

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

All Local Government Rates are exempt from Goods & Services Tax.

PENSIONER RATES REMISSION

Ratepayers who hold a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or a Repatriation Health Card (ie 'Gold Card' endorsed Total or Permanent Injury (TPI) or War Widow/Widower DVA) on 1st July 2016 and meet certain State Government criteria may be eligible to apply for a rate remission.

To be eligible you may only claim for one property and it must have been your principal place of residence on 1st July 2016. You also need to have owned the property on 1st July 2016 and have been the responsible ratepayer for this property.

The Pensioner Concession, Health Care or Repatriation Health Card must be presented when making an application.

Application forms are available from the Council Office until the end of March 2017.

COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES

General fees and Charges for 2016/2017 are available for viewing on Council's website: www.georgetown.tas.gov.au

STREET LIGHTING

Although Council pays for streetlights, faults are the responsibility of TasNetworks. **To report faulty street lighting call TasNetworks on 132 004.**

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY COUNCIL SERVICES

For after hours emergency Council services, phone 6382 8800

For all Water & Sewerage Enquiries, please call Tas Water on 136 992

PUBLIC HALLS & COUNCIL FACILITIES

Council in cooperation with the Community operates a number of public halls and facilities, including the George Town Swimming Pool. Please contact Council should you require further information or wish to make a booking.

GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

Elected Members

Mayor

Bridget Archer 0419 859 142

Deputy Mayor

Tim Harris 0438 301 056

Councillors

Heather Barwick 0429 323 289

Doug Burt 0427 341 955

Greg Dawson 0407 866 227

John Glisson 0497 261 316

Chris Ashley 6382 2342

Tim Parish 0447 828 643

Peter Parkes 0439 007 584



DOG REGISTRATIONS

- *All dogs must be registered from 6 months old.
- *All dogs must now be microchipped. A list of fees is on the Council website or you can phone or call into the Council Office for details.
- *Failing to register a dog will incur a fine.
- *A kennel licence is required if you have more than two dogs.
- *A friendly reminder to please, be thoughtful of others and the cleanliness of the municipal area and pick up after your dog.



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL

HOW YOUR RATES ARE CALCULATED

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GUIDE TO SERVICES

2016/ 2017

RATES ARE PAYABLE BY INSTALMENT

31 August 2016
31 October 2016
31 January 2017
31 March 2017

COUNCIL OFFICE

16—18 Anne Street
PO Box 161
George Town TAS 7253
Phone : 6382 8800
Fax: 6382 8899
www.georgetown.tas.gov.au
council@georgetown.tas.gov.au

BUSINESS HOURS

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 5.00pm

Public Holidays excepted

HOW RATES ARE CALCULATED

Rates on all properties in the George Town municipality are calculated on a property's Capital Value – that is, rates are levied as a certain number of cents for each dollar of a property's Capital Value and can be varied across the use categories defined in the Local Government Act 1993.

WHAT IS CAPITAL VALUE?

The Capital Value of your property is the total value of the property, including the Land Value but excluding any plant and machinery. The amount is assessed by the Valuer-General and is adjusted every two years.

If you do not agree with the valuation or adjustment factor of your property you may wish to raise the matter with the Office of the Valuer-General. Phone 1300 368 550.

GENERAL RATE

A General Rate of 0.347122 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value is levied on all rateable properties within the municipal area with a minimum charge of \$668.00, however the following categories of properties are rated at:

CATEGORY	RATE IN DOLLAR	MINIMUMS
Zoned(General Industrial)	1.758414 cents	\$668.00
Zoned (Utility)	1.758457 cents	\$668.00
Industrial (Port & Marine)	1.758406 cents	\$668.00
Industrial (other than above)	0.725359 cents	\$668.00
Commercial	0.725163 cents	\$668.00

The minimum applies for each tenement capable of separate permanent occupation.

The General Rate is levied in order to cover the cost of all non-property specific services such as roads, parks, stormwater, tourism and recreation.

To register to receive your Rates Notices via email—please go to Council website and follow the links provided

A copy of the rate resolution is available at the Council office or on Councils Website www.georgetown.tas.gov.au

AVERAGED AREA RATE (AAR)

Properties that are used or predominantly used for residential purposes within the following localities will be rated by the Averaged Area Rate. Properties will be charged the same amount of rates as per the following table:

LOCALITIES	AAR AMOUNT
Beechford, Bellingham, Lefroy, Lulworth & Weymouth	\$ 886.00
George Town & Low Head	\$1,036.00
Hillwood, Mount Direction, Pipers Brook & Pipers River	\$ 936.00

WASTE MANAGEMENT & SERVICE CHARGE

Council makes a service charge of \$28.00 for waste management on all rateable land for the establishment, management, provision and rehabilitation by Council of waste management facilities.

The George Town Waste Management Centre is located at Mt George Road. The hours of operation are:

- Non Daylight Savings: 12.00pm to 4.00pm—7 days a week
- Daylight Savings: as above except Wednesday 2pm to 6pm
- Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day

The Pipers River Transfer Station is located at Parry's Road. The hours of operation are:

- 1.00pm to 5.00pm—Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday
- Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day

There are service charges for waste management in respect of all land to which Council supplies or makes available different waste management services as follows:

- \$173 for a 85 litre garbage bin & a 140 litre recycle bin (Only available to existing users of 85 litre bins)
- \$209 for a 140 litre garbage bin & a 140 litre recycle bin
- \$302 for a 240 litre garbage bin & a 240 litre recycle bin (Only available by written request signed by the property owner)

A weekly wheelie-bin garbage collection is provided in all areas. A recycling service is provided fortnightly. Please refer to your Garbage & Recycling Collection calendar for details of collection dates in your area

FIRE PROTECTION RATES

The Fire Protection Rate is not a Council rate; it is levied on behalf of the State Government to contribute towards the funding of the Fire Commission. The Fire Protection Rate is determined by the Fire Commission and is based upon a property's Capital Value.

An Urban Fire Rate of 0.018584 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value or the sum of \$38.00 whichever is the greater is levied on all rateable land within the George Town Volunteer Brigade Rating District.

A Rural Fire Rate of 0.023550 cents in the dollar of the Capital Value or the sum of \$38.00 whichever is the greater is levied on all rateable land that is not within the George Town Volunteer Brigade Rating District

Should you wish to query the reasons for the increase in your Fire Levy—please contact 6230 8600

Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or Instalments

METHODS OF PAYMENT

- In person at the Council Offices
- By post using a cheque or money order
- By telephone using MasterCard or Visa; call 131816
- By Direct Debit; call 6382 8800 to arrange
- Via Centrepay (deducted from Centrelink payments)
- At Service Tasmania offices
- In person at any Australia Post office
- Via Bpay
- Via internet using MasterCard or Visa; go to www.georgetown.tas.gov.au or www.postbillpay.com.au

PAYMENT OF RATES

Council has decided to maintain the four-instalment basis, with payments due by the following dates:-

- 31 August 2016
- 31 October 2016
- 31 January 2017
- 31 March 2017

If you find yourself having trouble making payments, please contact the Revenue Officer at the Council office on 6382 8800 to make a payment arrangement. A brochure entitled *Penalty and Interest on Overdue Rates* is available from the Council office.

NOTE: An immediate 5% penalty and a daily interest charge of 8.40% per annum applies to all instalments of rates and charges not paid by the due date .