, where the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone was a finalist. Whilst we didn't return with the award on this occasion, Council was recognised at a national level for its support of the Bell Bay initiative and provided a valuable opportunity to showcase our world class industrial precinct.

Over the past couple of months I have had the pleasure of updating a number of local groups on the business and activities of Council, including the George Town Lions Club, Probus Club and the George Town Ladies Leisure Centre and attended meetings of the Hillwood Progress Association and Piper's River Neighbourhood Watch. Each of these meetings provided a great opportunity to meet more members of our community and listen to a wide variety of concerns and ideas. I thank each of the groups for their invitation and hospitality and look forward to future meetings and engagements.

The Mayor and I hosted the 5/6 Students from South George Town Primary School in the George Town Council chambers. We were pleased to see our future leaders enthused to learn about local governance and politics and the role Council plays within local communities.

From an organisational perspective, I am pleased to inform the community that Council's budget is in a healthy position and well on the way to meet (and perhaps even exceed) the forecast surplus of over \$100k. The organisations performance as presented in the first quarter report, demonstrates that officers are also well on the way to delivering Council's Annual Plan Actions with approximately 90% of all actions on target, with outstanding actions being impacted by short term resourcing or timing issues.

It is also pleasing to see a number of capital works projects completed and others well underway. Some projects include the installation of a new stage at the Hillwood Community Hall and installation of a new boundary fence at the Hillwood football ground. While users of the George Town Football Club rooms will enjoy recently resealed floors will soon have new AFL standard lights installed and irrigation servicing the football and cricket ovals. Council continues to implement its defibrillator program with new devices having been installed at the York Cove Senior Citizens, George Town Memorial Hall, Lulworth Community Building and at the Hillwood Community Hall. Over the coming weeks the community expect to see a range of great projects being rolled out. Some examples include:

- Installation of a shade sail installed over the Bellingham playground
- Refurbishment of the Lagoon Beach toilets
- Irrigation installation at Windmill Point
- Stage Two of the Regent Square Playground which will include a flying fox, an all abilities carousel and a large climbing structure
- Bridge upgrade on Dalrymple Road and widening of three bridges along Industry Road



- Continuation of the shared trail (1.16 km) connecting Low Head Pilot Station to the Lighthouse
- And multiple road renewal projects across the municipality.

The Mayor and I will also be visiting our outer lying towns on the 5th of December as part of a roadshow designed to consult with the community on how Council sets its budget, its rating strategy and how it manages its assets. We will also provide an update on Council's Annual Plan progress and invite suggestions for the 2020/2021 budget process.

Council will also be hosting a series of World Café consultation session on the 11th December at the George Town Memorial Hall. These sessions are aimed to provide community members with an opportunity to have input into a series of important strategies being developed by Council including Council's Ten Year Strategic Plan, Interpretation Strategy (heritage, natural and cultural assets tangible and intangible), Place Making Initiatives, Rating Strategy, Community Pride (how we identify with our municipality now and into the future) and the development of a new Sports and Recreation Strategy. If you haven't already, I encourage you to book a place by visiting Council's website or calling Council's customer service centre on 6382 8800.

As always, I remind the community that my team and I are more than happy to meet with community members to discuss any matter. You can also stay informed of Council happenings by tuning into Tamar FM, following Council's Facebook page, Council's website page and by coming along to Council meetings.

*I wish everyone a happy and safe festive season!*

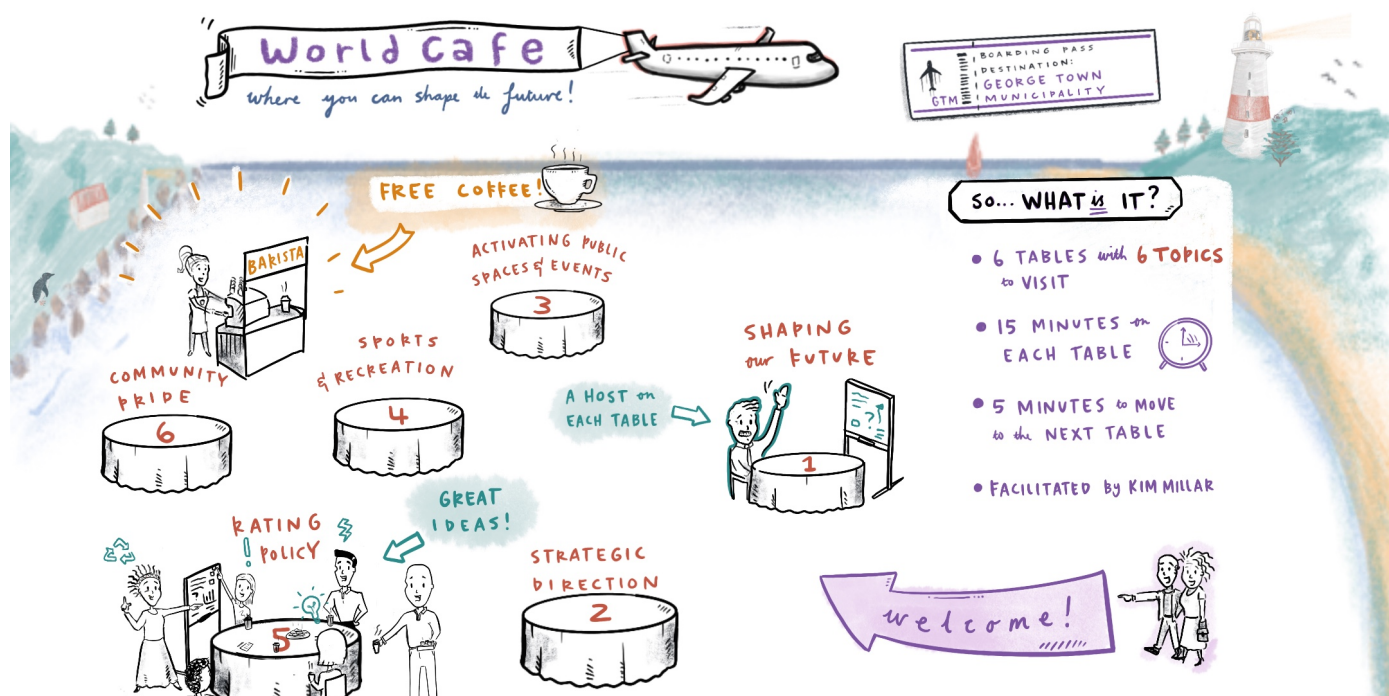
**Shane Power - General Manager**



# world cafe

## Memorial Hall, 11th December 2019

George Town Council is running community consultation sessions and have engaged expert consultants that will host and discuss some key strategic topics to mediate and gather community opinions. They will facilitate this as a World Café. Below is an illustration that will help you conceptualise the World Café concept.



George Town Council's - World Cafe - where questions will be asked and voices will be heard - all shared over fresh coffee and biscuits- this is a **FREE** event.

### About our event:-

We welcome everyone to register and participate in our World Cafe. This event will be hosted by Kim Millar, for George Town Council at Memorial Hall on the **11th December 2019**.

We are wanting to collect your ideas, opinions and values around the following topics:

- Community pride
- Strategic Direction - (George Town Council 10 year Strategic Plan)
- Shaping our future
- Activating public spaces and community events
- Rating policy
- Sports & recreation

We are very keen to have a good mix of residents, business, industry, not for profit, youth, community services and more, represented from across the entire municipality participating at this event. We welcome you to register and participate in our World Café (note there is limited availability 36 people per session - so register now by visiting our website. [georgetown.tas.gov.au/news/2019/george-town-councils-world-cafe/](http://georgetown.tas.gov.au/news/2019/george-town-councils-world-cafe/) or visit Eventbrite.

We will be hosting the following sessions (limited seats - 36 per session)

- 11.00 am - 1.00 pm FULL
- 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm
- 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
- 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm



If you are unable to participate in a session we still would like to capture your ideas and opinions, so we will be collecting this information in the Memorial Hall foyer. We encourage you to pop in and view the topics on displays and make your contributions or have a chat to staff and they can help with capturing your voice.

# mt george Mountain Bike Trail Update



No doubt you are all wondering “what’s happening with that mountain bike trail?”

Well, in September Council appointed Peter Rickards as their Project Manager whose primary focus will be overseeing the George Town Mountain Bike Trail Development. Peter comes from a background of project management predominately in event operations for the cycling industry and has been an avid mountain biker for the last 20 years.

He’s very excited to be part of the project and looking forward to chatting with the community to hear their feedback and ideas about the trail network. But be warned – once he starts talking about mountain biking it’s hard to get him to stop!

With the funding deed now executed, Peter can dedicate his full attention to the task at hand. Firstly, reviewing the existing plans and assessments, engaging with landowners and community members, and working to develop a trail design concept that maximises the municipality’s natural values, differentiates itself from other mountain biking destinations, and really puts us on the map as a great place to visit and spend a few nights. With all the area has to offer, it should be an easy decision.

In the coming months as we start fine tuning the design, we’ll host more information sessions and provide opportunities for further



community consultation. Based on feedback we’ve received already, we would like to stress that the detailed Design Plan produced by Dirt Art and published on Council’s website should be considered as a draft only, and is likely to be very different to what the finished product will look like.

Peter has started engaging with trail builders, casting the net far and wide to bring the very best to George Town and to ensure our trails are unique and world class. We’re excited to say the least. We conducted a small site inspection near the Tippogoree Hills recently, but all we found was a sign on a tree, a tiger snake, and old kids’ bike... We’re unsure if they’re good or bad omens, but either way, it’s a good time to be a mountain biker in George Town!

George Town Council would like to acknowledge that this project has been made possible by the Federal Government who has contributed \$4.4m to this project.





*returns  
february 2020*

The municipality of George Town has undergone a healthy transformation over the past two months, with the launch in October of Council's exciting new program Healthy George Town. This has been made possible through funding provided through the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and Healthy Tasmania Community Grants through the Tasmanian Government. Healthy George Town is an evidence-based, community-wide, holistic, collaborative and sustainable health and wellbeing project that aims to create a safe, connected, vibrant, healthy and positive community - and it's FREE for participants !

In partnership with community organisations, local providers and health professionals, Healthy George Town has facilitated the delivery of a broad suite of activities and initiatives, the aim of which is to mobilise the community to improve their wellbeing by filling gaps in provision, creating pathways, reducing barriers and targeting those with the highest need.

The initiatives were designed to overcome barriers such as a lack of opportunity, low self-esteem, high costs, social disconnection and/or a lack of knowledge of the opportunities available in our community. By facilitating engagement of all members of our community in improved healthy lifestyle behaviour, Healthy George Town has encouraged change by providing free access to programs, resources and networks to ensure these healthy lifestyle behaviour changes are sustainable into the future.

The inaugural Healthy George Town program provided opportunities for all demographics of the community to become active and increase their wellness. Programs included Healthy Yoga and Healthy Heads – Cornerstone Youth Sessions; Healthy Parks, Healthy Armchairs, Healthy Paddle and Healthy Dance.

The Spring Session of Healthy George Town will conclude on the 15th December. Discussions are currently being held with service providers for an exciting Summer program which will commence in February 2020. Programs are to be confirmed, however we will include the retention of several of our current sessions which have proved to be very successful. Other potential initiatives include an 8 week Surf Life Saving Nippers Program, Tai Chi, and Bike Maintenance / Trails. The summer schedule will be delivered to your letterbox in early February 2020.

Council would like to acknowledge that this program would not have been possible without the funding support from the Federal Government, Department of Social Services MUSTER Grant Program funding of \$150K and the State Government Department of Health for the funding of \$22,454.

To keep up to date with news surrounding upcoming programs, by joining the Healthy George Town Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/healthygeorgetowntasmania>.



# *tourism opportunities*

## *tourism tas - drive journeys*

The Department of State Growth Tourism Tasmania invited local tourism operators, businesses and organisations to share their ideas about the Tasmanian Journeys Project.

The Tasmanian Journeys Project is one of a number of priorities identified within the Tasmania Visitor Engagement Strategy, and is being designed to deliver a total of five driving experiences throughout the state (including the Western Wilds and Great Eastern Drive) to encourage people to explore regional Tasmania.

The concept and content of each of the new Tasmanian Journeys are being developed in consultation with industry, and backed up by research insights. So State Growth engaged tourism operators in the north of Tasmania, from our guides, to farmers and shop owners, to help shape the Journey's in our region.

There was a great turn out at the George Town Hub, a collection of local stakeholders voicing their opinions and offering collective insights to the opportunities that could shape the journeys throughout the municipality.



## *increased visitor exposure*

### *with ATDW*



ATDW held information and training session for tourism, restaurateurs, takeaway and any other business operators that wanted to attract tourists at the Hub on the 17th October and offered FREE listings on their online service.

So you ask what is ATDW? Australian Tourism Data Warehouse is Australia's national platform for digital tourism information on Australia. It offers the most comprehensive, quality-assured digital database and multi-channel distribution network for tourism data, industry products and destination information. ATDW supports over 90,000 listings across 11 product categories, published by over 250 online distributors.

By listing a product in the ATDW database, tourism operators benefit from being listed on ATDW's extensive network of tourism distributors across the country. A lot of the content you see on websites such as Northern Tasmania, Discover Tasmania, Travelways, Flight Centre, Qantas, Tourism Australia, etc source from ATDW. Their ultimate function is to support the Australian Tourism Operators with digital marketing to help extend their exposure and attract more business online. In other words, they help to increase business visibility to people traveling in Tasmania.

If you missed the opportunity to come to the training session you can still list for FREE on the ATDW website. For further information phone 6165 5286 or email [atdw@tourism.tas.gov.au](mailto:atdw@tourism.tas.gov.au)

# *new years eve celebrations return to george town*

## Save the Date

**New Years Eve Extravaganza  
Regent Square - George Town  
5.00pm til Midnight  
31st December 2019**

**Celebrate your successes of 2019 and make those resolution for 2020 with friends and family!**

Neighbourhood House, with generous financial support from George Town Council of \$10k and the small business community of the municipality have raised funds to ensure **two 15 minute fireworks shows at 9:30 and midnight to bring in the new year 2020.**

Joining the festivities on the night will be loads of family entertainment including:

- The Evandale Pony Man
- Bee Bop Dance Studio performances
- Lynden's Laser Tag
- Windy Farm Alpacas
- Local musicians
- Food and beverage stalls
- and much more.

If you want to kick back and relax, listen to the live music, watch the kiddies dance, enjoy the excitement as children run around with their NYE flashing merchandise whilst having a rummaging through market stalls, then George Town on NYE will be the place for you.

The George Town Neighbourhood House coordinating team welcomes new volunteers to assist on the night and is very welcoming of new sponsors or donators to assist us in reaching our fundraising target.

The New Years Eve Extravaganza has been created for our local municipal communities, however the event is open to anyone who would like to enjoy the hospitality of George Town this New Years Eve.



2019 will see the Spirit of Tasmania Cycling Tour return as the Premier race on the Cycling Australia National Road Series Calendar from 3rd to the 7th December 2019, with the exciting second year of the women's tour, running for 3 days from the 5th to the 7th December.

### Mens Stage 1

**Wednesday 4th December - 10.30am**

**Starting line: Anne Street George Town**

### Road Race 115.9km

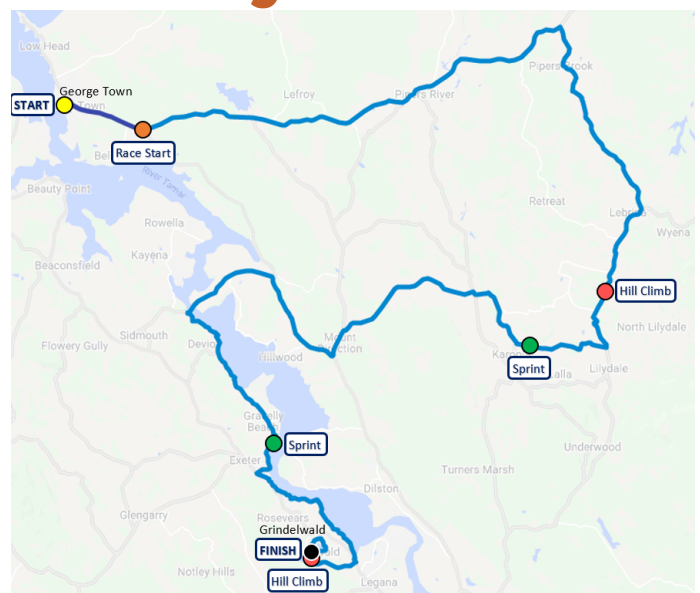
**Stage 1 -Finishing at Alpine Crescent Grindelwald**

Event organisers welcome students and residents to meet and greet the riders as they prepare for Stage 1 of the Tour in Regent Square. Council will be offering a free sausage sizzle to those who attend.

The map on the left illustrates the journey they will travel on this leg of the Tour, beware of any changes in any traffic conditions on the day.

Please note Anne Street will be CLOSED between Macquarie and Cimitiere Streets from 7.30am and 11.00am.

## *tour of tasmania*



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# our environment

## Triple Bluff Walk



The first of four planned Roaring Forties coastal walks kicked off on the 2nd November with the "Triple Bluff Walk". A group of around 30 people met at East Beach to hear an update from the Friends of Low Head Penguin Colony before heading into the wild!

The walk was timed on the low tide to ensure walkers could safely keep to wet sand away from the nesting shorebirds. Over a dozen pairs of hooded plovers and numerous pied- oyster catchers were spotted just in the East Beach region.

The walkers rested at Three Mile Bluff and welcomed a very informative talk from aboriginal rangers before navigating the tricky Four Mile Bluff. The group then headed inland from the coast and saw abundant quality coastal heath coming into flower before returning to the coast to see a stone building at Five Mile Bluff. Despite the damp and cloudy conditions we saw breathtaking vistas of the coast we all loved.

After a long 18km but very worth-while trek the walkers arrived at the Beechford HUB and the friendly Beechfordians had the heater on for us to dry out. Much appreciation and thanks to all that helped with organising the walk, including the landowners who gave permission for the walkers to traverse private land when required to experience this spectacular coastline.

## Free Waste Days

George Town Council conducted free chemical, hard and green waste disposal days at both the George Town and Pipers River Waste Transfer Stations for residents in October and November.

George Town Waste Transfer Station had free hazardous chemical drop off on Saturday 26th October, hard waste on Saturday 9th November and green waste on Sunday 10th November 2019. While Pipers River Waste Transfer Station had both hard and green on Sunday 10th November.

### Some stats:

#### George Town's Waste Station captured:

100kgs of chemical waste

25.74 tonne of hard waste from 134 visitors

23.69 tonne of green waste from 119 visitors

#### Pipers River Waste Station captured:

19 hard waste visitors

11 green waste visitors

(as we don't have a weigh bridge at Pipers River we are unable to report tonnage)

So remember to **save the date** for the **next FREE hard and green waste days**:

**George Town Waste Transfer Station**

**March 14th Hard Waste**

**March 15th Green Waste**

**Pipers River Waste Transfer Station**

**March 15th for both Hard and Green**



## Catch it in the Catchment

1179 kgs of rubbish was collected and bagged in November at the Catchment in the Catchment - this did not include heavier items such as: shopping trolleys, tyres and scrap metal.

Hot spot areas were located around the Launceston sites (as we expected) and Bell Bay.

Groups separated and bagged examples of containers that were earmarked for the Container Refund Scheme which will be introduced in 2020.

30 bags of these containers were taken to Trevallyn Primary School. The students, from class 5Hf and their teacher Ms Beth Hollingsworth, helped to count 1841 containers with plastic drink bottles dominating the numbers. The students worked out how much money the school could make if in South Australia, where similar containers can be refunded for 10 cents per piece. This activity attracted a lot of discussion about the CRS and about how the places we live in, along the Tamar and in the catchment, contribute large quantities of rubbish to the estuary.

The feedback from groups participating was very positive with much interest in the 2020 event. Groups liked being involved in a worthwhile community event that included all of the Tamar Valley and said they appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to socialise at the BBQ's afterwards with like minded people.

We have identified additional areas to be included in the clean-up next year and, with further promotion.

Thank you to the volunteer groups: local residents, **Landcare groups**, Friends groups – Friends of Clarence Point, Friends of Red Bill Point, **Lulworth Community Association**, Exeter Girl Guides, **Hillwood Progress Association**. Launceston Field Naturalist, Launceston Rock Climbers, Kelso Fire Brigade, Clean Up Local, NRM North, **George Town Community Hub**, Plastic Free Launceston, Tamar Yacht Club, Tamar Rowing Club, WTC Youth Advisory Council, Scotch Oakburn, Legana Foreshore group. **BBQ's provided by: Windmill Hill Lions Club, George Town Lions Club, Exeter Rotary Club, Kelso Fire brigade.**

# council's community assistance program

Council's Community Assistance Program is comprised of an annual allocation of funds which provides a strategic opportunity to work in partnership with community groups, organisations, and individuals to strengthen community capacity and support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life".

Round 1 of Council's Community Assistance Program saw four grants totalling \$7,759 awarded. Congratulations are extended to the following recipients

☐ **Star of Sea College**

\$2,000 to assist with the purchase of equipment for the recreation area in the Secondary School.

☐ **George Town Little Athletics Club**

\$2,000 to assist with the purchase of a scissor mat, for use when conducting high jump events for under 9 to Under 11 athletes during weekly training sessions.

☐ **TS York Australian Navy Cadet Unit**

\$1,759 for the purchase of a television, computer and printer for their local unit.

☐ **Lady Gowrie Tasmania**

\$2,000 to contribute to the funds required for upgrades to their kitchen facilities at the Gordon Square Childcare Centre.

## council's new mascot macca the dog

We would like to introduce our latest mascot who will be both an educational and promotional tool used by Council regarding animal management and welfare in our municipality. There have been a number of slides developed around a number of topics that directly relate to the responsibilities of owning a dog in the municipality.

These slides have been designed to deliver a message in a simple and engaging way, with a touch of humour. The messages have been

developed so that they are delivered from a dog's perspective. The language used and delivery is from a dog's perspective, and has been aimed at all ages, not too technical but accurate in the content of the messages. These messages will be posted on our website and Facebook pages.

We would like to introduce you to Macca....

### *The dogz tailz- MACCA is learning*

Hi, [or "woof" in dog speak]. My name is MACCA (my real name is MAQUARIE pretty sophisticated eh). Not sure if I was named after an important person, or a street!. I live in George Town with my "human" family. I am apparently a pup, fur baby, cute, mischief, trouble, and heaps of other things – but I am a DOG. If I had a computer I could have a DOGFACE PAGE, or I could use my # LIFE'S PRETTY GOOD FOR A DOG IN THIS GEORGE TOWN MUNICIPALITY (or however you spell it) PLACE.



For further information, or clarification

Please contact Council on 03 63828800  
or visit our website [www.georgetown.tas.gov.au](http://www.georgetown.tas.gov.au)

Please report any issues or advise us if doggy doo bag dispensers are empty.

# Parks & Open Spaces

## Hillwood Football Oval



**Congratulations Hillwood Football Club - NTFA Premiership Team 2019.**

Council is pleased to report that the boundary fence at Hillwood Oval is 85% complete and should be finalised prior to Christmas. The perimeter fencing is of AFL standard and is designed to restrict vehicle and pedestrian access, which adds to the clubs capacity to host finals and representative games.



**Bridgenorth**

**8.12-60**

**FINAL**

**11.17-83**

**Hillwood**



## Regent Square- Childrens Playground

Regent Square playground, stage one of the redevelopment, was officially opened on the 31st August 2019. Former Mayor, now Federal Member for Bass, Bridget Archer MP did the honors and officially opened the playground. It was wonderful to see a large number of families and children come to the opening and stay for all the activities and the free sausages and ice creams. The YMCA Stake Park Leagues event was popular again this year and the other activities facilitated by YMCA Launceston did a fantastic job that had kids engaged for hours. Our local food and beverage vans supported the event and did an outstanding job feeding and watering the hungry hordes.

We would like to announce that Council has ordered two new exciting pieces of equipment to complete the playground installation which includes a fly fox and climbing apparatus.

Council would also like to thank the greater community for their participation and feedback in the community consultation regarding stage two of the Regent Square development. We have drawn some inspiration and insight from the feedback and look forward to sharing the updated plans and drawings in the coming month.



Council continues to be vigilant in the ongoing training of staff. Maritime misfortune, though rare, does happen (Iron Barron 1995) and it would have a considerable effect on our coastline or in our estuary.

Council staff participated training to update their skills and knowledge regarding the new Tasmanian Oil Spill Contingency Plan 2019 – given our municipality faces coastline and waterways and is a support agency to a marine oil spill clean-up. The training was to ensure that Council staff would get the appropriate knowledge and skill to fulfill their role if such a tragedy were to happen.

Training included: Safely entering an oiled area; shoreline clean up; decontamination; clean up options for different beach types and waste management.

## Oiled Shoreline Clean Up Training



# Roads & Infrastructure

## Dalrymple Road Speed Reduction

Dalrymple Road from East Arm Road to the Bridport Highway has had the speed limit reduced to a limit of 80kmph. This speed limit will be in place for the remainder of Dalrymple road upgraded



## Senior Citizens Community Centre - Sorell Street

Footpaths for improved access and hard stand with a bench seat have been installed at the Senior Citizens Community Centre as a place for fellowship, relaxation and reflection in the beautiful gardens.



## George Town Swimming Pool Car Park

We are anticipating a hot summer and are gearing up for oodles of patrons in attendance at the pool this year and next. Council has recently finished refurbishing the pool parking area, including road surfacing, updating the accessible parking bay and laying new concrete pathways.



## Davies Street

A new section of kerb and gutter has been installed including driveway crossovers and road reconstruction works.



## Sorell Street

A new section of footpath has been laid including new driveway crossovers.



## Elizabeth Street

A new section of concrete footpath has been laid. Curb barrier has also been installed at the pier end as a safety measure.



## Franklin & Victoria Sts

Council has recently completed the roundabout at this intersection. These works were completed as part of the black spot funding program.



# Community News – What's On



GEORGE TOWN  
COUNCIL PRESENTS

## 2019 Annual Christmas Parade and Carols

**FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Commencing at 5.30pm

### CHRISTMAS PARADE

5.30PM – MACQUARIE STREET  
OPPORTUNITY FOR SANTA PHOTOS POST PARADE

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

7.00PM IN THE  
GRAHAM FAIRLESS CENTRE  
FOR ENQUIRIES PHONE 63828800



### CAROLS BY THE SEA

ST PAULS BY THE SEA CHURCH,  
LOW HEAD ROAD

**Sunday 8th December**  
**2.30 p.m. Free entry**

Come and sing favourite traditional carols  
in a traditional setting  
Pipe organ music  
Comperes – Kevin Ellis

Interested in being in a choral group to lead?  
See you at the church from 1.30 p.m. that day.

LCA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO

**LULWORTH  
PIZZA  
PARTY**



**5.30PM SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 25TH**

**LULWORTH PIZZA PARLOUR**

rsvp - [lulworth@landcaretas.org.au](mailto:lulworth@landcaretas.org.au)

# Community News - What's On



## Weymouth Fire Brigade Christmas Lolly Run!

### Sunday 22nd December 2019

**Listen out for the sirens and wait safely on  
the side of the road to see Santa and his fire  
brigade helpers!**







**Weymouth Hall @ 10:00**

**Tam O'Shanter Golf Club @ 11:00**


**Lulworth Hall @ 12:00**

# JAZZ



## Sea

By the

**TAM O'SHANTER**  
  
**GOLF & COMMUNITY CLUB**  
 19 Fairway Avenue  
 Tam O'Shanter  
 Ph: 6329 1225  
 Mobile: 0413905082

**Saturday 4th January 2020**

Adults \$15 per head  
 Children Under 12 \$8  
 BBQ and Salads

3:30pm onwards

NO BYO drinks    \*\*\*\*    BYO Seat



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99 George Street  
 Launceston



## 2020 Ragwort Raids

Call for Volunteers

### East Tamar

Saturday 1st February

From 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Meet at 9.00 am Pipers River Fire Station

BBQ Lunch provided.



## Contact Tamar NRM

Ph. 6323 3310, or Jo Mob. 0400 866 934  
 for information and registrations

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# Community News - What's On



GEORGE TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PRESENTS

## GEORGE TOWN'S NEW YEARS EVE EXTRAVAGANZA

FIREWORKS  
KIDS ATTRACTIONS  
FOOD/BEVERAGE  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
MARKET STALLS  
AND LOTS MORE



5PM 31ST DECEMBER 2019  
REGENT SQUARE GEORGE TOWN  
FAMILY FIREWORKS APPROX 9.30PM  
MIDNIGHT FIREWORKS, LAUNCHED  
FROM THE PIER JETTY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE  
OR EMAIL [RECEPTION@GTNH.ORG.AU](mailto:RECEPTION@GTNH.ORG.AU)



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## **Wings & Things**

### **Family Fun Day**

**SUNDAY 23rd February 2020**  
10.00am to 3.00pm  
**George Town Airport, Soldiers Settlement Road**



**ADVENTURE FLIGHTS**



**INTRODUCTORY FLIGHTS**

**Displays of Aircraft, Introductory Flights, Adventure Flights, Veteran and Vintage Cars, Motor Bikes, Model Steam Engines, Power Boats**

**Live Music, Dancers**

**Activities for Children, Food, Drinks, Ice Creams and more.**

**Tug of War Competition**

**Entry - \$5.00 per person Children under 12 free**





**The 29th Annual Tamar Valley Folk Festival**  
*will be held in and around George Town on  
January 17th ,18th and 19th, 2020.*

Three days of Music, Dance, Poetry and Children's  
entertainment and activities.

See [tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com](http://tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com)  
for the full line up and programme

**Weekend Tickets are by far the best way to go as you have  
entry to all events all weekend!**

Day tickets available on line but door sales only at the venue.

Our office opens at the Memorial Hall Friday noon on 17th Jan.

### **Camping**

Limited camping is available please contact Chris 0407313103  
or [info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com](mailto:info@tamarvalleyfolkfestival.com)