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Meeting Commencing at 1.00pm

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1. PRESENT

1.1 APOLOGIES

1.2 IN ATTENDANCE

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15TH AUGUST 2018

DECISION

Moved:
Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Ordinary meeting held on the 15th August numbered 109/18 to 116/18 and 121/18 as circulated to Elected Members be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For:

Against:

2.2 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018

DECISION

Moved:
Seconded:

That the Minutes of Council's Special meeting held on the 1st August 2018 numbered 122/18 and 124/18 as circulated to Elected Members be received and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

VOTING

For:

Against:

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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME PROCEDURE

[Refer to Minute No. 243/16. The period set aside for public question time will be at least 15 minutes. Questions given on notice will be addressed first. Once questions on notice have been addressed, persons who have registered their interest to ask a question will be called to do so in the order in which they have registered. Persons attending Council meetings will have the opportunity to register their interest to ask a question without notice prior to the commencement of the meeting. Council staff will be on hand to assist with this process.

Participants cannot ask more than 2 questions in a row with a maximum of 2 minutes per question. If a person has more than (2) questions, they will be placed at the 'end of the queue' and may, if time permits, ask their further questions once all other persons have had an opportunity to ask questions. Persons who have not registered their interest to ask a question will be given an opportunity to do so following all those who have registered. All questions must be directed to the Chairperson.

For further information on Council's Public Question Time Rules and Procedure, please refer to George Town Council Public Question Time Policy No. 18.]

Questions asked and answers provided may be summarised in the minutes of the meeting.

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3.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil.

3.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Commenced at:

Concluded at:

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil.

3.5 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(Refer to Minute No. 425/00, which states in part, “that a copy of all written replies to questions from the Public Gallery be included in the following Council Agenda.”)

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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5. GENERAL MANAGER'S DECLARATION

I certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendations provided to Council with this Agenda:

- the advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- where any advice is given directly to Council by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Harry Galea
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 – SECTION 65

65. Qualified persons

- (1) A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- (2) A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
 - (a) the general manager certifies, in writing –
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
 - (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

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6. PLANNING AUTHORITY

Nil.

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7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

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8. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

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9. CORPORATE AND FINANCE

Nil.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 ROUND ONE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Events Officer

REPORT DATE: 19 September 2018

FILE NO.: 23.2

ATTACHMENT/S: Community Assistance Grant Applications

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary and recommendations relating to requests for community grants or assistance.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2026

Goal 02

Support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods.

Key Objective 1

Support and advocate for organisations and community groups to grow community capacity.

FINANCES

The 2018/2019 budget allocation for Community Grants is \$15,000.

The allocation includes

- Applications for Fee Remission
- Application for Assistance to Individuals
- Applications for Round 1 and Round 1 of the Community Grants Assistance Scheme

Funding allocation as at the 19th September is:

- Fee Remissions \$2,714
- Assistance to Individuals \$ 400

Round 1 of Council's Community Assistance Grant Scheme opened on Wednesday 1st August 2018, and closed on Friday 31st August 2018, with a total of 6 Community Grant applications being received.

The Community Grants Review Panel met on Monday 10th August 2018, to review all applications.

The following recommendations are put to Council for consideration:

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10.1 ROUND ONE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

1. George Town Cricket Club Incorporated

Program / Project	Summary	Grant Request
Bathroom Renovations George Town Cricket Clubrooms	<p>The Club is seeking a grant for the upgrade of the bathroom facilities at the George Town Cricket Club, with the current bathroom facilities being below standard. The Club wishes to upgrade their facilities to offer clean and hygienic facilities to all members and visitors to the Cricket Club.</p> <p>The upgrade of the facilities will have a positive impact on all users, whether local community members or visitors to George Town.</p> <p>A Council grant is sought to cover partial cost of the bathroom renovations.</p>	\$2,000
<p>REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS</p> <p>The Review Panel fully supports this application. The Club has been proactive in the past 18 months to ensure that the Club and its surrounding areas are well maintained. Much of the work has been carried out by Club volunteers with the assistance of Work for the Dole participants.</p> <p>The upgrade of the bathroom facilities will benefit both local and visitors of the Club. The inclusion of a disabled toilet at the facility is essential to the Club if they wish to be totally inclusive.</p> <p>RISK ASSESSMENT Nil</p>		

2. Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania – George Town Branch

Program / Project	Summary	Grant Request
Domestic Violence Awareness and Support Pamphlet Design and printing of 2000 pamphlets.	<p>George Town Neighbourhood Watch intent is to have a brochure produced that raises awareness on the issue of domestic violence within the community, and identify where support can be found within the George Town municipality.</p> <p>The content of the pamphlet will be sourced from local service providers within the community who support victims of domestic violence. The pamphlet will be delivered to George Town / Low Head residences via letter boxes.</p> <p>Walkers Design in Launceston have provided a quote for the design and printing of the 2000 pamphlets.</p> <p>George Town Neighbourhood Watch is seeking 100% funding for the design and printing of the pamphlet.</p>	\$1,859
<p>REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS</p> <p>The Review Panel does not support this application for the amount of \$1,859, however will support funding of \$500. Whilst the distribution of a brochure to the community will highlight the awareness of domestic violence; the panel believes that this could be produced at a much lesser cost, with other avenues available to reach all community members, not just George Town and Low Head. The panel discussed alternative options, which includes in-house design and printing of the brochure, promotion through various social media forums, and Council's website.</p> <p>Accordingly, if acceptable, Council will liaise with Neighbourhood Watch, George Town Branch.</p> <p>RISK ASSESSMENT High</p>		

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10.1 ROUND ONE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

3. George Town Senior Football Club

Program / Project	Summary	Grant Request
Fitness Equipment Upgrade / purchase of club fitness equipment	<p>The George Town Football Club is seeking funding to assist with the purchase of an upgrade / addition to their fitness equipment.</p> <p>The Club has recognised that due to a much welcome increase in members in 2018, inclusive of three additional junior teams and the ladies team that their current equipment is not ample to cater for the numbers. It also recognises that the current equipment is aimed predominantly for use by senior men, and is not suitable for youth or ladies.</p> <p>The Club is seeking partial cost of the purchase of the identified fitness equipment.</p>	\$2000
<p>REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS</p> <p>The Review Panel does not support this application in Round 1. It does however, recommend that the Club reapplies for funding in Round 2, being February 2019.</p> <p>The Panel believes funding for fitness equipment at the Club is not a high priority at this point in time.</p> <p>RISK ASSESSMENT Nil</p>		

4. George Town Community Garden

Program / Project	Summary	Grant Request
Erection of a poly tunnel and associated cover for garden beds, and seedling plantations at the George Town Community Garden.	<p>The George Town Community Garden is situated at the George Town Neighbourhood House, and is managed by volunteers, and Work for the Dole participants.</p> <p>George Town Community Garden are seeking a grant to cover the cost of a poly tunnel to cover the existing garden beds, and to allow for growing seedlings.</p> <p>The plants are sold at the Neighbourhood House, and to the monthly George Town market. The produce supports the Second Bite program that is distributed from Neighbourhood House, and to community members in need.</p>	\$1,100
<p>REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS</p> <p>The Review Panel recommends support for this application. The Community Garden is well established, with daily maintenance by local volunteers, and participants in the Work for the Dole Program. On any given day, there will be a minimum of 3 – 5 volunteers working at the garden.</p> <p>RISK ASSESSMENT NA</p>		

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10.1 ROUND ONE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

5. George Town RSL Club

Program / Project	Summary	Grant Request
Centenary of Armistice Commemorative Parade and other associated events.	<p>This year marks the centenary of Armistice (end of WW1), and accordingly the George Town RSL are planning to give due recognition to this milestone event.</p> <p>Accordingly a Street Parade will be held from the George Town Memorial through to the cenotaph in the Max Harris reserve. This will necessitate traffic management via our Works Depot, and associated advertising of road closures in the Examiner Newspaper.</p>	\$1,950
<p>REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS</p> <p>The Review Panel supports this application for a reduced amount of \$1,435, being inclusive of the cost of installation of the plinths for the Centenary of Armistice plinth installation, and costs associated with Council Services. It is noted that Council Service costs are less than previously quoted to the RSL Club.</p> <p>The costs associated with this year's Remembrance Day Service are higher due to the inclusion of the March to recognise the Centenary of Armistice.</p> <p>RISK ASSESSMENT NA</p>		

6. George Town Junior Soccer Club

Program / Project	Summary	Grant Request
Sand blast and painting of goal posts	<p>The George Town Junior Soccer Club is seeking funds to have their goal posts sand blasted and painted, and moved back into their correct position.</p> <p>The Club is being proactive in identifying projects which will enhance the visual aspect of the Club, and to ensure that they have equipment to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>A quote has been received for \$4,000, with the Club seeking a Council grant for 50% of this cost.</p>	\$2,000
<p>REVIEW PANEL COMMENTS</p> <p>The Review Panel recommends support for this application. The Junior Soccer Club has seen a growth in membership in the past two years, and this is due in the main to the hard working committee.</p> <p>The Committee are proactive in promoting the Club, and providing facilities of a high standard to club members and visiting teams.</p> <p>RISK ASSESSMENT NA</p>		

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10.1 ROUND ONE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Provides a Community Grant of \$2,000 to the George Town Cricket Club for the upgrade of their bathroom facilities.
2. Subject to acceptance by the Neighbourhood Watch (George Town Branch), provides a Community Grant of \$500 to cover the cost of Council design and printing of 2000 copies of a domestic violence pamphlet, and the cost of letter box drop to residents.
3. Does not provide a Community Grant to the George Town Football Club for the upgrade of fitness equipment, and further recommend that the Club applies for funding in Round 2 of the Community Grant Assistance Program.
4. Provides a Community Grant of \$1,100 to the George Town Community Garden for the purchase of items to install a poly tunnel at the Garden Club.
5. Provides a Community Grant of \$1,435 to the George Town RSL Branch to cover the cost of the installation of Centenary of Armistice Plinths, and Council services related to the Commemorative March.
6. Provides a Community Grant of \$2,000 to the George Town Junior Soccer Club to assist with the costs associated with the sand blasting and painting of the Club's goal posts.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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10.2 MINOR COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM & PROJECTS SPONSORSHIP FUND

REPORT AUTHOR: Community Development Officer – Mrs Rhonda O'Sign
REPORT DATE: 12th September 2018
FILE NO: 23.2
ATTACHMENT: Minor Sponsorship Application – YMCA / Tasmanian Youth Local Government

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary and recommendations related to requests for sponsorship under Council's Minor Community Events Program & Projects Sponsorship Fund.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 02

Support an active, vibrant and culturally diverse community life that enjoys liveable and amenity rich neighbourhoods

Key objective 2

Promote events and festivals that showcase George Town's community

FINANCES

The 2018/2019 budget allocation for Sponsorship is \$19,564. This allocation was inclusive of \$7,564 for the 2019 Tamar Valley Folk Festival which left an unallocated amount of \$12,000.

The following allocations for the financial year 2018/2019 have been made:

Organisation	Amount \$
GTR Events – 2018 Spirit of Tasmania Tour of Tasmania	5,500
George Town Steampunk Festival	825.20
	6,325.20

YMCA / Tasmanian Youth Local Government

Council has received a community sponsorship application from YMCA / Tasmanian Youth Local Government, for funding to support two local students to attend the Tasmanian Youth Local Government Program.

OFFICER'S COMMENT

The completed Minor Community Events Programs and Projects Sponsorship Fund Application Form and GTR Events Background documentation, are an attachment to this report.

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10.2 MINOR COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM & PROJECTS SPONSORSHIP FUND
(CONT.)

Background

The Tasmanian Youth Local Government conference is open to all youth in Tasmania in years 9 and 10. This year's conference is being held in Hobart from the 4th to 7th October 2018.

The conference offers students a program with a focus on project proposals and submissions, which will then be presented to Councillor's at the conclusion of the two day conference.

The students will develop many skills including public speaking, planning and problem solving. These skills will give them the confidence and ability to become advocates for issues they believe in.

Sponsorship Proposal

Sponsorship is sought to cover the conference cost of two Grade 9 students from Port Dalrymple. The cost per student is \$190, inclusive of travel, accommodation and meals.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk in relation to this item is considered minimal.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council provides sponsorship of \$380 to the YMCA/Tasmanian Youth Local Government for the payment of two Grade 9 students from George Town to attend the 2018 Youth Local Government Conference being held from the 4th to 7th October 2018.

DECISION

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11. MAYOR

11.1 MATTERS OF INVOLVEMENT – MAYOR

FILE NO.: 14.11

REPORT DATE: 11 September 2018

Mayor Bridget Archer		
August	17	Attended opening of Stories Festival
	23	Attended Mt George Mountain Bike Trail meeting
		Met with George Town Airport representatives
	24	Attended NTDC Regional workshop
31	Attended official opening of the George Town RSL Sub Branch	
September	12	Attended George Town Audit Panel meeting
		Attended Bell Bay Industrial Group meeting
	14	Attended Investiture for Recipients of the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours
	15	Attended Combined Emergency Services Dining In Night
	18	Attended the Waste NoT Awards Ceremony and presented trophies and prizes
		Attended meeting with UTAS Industry Engagement Coordinator re: UTAS support to employers via programs and graduate initiatives
	19	Officiated Citizenship Ceremony
Attended meeting with Elected Members and representative Blackadder Associates re General Manager recruitment process		
Attended ordinary meeting of Council		

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information report from the Mayor on Matters of Involvement be received and the information noted.

DECISION

VOTING:

For:

Against:

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12. GENERAL MANAGER

12.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOPS – SEPTEMBER 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager

REPORT DATE: 11 September 2018

FILE NO: 14.10

ATTACHMENT/S: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a record of workshops held in accordance with the requirements of Section 8(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*.

DATE AND PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP HELD

WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

- Branding Consultation – Bell Bay Manufacturing Precinct
- Youth Strategy
- Events Strategy
- Verbal update – Regent Square Lease
- Draft report against the actions of the 2017/2018 Annual Plan
- Draft Dog Management Policy Review update
- Leam Road Upgrade
- Unconfirmed Minutes – August 2018

Present: Cr Harris, Cr Ashley, Cr Burt, Cr Parish (from 2:48pm), Cr Parkes

Apologies: Cr Archer, Cr Barwick Cr Dawson, Cr Glisson

In Attendance: Acting General Manager, Governance Support Officer, Community Events Officer, Youth Officer

Guests: Ms Bower, Bell Bay Manufacturing Precinct Project Officer and Mr Petrack, Consultant

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report from the Acting General Manager.

DECISION

VOTING

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12.2 REPORT AGAINST THE 2017/2018 ANNUAL PLAN

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager
Governance Support Officer

REPORT DATE: 11 September 2018

FILE NO: 15.29

ATTACHMENT: Action Performance and Timeframe Report – 2017/2018 Annual Plan

SUMMARY

To submit to Council the Action Performance and Timeframe report against the actions of Council's 2017/2018 Annual Plan for the period July 2017 – June 2018 for consideration and endorsement.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the S71 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act):

71. Annual Plan

- (1) *A council is to prepare an annual plan for the municipal area for each financial year.*
- (2) *An annual plan is to –*
 - (a) *be consistent with the strategic plan; and*
 - (b) *include a statement of the manner in which the council is to meet the goals and objectives of the strategic plan; and*
 - (c) *include a summary of the estimates adopted under section 82 (Estimates); and*
 - (d) *include a summary of the major strategies to be used in relation to the council's public health goals and objectives.*
- (3) *As soon as practicable after a council adopts an annual plan, the general manager is to –*
 - (a) *make a copy of the annual plan available for public inspection at the public office during ordinary business hours; and*
 - (b) *provide the Director and the Director of Public Health with a copy of the annual plan.*

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective 4

Consistently achieve a high standard of internal financial and governance arrangements.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The outcome against the actions of the previous year's Annual Plan are reported to Council via a public document. Upon endorsement by Council a statement of council's activities and its performance in respect of goals and objectives set for the preceding financial year is integrated into the Annual Report in accordance with section 72 of the Local Government Act thereby reducing any risk to Council.

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12.2 REPORT AGAINST THE 2017/2018 ANNUAL PLAN (CONT.)

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Council adopted its 2017/2018 Annual Plan in July 2017.

The attached report has been developed around each of the five key areas as identified in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan. Utilising Council's InterPlan software which was installed early 2018, the attached report generates details on the progress, status and responsible officer for each of the key actions of the Annual Plan.

Whilst many of the key actions were achieved, there were limitations placed on officers in achieving some desired outcomes due to a lack of available funding and/or resources and changes in staff over the final months of the reporting period.

Upon formal endorsement by Council, this report against the actions of the 2017/2018 Annual Plan will be integrated in the 2018 Annual Report. It is anticipated that the Draft Annual Report will be workshopped prior to submission to Council in October for adoption prior to the AGM which is to be held on the 15th November 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the report against the report against the actions of the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.

DECISION

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12.3 DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY NO. 35 – VERSION 03

REPORT AUTHOR:	Acting General Manager Governance Support Officer
REPORT DATE:	11 September 2018
FILE NO:	14.31, 43.1
ATTACHMENT:	(A) Draft Dog Management Policy No. 35 – Version 03 (B) Correspondence from Parks and Wildlife Services

SUMMARY

To submit the revised Draft Dog Management Policy No. 35 – Version 03 to Council for review and consideration with the recommendation that Council advertises the Draft Policy inviting public comment.

BACKGROUND

Council's existing Dog Management Policy was originally adopted in 2002 and reviewed in 2007.

The revised Draft Policy – Version 03 was presented to the September and November 2017 workshops and more recently the September 2018 workshop.

LEGISLATION

S.7 of the Dog Control Act 2009 requires that:

- (1) a Council is to develop and implement a policy relating to dog management in its municipal area.
- (2) A dog management policy is to include the following:
 - (a) a code relating to responsible ownership of dogs;
 - (b) the provision of declared areas;
 - (c) a fee structure;
 - (d) any other relevant matter.
- (3) A council is to:
 - (a) invite public submissions relating to a proposed dog management policy; and
 - (b) consult with any appropriate body or organisation; and
 - (c) consider any submissions and results of any consultation before finalising the policy.
- (4) A council is to review its dog management policy at least once every 5 years.
- (5) In reviewing its dog management policy, a council is to take the actions referred to above.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 04

Strengthen the vibrancy of our towns and enhance the benefits of living in a rural setting and living close to the river and coast.

12.3 DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT POLICY NO. 35 – VERSION 03 (CONT.)

Key Objective 11

Continue to provide an efficient animal control service promoting the amenity and safety of the community and animal welfare.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

By reviewing its Dog Management Policy in accordance with the requirements of section 7 of the Dog Control Act 2009, any risk to Council is reduced.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No significant financial implications are recognised other than the costs associated with advertising the Draft Dog Management Policy for public comment.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Draft Dog Management Policy and updated declared areas maps were last reviewed and discussed at the September 2018 Council workshop.

As advised at the workshop Council has now received formal advice from Parks and Wildlife Services (PWS) expressing support for the Council to undertake enforcement of the prescriptions contained within Council's Dog Management Policy on PWS land at East Beach (refer Attachment (B)).

Subject to Council decision, it is proposed that the Draft Dog Management Policy No. 35 Version 03 be advertised for public comment for a period of four (4) weeks after the placement of advertisement. The Draft Policy will also be promoted on Council's Facebook page and website for comment.

Upon closure of the public submission period, the Draft Policy along with any submissions received will be referred to the next available workshop prior to submission to Council for formal adoption. The Policy will then be reviewed every five (5) years in accordance with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) advertises the Draft Dog Management Policy No. 35 – Version 03 for public comment for a period of four (4) weeks from the date of the advertisement; and
- (b) any submissions received to be referred to the next available Council Workshop following the closure of the public submission period, for review and discussion.

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Voting

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12.4 NRM NORTH ASSOCIATION ‘GROUP A’ REPRESENTATION

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager
Governance Support Officer

REPORT DATE: 28 August 2018

FILE NO: 14.35

ATTACHMENT: Nil.

SUMMARY

To consider the nomination of a Council representative to the NRM North Association ‘Group A’ Representation.

BACKGROUND

The Annual General Meeting of NRM North is scheduled for the 26th September 2018 and the NRM North constitution requires that prior to each Annual General Meeting, ‘Group A’ organisations such as Council re-nominate their representative/s on the Association.

The criterion for Representatives and Proxies is that the nominated member must be an elected representative or a person within a senior role in Council. ‘Group A’ organisations must be financial members for their representative/s to have voting rights, the cost of which is \$20 per financial year.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 05

Ensure Council listens to and understands community needs and continues to make responsible decisions on behalf of the community.

Key Objective 3

Strengthen working relationships and cooperation with neighbouring councils.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

No risks are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annual membership fee of \$20.

OFFICER’S COMMENTS

Council’s 2017/2018 representative was Mrs Justine Brooks-Bedelph (former General Manager). *(Note: It is no longer necessary to appoint a Proxy as proxy’s are now nominated on a meeting by meeting basis by the representative if required).*

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12.3 NRM NORTH ASSOCIATION ‘GROUP A’ – REPRESENTATIVE (CONT.)

Council is entitled to one representative on the Group and this representative can either be a Councillor or a senior staff member.

Due to the timing of NRM North’s AGM, the upcoming Local Government elections and the unknown timeframe in relation to the recruitment process and appointment of a new General Manager, it is suggested that Council appoints Council’s Team Leader Community & Development, Mr Rex Cassidy, in the short term as Council’s Group A representative.

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) appoints Mr Rex Cassidy, Team Leader Community & Development as the George Town Council representative on the NRM North Association ‘Group A’ Representation for the short term; and
- b) reviews the appointment following the upcoming Local Government Elections and appointment of the new General Manager.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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12.5 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE – MACQUARIE STREET SPEED LIMIT

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager
Team Leader Corporate & Finance

REPORT DATE: 10 September, 2018

FILE NO: 66.93

ATTACHMENT: Nil

SUMMARY

This report provides information to enable Council to respond to the George Town Community Safety Committee resolution seeking Council's support in addressing the lowering of the speed limit to 40 km along Macquarie Street.

BACKGROUND

The George Town Community Safety Committee (the Committee) is a Special Committee of Council created pursuant to s.24 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The Committee at its 4th September 2018 raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians in Macquarie Street due to speeding vehicles and not being able to clearly see pedestrians at the crossings. The Committee resolved to ask Council to explore options for speed reduction by writing to the Department of State Growth, Road Safety.

At the George Town Safety Committee meeting held on the 4th September, 2018 the Committee resolved:

That this Committee recommends that Council, in conjunction with a partnership with the Department of State Growth, to consider the reduction of Macquarie Street speed limit to 40 km and to include road markings; raised pedestrian crossing and line markings.

The Committee invited Mr Hoey, Road Safety Manager, Department of State Growth to provide a presentation on the practicality and aspects surrounding the lowering Macquarie Street to a 40 km speed limit.

Mr Hoey advised that since 2013 there has been a history of 22 crashes along Macquarie Street with 1 serious crash occurring in 2013. The Committee recognises that this Street is a built up area and that pedestrians are vulnerable to motorists using this stretch of road.

The Department of State Growth also provided further options by including raised crossings; reinforcing the speed reduction with the inclusion of speed cushions at roundabouts; additional road markings and signs that contain a message.

Prior to any further investigations; the Committee resolved that Council write to the Department of State Growth for the lowering of the speed limit and their engineers to technically assess the request to lower Macquarie Road to a 40 km speed limit.

**12.5 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE – MACQUARIE STREET
SPEED LIMIT (CONT.)**

STRATEGIC PLAN

Key area 3 – Community and Wellbeing

Aim: to foster wellbeing and a sense of belonging for our community by:

- *Creating a community in which people feel safe and included*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Committee has no budget to implement programs, activities or projects. The Committee is resourced by Council with administrative support for meetings only.

Council has allocated \$33,700 for Macquarie Street, Traffic Calming works, in the 2018-2019 Capital Works Budget.

RISK ASSESSMENT

No risk assessment in relation to the Committee's request has been undertaken.

OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Committee has sought Council's support to ask the Department of State Growth to explore options for the speed reduction in Macquarie Street and in particular any suggested traffic calming devices that might be appropriate to use i.e. speed cushions, raised pedestrian crossings or road and line markings.

Council has allocated \$33,700 for traffic calming capital works for Macquarie Street in the current year budget.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the Road Safety Branch of Department of State Growth requesting them to consider the viability of the reduction of the speed limit to 40 km along Macquarie Street and report to the George Town Community Safety Committee on the outcome.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against

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12.6 GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL AUDIT PANEL MEETING HELD 6TH JUNE 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager
Team Leader Corporate & Finance

REPORT DATE: 12 September 2018

FILE NO: 29.11

ATTACHMENT: Confirmed Minutes George Town Council Audit Panel Meeting, 6th June 2018

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Confirmed minutes of the George Town Council Audit Panel meeting held 6th June 2018, as attached to this report be received.

DECISION

VOTING

For:

Against:

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13. PETITIONS

Nil.

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14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

A notice of motion has been received from Cr Glisson. Refer Item 17.4 Closed Meeting.

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15. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

[Refer to Minute No. 362/15 which states "At any Ordinary Meeting of Council when a 'without notice' question from a councillor is accepted, and when this question is taken on notice',

- a) *The General Manager is to record in the minutes of that meeting the 'question', and that the question was 'taken on notice'.*
- b) *Provide the answer to the question 'taken on notice, at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council, in writing.'*"]

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16. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 GEORGE TOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT AUTHOR: Acting General Manager

REPORT DATE: 10 September, 2018

FILE NO: 22.24

ATTACHMENT/S: George Town Community Safety Group Committee Confirmed Minutes –7th August, 2018

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That the confirmed minutes of the George Town Community Safety Committee meeting held on the 7th August, 2018 as attached to this report be received.

VOTING

For:

Against:

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17. CLOSED MEETING

17.1 INTO CLOSED MEETING

DECISION

Moved: Cr
Seconded: Cr

That Council move into closed meeting at to discuss the following items:

Item 1 Closed Meeting Minutes – Ordinary Council Meeting 15th August 2018

As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Item 2 Closed Meeting Minutes – Special Council Meeting 3rd September 2018

As per the provisions of regulation 34(6) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

Item 3 Notice of Motion – Cr Glisson

As per the provisions of regulation 15(2)(a) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

VOTING

For:

Against:

17.5 OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 regulation 15(8) while in a closed meeting the Council is to consider whether any discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to that closed meeting are to be kept confidential or released to the public, taking into account privacy and confidentiality issues.

DECISION

Moved:

Seconded:

That council moves out of Closed Meeting at and endorse those decisions taken while in Closed Meeting and the information remains Confidential.

VOTING

For:

Against:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at

**Cr Bridget Archer
MAYOR**