



George Town Council

# Strategic Priority Projects



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# INTRODUCTION

The George Town municipality covers 649km<sup>2</sup> in the north east of Tasmania and is uniquely located to offer exciting opportunities to invest and live.

George Town municipality is well known for its domestic and international bulk goods deep water port, the Port of Bell Bay as well as being home to the Bell Bay Industrial Estate, one of Tasmania's most significant industrial estates.

George Town is surrounded by cool climate wineries which produce some of the finest wines in the world. Locals enjoy pristine beaches and coastlines, significant places of heritage and areas of natural environmental value which also continue to attract a growing number of visitors to the area and region.

The district offers three schools providing early childhood, primary and secondary education and a hospital and medical centre. Recreational infrastructure including sporting clubs, public swimming pool, indoor sporting venues, safe beaches and boat ramps provide an exciting choice of recreational activities.

The George Town Aerodrome is a minor airport serving George Town and the Launceston Airport is approximately 55 minutes drive from George Town. The area is well served by state highway connections to the Tamar Valley, the City of Launceston, North East Tasmania and the rest of the State.

The key Strategic Priority Projects identified in this report are aimed at improving the economic and social potential of the George Town municipal area. Projects include community, recreational, tourism, facilities, that all provide economic, liveability and employment opportunities to assist in the future growth of the municipality. Each strategic project identifies community benefit and support and actions to date, estimated costs and an information outline of the projects importance to our community. The projects outline:

1. Projects of key importance to the future economic and social growth of the municipality that require funding commitments by State and/or Australian Governments;
2. Further opportunities for the Australian and State Governments to work cooperatively with Council, to develop new and innovative community infrastructure; and
3. Improving the health and well-being of the residents of the municipality and to improve the growth and liveability of the municipality.

Council have identified these projects from previous community information provided to Council, comments received by Council during recent public forums, comments from community groups and individuals, previous reports and information from Council's records and input from Councillors and Council Officers.

The Strategic Priority Projects document is in draft format, is regarded as a document subject to ongoing change, and may be reviewed on an ongoing basis by Council with input from the community at any time.

Council consider these important projects and others that may be developed in the future will provide a sound basis for improving the social and economic development of our community into the future.

Bridget Archer

**Mayor**

# **PROJECT NAME: Economic Development Prospectus**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

An investment and liveability prospectus describing the major features, attractions, and services of the George Town municipality, for prospective investors, funding agencies, entrepreneurs, business owners, families and others interested in economic, social development and liveability in the region.

Examples of critical areas which a typical prospectus may address include:

- Population trends and forecasts;
- The economy/economic growth trends;
- Industry and employment (especially Bell Bay)
- Potential development 'hotspots'
- Industrial land (current and potential);
- Recreation and open space;
- Council and community services;
- Health and education;
- Commercial businesses
- Infrastructure and utilities
- Accessibility

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

Funding of \$25,000      Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Economic and social benefit through potential investment, industrial development and employment growth. The investment prospectus document will be able to be accessed by all as a reference point for existing and new industries, commercial business and potential new residents wanting to live in the George Town community.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

George Town Council are taking an active facilitation and participating role in the economic and social development of the municipality by forging partnerships and collaboration with local industry, business and community groups to provide job opportunities and community infrastructure for our residents.

Council have been working with the Bell Bay Economic Development Group, George Town Chamber of Commerce, Coordinator General's Office (State Growth) and other agencies in planning and developing investment opportunities for business and industry in the region.

The recently released "Bell Bay Industrial Precinct" August 2015 is an important segment in this prospectus and outlines the opportunities and commercial advantages of industrial and business development of Bell Bay.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from Northern Tasmania Development, the Northern Regional Futures Plan, Department of State Growth, and the Bell Bay Economic Development Group, George Town Chamber of Commerce and the George Town Council Strategic Plan.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

TasInvest, Bell Bay Industrial Precinct Prospectus  
Tasports 30 Year Plan – Bell Bay references  
George Town Council Strategic Plan 2016-2026

# **PROJECT NAME: York Cove Foreshore Beautification & Upgrade Works**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The introduction of additional formalised multi-use walkways and associated community and private foreshore/urban infrastructure connecting all key areas in the York Cove precinct and beyond to the Central Business District.

The development of lighting, appropriate and formal river edge fencing, a new floating attenuator, stormwater silt and rubbish arrestors, together with community facilities such as seating and upgraded play areas will provide an opportunity for both passive and active recreation on the foreshore.

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$950,000      Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding  
Potential private enterprise funding/contribution?

*Note: Various staging of project and separate costings are available.*

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Beautification and upgrade of York Cove precinct public and private infrastructure for community and economic benefit linking and expanding existing community and commercial facilities, infrastructure and investment with the central business district.

These projects will increase the liveability of the George Town area and contribute to creating an improved scenic and foreshore environment linking to an active and inclusive urban environment. More recent development within York Cove demonstrates the potential of the area in the future.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Council have undertaken various capital works projects on foreshore beautification, playground equipment and walkway/cycleway paths within the York Cove precinct. Further works will complement the existing infrastructure towards completion of necessary works in this area.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town community, the Chamber of Commerce and commercial businesses for example, Peppers York Cove and Pier Hotel Complexes. This is a precinct that also incorporates some private and historical residences, commercial businesses, George Town Bowls Club, Council playground area, George Town Yacht Club, recreational jetties and pontoons, recreational fishermen, private marina, boat ramps, private boat moorings and is considered one of the most scenic precincts in George Town.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

York Cove Development Plan, January 2002  
George Town Central Area Strategy, 1999  
George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026

## **PROJECT NAME: York Cove Redevelopment Precinct Plan**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The redevelopment of a foreshore management plan linking the Commercial Business Centre and the York Cove Precinct providing an outline and planning for community attractions, projects and development opportunities around York Cove.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$20,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

This project will provide a planning framework towards increasing the liveability of the George Town area and contribute to creating a more active and inclusive urban environment. Recent developments within York Cove demonstrate the potential of the area for the future.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Previous planning documents have been undertaken and it is considered a brief review is advantageous for the future of this area taking into account previous reviews and subsequent works undertaken.

Council have undertaken various capital works projects on foreshore beautification, playground equipment and walkway/cycleway paths within the York Cove precinct. Further works will complement the existing infrastructure towards completion of necessary works in this area.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town community, the Chamber of Commerce and commercial businesses for example, Peppers York Cove. This is a precinct that also incorporates some private and historical residences, commercial businesses, George Town Bowls Club, Council playground area, George Town Yacht Club, recreational jetties and pontoons, recreational fishermen, private marina, private boat moorings and is considered one of the most scenic precincts in George Town.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

York Cove Development Plan, January 2002

George Town Central Area Strategy, 1999

Environmental Feasibility - Sediment Removal from York Cove, Tasmania, March 2007

George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015

George Town Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026

## **PROJECT NAME: Themed playground area south of York Cove Centre (Rivulet Area of Elizabeth Park)**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The upgrade of Elizabeth Park playground and recreation area and associated community infrastructure including public toilets.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$200,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding  
Potential private enterprise funding/contribution?

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Elizabeth Park has the potential to be a key feature (reserve) in the York Cove precinct. A developed playground/passive recreation space will enable children of the nearby area to 'play' in a reactivated key part of the town currently underutilised.

The park could also potentially be used for community events/gatherings which can assist in fostering a sense of pride of place and community in a location accessible to the town centre.

Public toilet facilities will provide a much needed public amenity for this central part of the York Cove precinct. This is a key infrastructure facility to complement the additional planned themed playground equipment for families, pedestrians, cyclists and visitors.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Forms part of the larger York Cove precinct suite of projects previously identified.

Council have undertaken various capital works projects on foreshore beautification, playground equipment and walkway/cycleway paths within the York Cove precinct. Further works will complement the existing infrastructure towards completion of necessary works in this area.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town community, the Chamber of Commerce and commercial businesses for example, Peppers York Cove. This is a precinct that also incorporates some private and historical residences, commercial businesses, George Town Bowls Club, Council playground area, George Town Yacht Club, recreational jetties and pontoons, recreational fishermen, private marina, private boat moorings and is considered one of the most scenic precincts in George Town.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

York Cove Development Plan, January 2002  
George Town Central Area Strategy, 1999  
George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026

## **PROJECT NAME: Silt Management Initiatives (York Cove)**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

To undertake an assessment of the Environmental Feasibility - Sediment Removal from York Cove, Tasmania Study, March 2007, to manage the removal of silt within the York Cove.

Assess recommendations and project pathways from the Study and undertake optimal works for the removal of silt and sediment.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$250,000      Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding  
Private enterprise funding/contribution?

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Local and regional environmental and amenity benefit through the removal and disposal of silt from York Cove.

Silt removal and disposal will complement the upgrades of the York Cove for community. This also assists in the economic benefit towards the linking and expansion of existing community and commercial facilities, infrastructure and investment with the York Cove precinct and central business district.

This project will increase the liveability of the George Town area and contribute to creating a more active and inclusive urban environment. More recent development within York Cove demonstrates the potential of the area in the future.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

George Town Council has indicated a desire to undertake silt removal operations to reverse the impact of the accumulation of materials and restore the Cove to its former state.

According to a feasibility assessment undertaken in 2007, the accumulation of silt in the York Cove is thought to have resulted in a number of detrimental effects, including:

- Smothering of estuarine habitat that may previously have existed at the eastern end of the Cove;
- A reduction in the navigable extent of the Cove, a continuation of which may result in further loss of amenity; and
- The creation of large areas of sand flat at low tide, reducing the visual amenity of the Cove.

The environmental study recommends feasible options, recommendations and a suggested project pathway to remove the sediments that accumulated in York Cove.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town community, the Chamber of Commerce and commercial businesses for example, Peppers York Cove. This is a precinct that also incorporates some private and historical residences, commercial businesses, George Town Bowls Club, Council playground area, George Town Yacht Club, recreational jetties and pontoons, recreational fishermen, private marina, private boat moorings and is considered one of the most scenic precincts in George Town.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Environmental Feasibility – Sediment Removal from York Cove, Tasmania  
York Cove Development Plan – 2002  
George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026



# **PROJECT NAME: York Cove to Sports Complex – New Walking Trail**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Linkage of the existing York Cove pedestrian and bicycle trail network to the George Town Sports Complex including path/cycleway, seating, urban infrastructure, lighting, signage, drainage and landscaping/earthworks.

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$350,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

*Note: Various staging of project and separate costings are available.*

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Community, recreation, amenity benefit through the extension of the existing shared recreational trail.

This project will increase the liveability of the George Town area and contribute to creating a more active and inclusive urban environment. More recent development within York Cove demonstrates the potential of the area in the future.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Forms part of a larger overall community recreational and residential pathway/cycleway plan linking up the York Cove precinct to the George Town Sports Complex, the Port Dalrymple High School and associated residential areas.

Council have undertaken various capital works projects on walkway/cycleway paths within George Town. These additional works will complement existing infrastructure and linkages between sporting, school, residential, commercial and foreshore areas.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town community, the Chamber of Commerce, commercial businesses, sporting associations and Port Dalrymple School.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

York Cove Development Plan, 2002

George Town Sports Complex Development Plan, 2009

George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015

George Town Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026

# **PROJECT NAME: Windmill Point Foreshore Beautification Upgrades**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The installation of community infrastructure improvements including a BBQ facility, seating, paving, drainage, parking, signage and urban infrastructure at Windmill Point.

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$150,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

*Note: State Government forward estimates for 2016/2017 include \$100,000 towards this project.*

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Windmill Point offers excellent views of the River and the addition of this infrastructure will accommodate locals and visitors as part of recreation activities in and around York Cove and the Central Business District.

These initiatives are aimed at creating attractive and recreational public open spaces which have positive community benefits and encourage visitors to spend additional time in the area.

Beautification and upgrade of the Windmill Point area public and private infrastructure for community and economic benefit linking and expanding existing community and commercial facilities, infrastructure and investment with the central business district.

These projects will increase the liveability of the George Town area and contribute to creating an improved scenic and foreshore environment linking to an active and inclusive urban environment. Recent Council development demonstrates additional community and visitor usage of the area for the future.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Council have undertaken recent various capital works projects on foreshore beautification, parking, drainage, landscaping and wood carvings within the Windmill Point area. Further works will complement the existing infrastructure towards completion of necessary works in this area.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town community, the Chamber of Commerce and commercial businesses for example, the Pier Hotel Complex. This is an area that also close to private and historical residences, the central business district, Council playground and recreational areas, George Town Yacht Club, recreational jetties and pontoons, recreational fishermen, boat ramps, private boat moorings and is connected to one of the most scenic precincts in George Town, being the York Cove precinct.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

York Cove Development Plan, January 2002

George Town Central Area Strategy, 1999

George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015

George Town Strategic Plan 2016 - 2026

# **PROJECT NAME: Low Head Pilot Station to Light House Shared Walking/Cycling Trail**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

To expand the existing pedestrian and bicycle trail networks to finalise the trail between George Town and Low Head linking the two destinations.

This project will link the Pilot Station to the Low Head lighthouse.

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$120,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Community, recreation and tourism benefit as part of the Low Head/George Town experience providing accessible linkages for pedestrians and cyclists. The initiative continues the work of the municipality to encourage active lifestyle through the extension of the existing shared recreational trail.

This project will increase the liveability of the George Town and Low Head areas and contribute to creating a more active and inclusive urban/coastal environment.

The project will also enhance the tourism and visitor experiences to the iconic tourism destination of the Low Head lighthouse and Pilot Station historical and heritage precinct.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Forms part of a larger overall community recreational and residential pathway/cycleway plan in completing the linkage of the George Town and Low Head areas. The Low Head area currently attracts over 8,000 visitors per year.

Council have undertaken various capital works projects on walkway/cycleway paths within George Town and Low Head. These additional works will complement existing infrastructure and linkages between George Town and Low Head including adjoining residences, the Bass & Flinders Bowls Club, Ainslie House, Pilot Station, Lagoon Beach and East Beach areas.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Community feedback received from Council's recent Strategic Plan review forums has indicated support from the community, Chamber of Commerce and commercial businesses for the expansion of existing and introduction of new walkways/cycle paths throughout the municipality for locals and visitors alike. An extension to the existing pathway would take in the many tourist attractions Low Head has to offer including the Low Head Pilot Station Precinct, the Maritime Museum, the Coxswain Cafe, the Low Head Penguin Tours leading to the historical Low Head Lighthouse. This proposed route is along an area that is also close to private and historical residences, Council playground and recreational areas, recreational jetties, recreational fishermen, boat ramps, and connects to one of the most scenic and historical coastal precincts of the municipality. Community support and consultation with the Low Head community would occur during any consideration of this project.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Council, George Town Innovations Report, March 2015

George Town Strategic Plan 2016 – 2026

George Town Council Tourism Strategic Plan 2013-2016

## **PROJECT NAME: George Town Airport Upgrade**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Extension and associated construction works of the existing runway, runway connectivity, drainage works, the installation of new improved lighting and upgrading of existing infrastructure at the George Town Airport.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$230,000      Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding  
Private enterprise funding/contribution?

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Broadening the scope of the facility by encouraging stronger public investment will benefit the local and regional economy for existing and potential new investors and users of the airport facilities. This includes the RAAF (training), existing lease holders (the George Town Airport Association, Freedom Flights), private hangar occupiers, potential new lease holders and occupiers.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

The construction of the George Town Airport was originated by the George Town Airport Association, an organisation formed by the local Chamber of Commerce in 1970.

The site was purchased with funds donated and loaned by citizens and business. The initial grass runway was built with donations from various sources together with some State Government funding. It was 671 metres long and was officially opened in February 1974. The runway was extended by 244 metres to an overall length of 915 metres and other upgrading works completed in February 1987.

In 1992, the Council became involved in investigating the future upgrade of the airport. The proposal involved lengthening and sealing the runway, drainage works and the installation of lighting and safety markers. These works were funded by a local capital works grant and a Council contribution.

Recently there has been considerable interest in new occupier investment in new hangars and from the RAAF in utilising the facilities as a training base.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town Chamber of Commerce, George Town Airport Association, existing lease holders and occupiers and potential new investors. The RAAF would also be interested in the project works to assist their training operations and linkage to existing facilities given its proximity to Stony Head.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Airport Review, November 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016 – 2026

# **PROJECT NAME: Coastal Trail – New Shared Pedestrian/Cycle Trail from Eastern End of East Beach to Bellingham**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The identification, survey and construction of a shared pedestrian/cycle trail with stop off points, BBQ facility, toilets, eateries, encouraging wineries to provide accommodation along the trail (including identified camping areas).

A concept plan for this potentially exciting project is required. This project will require the development of a concept plan incorporating environmental and planning assessments, land ownership assessments, community consultation and a financial cost benefit analysis.

This could be a staged project linking East Beach to Bell Buoy Beach, Beechford, Lulworth, Tam O'Shanter, Weymouth, Bellingham and could even extend as far as Bridport.

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

Concept Plan: \$100,000

Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

Significant local and regional benefit providing the opportunity for overnight stays and a greater spend share of the tourism dollar with a potential link to the wine route and beyond to the Bridport experience.

This project will expand on the rapidly growing local/national and international tourism and visitor market segments around cyclists, walkers and associated visitor experiences with our local wineries and other tourism businesses.

The trail would represent a real opportunity for public/private partnerships and would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

New project.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses obtained through a variety of consultation and communication mechanisms including Council's strategic plan review process and discussions with local community groups have been positive.

To be obtained as part of community, business and State/Australian Government consultation.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Council Strategic Plan 2016 – 2026.

## **PROJECT NAME: Hillwood – Foreshore Shared Trail**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Hillwood Recreation Trail Stages 1 – 4, being the first section of the Hillwood to Egg Island Reserve Recreational Trail.

The construction of a shared use recreation trail commencing at the Hillwood Pontoon Picnic Ground to Egg Island Bridge will provide safe pedestrian access between the pontoon area/local shop to the children's playground and recreation ground and Hillwood Hall.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$360,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The trail provides improved alternative transport options for the many Hillwood residents who walk, run and ride along Hillwood Jetty Road at present. The trail will provide safe access to community facilities, preserve the river vistas and not negatively impact on the integration of the Hillwood area with the estuarine environment.

A shared trail will add to visitor attractions in the area and promote economic growth by increasing visitor time in the area which will benefit the several existing significant farm gate produce businesses and encourage new business enterprises in the Hillwood area.

Tourist attractions such as the Mt Direction Signal Station Heritage area as well as maritime activities (sailing, boating, fishing, kayaking), day walking, rock climbing and community recreation events would be further enhanced by the greater accessibility provided by the trail.

The trail will improve community access to safe recreational activities and provide improved community access to safe recreational activities increasing liveability in this already desirable community and visitor destination.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

The Hillwood community identified the need for a safe, shared use trail along the proposed route in 2008/09. The George Town Council allocated funds in its 2009/10 budget to commence design, survey, environmental impact study and preliminary cost estimates to the community's trail proposal. At a Hillwood community meeting convened by the Council in 2008, the community nominated the construction of a shared use trail from the Hillwood Pontoon Reserve to Egg Island Reserve as the priority capital works project for the area.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

This project has the support of the local community who have requested the Council construct the trail to provide for pedestrian safety on a regularly used route between community facilities and residences.

Initial responses obtained through Council's strategic plan review process and discussions with local community groups have been positive.

The land identified for the trail is public land. The Crown, as landowner has previously supported the project, conditional on site management conditions being fulfilled during construction.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Hillwood Recreation Trail Stage 1 – Ecological Survey and Recommendations, April 2012  
George Town Council Strategic Plan 2016-2026  
Draft Hillwood Structure Plan, 2015

# **PROJECT NAME: George Town Sports Complex minor capital upgrades**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The upgrade of the George Town Sports Complex infrastructure to include landscaping, stormwater drainage and playground areas.

## **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$150,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

## **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The provision of upgraded infrastructure will encourage more social and recreational activities for the community and user groups both within the municipality and region.

The George Town municipality has a strong sporting history and the upgrade of this facility will encourage and allow for the continued growth of local sporting talent.

The George Town Sporting Complex promotes social engagement and involvement and provides a direct benefit to the health and well being of the local community.

The upgrading of the Complex will enhance the residential amenity in the surrounding area, providing opportunities for local residents to participate in various recreational and sporting pursuits who may otherwise be geographically or socially isolated.

The linkage of the George Town Sporting Complex with the proposed York Cove pedestrian and bicycle trail network will increase the liveability of the George Town area and contribute to creating a more active and inclusive urban environment. This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

A Committee was established in 2007 with the specific aim of implementing a holistic plan for the George Town Sporting Complex. At that time several Council policy documents provided a sound direction for the future development of the Complex. Several recreation studies have in the past been prepared for the Council and the wider region over the past decades which provide some direction regarding the further development of the George Town Sports Complex.

There has been an extensive history in regard to this project over many years with various minor capital works undertaken to upgrade the facilities in accordance with an overall strategic direction for the Complex. To realise its full potential a more significant injection of funds would be required.

The George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee consisting of Council representatives and various local sporting body representatives plays a vital role in providing Council with expert guidance and current information pertinent to their specific requirements.

## **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee, the community, schools and local and regional sporting bodies and recreational users.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Sporting Complex Concept Plan – December 2009  
George Town Community Innovations Forum, 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026  
Minutes of the George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee

**PROJECT NAME:     Replace Field Lighting at George Town Sports Complex (Cricket, Soccer & Football Club Arenas)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The replacement of existing field lighting at the George Town Sports Complex.

**ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$80,000            Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

Similar project undertaken at Hillwood Recreational Ground

**HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The project will enhance safety and amenity for users replacing aged equipment allowing for extended usage of the facilities throughout the various seasons.

The upgrade of the lighting will provide decreased energy consumption requirements resulting in a net environmental and financial efficiency.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

**BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

The project forms part of the overall upgrade of the George Town Sports Complex in accordance with Council's strategic direction for the precinct.

**THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the community, the George Town Sports Complex Committee, various sporting and recreational users and schools. A similar project recently undertaken at the Hillwood Recreation ground has been well received by that community and has resulted in significantly higher usage of the facilities.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Sporting Complex Concept Plan – December 2009  
George Town Community Innovations Forum, 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026  
Minutes of the George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee



**PROJECT NAME: Cold Sealing of Roads and Parking Areas at George Town Sports Complex**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The upgrade of existing roads and parking areas at the George Town Sports Complex.

**ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$450,000 (total completion including all carparks and roads within the sporting complex facility)  
Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

*Note: Various staging options for the project and separate costings are available*

**HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The provision of upgraded infrastructure will encourage more social and recreational activities for the community and user groups.

The project will increase the life span of the facility. The formalisation of carparks and roadways will complement existing infrastructure and facilities providing greater accessibility and access capacity for the various arenas located within the Complex grounds during events and fixtures.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

**BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

The project forms part of the overall upgrade of the George Town Sports Complex in accordance with Council's strategic direction for the precinct.

**THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

Initial responses to these projects have indicated varying levels of support from the community, the George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee and various sporting and recreational users and schools.

Council has undertaken formalisation of car parking within the municipality in recent years which has proven to provide increased accessibility and use by both locals and visitors to areas such as Windmill Point and Port Dalrymple School and significantly the Thompsons Avenue Light Industrial Area which is part of Council's commitment to good urban planning principles.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Sporting Complex Concept Plan – December 2009  
George Town Community Innovations Forum, 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026  
Minutes of the George Town Sports Complex Advisory Committee

## **PROJECT NAME: Upgrade of Dalrymple Road**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A significant upgrade in terms of the running lane width which will improve the travelling comfort, performance, standard and the safety of users of Dalrymple Road including the total replacement of one bridge and the upgrade of two bridges.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$4,200,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

Note: Various staging options for the project and separate costings are available

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The upgrade of Dalrymple Road will benefit road users by improving the connection from East Tamar Highway to Mount Direction, Pipers River and Bangor and the improved safety for children using the local school bus service.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction. An improvement to the standard of this road would provide increased development opportunities throughout a predominantly agricultural area by improving access for heavy vehicular traffic. This road is also used as a commuter link to our coastal communities of Weymouth, Bellingham and Lulworth.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

The road was originally a State Government maintained road which was handed over to Council with a minor funding contribution around 30 years ago. Asset management cost benefit analysis of the liability this road was going to cost the ratepayers of George Town was virtually non-existent during the handover.

The road is not consistent with the current standard of this type of road as a major collector road and is no longer able to sustain current usage, particularly heavy vehicular traffic.

George Town Council has budgeted for and undertake frequent major capital repairs to the road which are anticipated to be ongoing to maintain and improve the safety of this important local and regional infrastructure.

Council lacks the capacity to improve the standard of the road to the desirable level within reasonable timeframes at the current level of expenditure. An injection of funding would allow a significant upgrade on this important road to the benefit of the municipality and the region.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

This project has the support of the local community, school bus and heavy vehicle drivers and local agricultural and viticultural businesses.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Community Innovations Forum, 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026

## **PROJECT NAME: Upgrade of Industry Road**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A significant reconstruct and sealing upgrade of Industry Road to improve its performance, standard and safety.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$2,400,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

Note: Various staging options for the project and separate costings are available

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The reconstruction and sealing of Industry Road will benefit and provide greater safety for local commuters and residents, school bus drivers and visitors to the Pipers River Region and its various attractions such as wineries and local farm gate businesses.

The upgrade of Industry Road will also provide transport links for local businesses.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction. An improvement to the standard of this road would provide increased development opportunities throughout a predominantly agricultural area by improved access for heavy vehicular traffic.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

George Town Council has budgeted for and has undertaken frequent major capital repairs to Industry Road over the past twelve months which are anticipated to be ongoing to maintain and improve the safety of this important local and regional infrastructure.

Council lacks the capacity to improve the standard of the road to the desirable level within reasonable timeframes at the current level of expenditure. An injection of funding would allow a significant upgrade on this important road to the benefit of the municipality and the region.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

This project has the support of the local community, school bus and heavy vehicle drivers and local agricultural and viticultural businesses.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Community Innovations Forum, 2015  
George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026

## **PROJECT NAME: Upgrade of Soldier Settlement Road**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A significant upgrade in terms of performance, standard and safety to Soldier Settlement Road.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$2,100,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

Note: Various staging options for the project and separate costings are available

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The provision of local, tourism, economic and agriculture benefits providing a coastal link between Beechford and George Town. Soldier Settlement Road is partly sealed and provides access to the George Town Airport facility.

The upgrade of the Soldier Settlement Road would encourage visitors to the area providing an alternative enjoyable circular coastal route via George Town and Low Head eventually joining up with the Bridport Highway.

Lefroy has a rich mining history and the upgrade of this important road may encourage renewed development in this area.

Soldier Settlement Road provides a secondary thoroughfare for emergency evacuation in the event of fire, flood and other disasters and features within the George Town Municipal Emergency Plan.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction. An improvement to the standard of this road would provide increased development opportunities throughout a predominantly agricultural area by improving access for heavy vehicular traffic. The project would also encourage investment and development opportunities for the localities of Beechford and Lefroy.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

George Town Council has budgeted for and has undertaken frequent major capital repairs to the road in recent years which are anticipated to be ongoing to maintain and improve this important local and regional infrastructure.

Council lacks the capacity to improve the standard of the road to the desirable level within reasonable timeframes at the current level of expenditure. An injection of funding would allow a significant upgrade on this important road to the benefit of residents and commuters.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

This project has the support of the local community, residents and existing tourism and agricultural businesses.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026

## **PROJECT NAME: Upgrade of The Glen Road**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A significant upgrade in terms of performance, standard and safety of The Glen Road.

### **ESTIMATED COSTS & REFERENCE SOURCE:**

\$1,450,000 Requires Australian and/or State Government and/or Council funding

Note: Various staging options for the project and separate costings are available

### **HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:**

The upgrade of The Glen Road will provide improved vehicular access and greater safety for local users, heavy vehicle users, businesses and the forestry industry and encourage visitors to the Pipers River Region and its various attractions such as wineries and local farm gate businesses.

The continuation of the sealed section of The Glen Road with the recent upgrade of the intersection will complete the overall standard, performance and safety of the road for road users.

This type of project would provide local employment opportunities during its construction.

### **BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROJECT:**

Council has funded the recent upgrade of the Pipers River Road/The Glen Road intersection which has greatly improved vehicular sight and safety for all users.

Council lacks the capacity to further improve the standard of the road to the desirable level within reasonable timeframes at the current level of expenditure. An injection of funding would allow completion of the works planned for this important local infrastructure.

### **THIRD PARTY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT:**

This project has the support of the local community, residents and agricultural and tourism businesses.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

George Town Strategic Plan 2016-2026