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JIM MOONEY GALLERY



Exhibition Opening - February 2026



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March 2026

Message from the Mayor

Cr Greg Kieser



The first months of the year have been both productive and celebratory across our municipality. From welcoming new citizens and recognising outstanding community contributions on

Australia Day, to progressing major infrastructure projects and delivering a vibrant calendar of arts and community events, it has been a period of strong momentum. I am pleased to share the following highlights and upcoming opportunities with our community.

On Australia Day, we welcomed five new Australian citizens from Germany, China, India, the Philippines and New Zealand. We also celebrated those who make our municipality stronger through our Australia Day Awards:

- **Citizen of the Year:** Richard Little
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** Satayah Moore
- **Community Event of the Year:** Jazz by the Sea

We were honoured to have Kristine Bull as our 2026 Australia Day Ambassador.

Our gratitude goes out to the Rotary Club of George Town for providing a delicious breakfast and to the Country Women's Association for serving the tea and coffee. Following the official ceremony, over 600 community members and visitors enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the East Beach recreation area, with laser tag, family games, live music, and plenty of ice cream and sausages.

In February, we reached a significant milestone in the delivery of our new Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre, with construction officially transitioning "out of the ground" as the building structure begins to take shape.

Council's Infrastructure Department has had a busy few months, undertaking several key projects to improve local roads across the municipality, demonstrating our commitment to maintaining and improving critical infrastructure across the municipality.

Our 2026 gallery program is well underway with a series of contemporary art exhibitions on display until the 12th of July 2026. Visit our website for full details. Each month features a new artist or artist pairing at either the Jim Mooney Gallery or the Watch House Gallery, showcasing thoughtful and innovative work from artists from across Tasmania as well as artists with strong connections to Kinimathatakinta/George Town.

Our Council Community Information Sessions will be taking place in March, allowing councillors and the team to connect directly with residents across the municipality. We welcome all community members to come along and participate.

There's plenty to look forward to in the coming months, including:

- Solstice in the Square – Friday 19th of June
- Art Exhibitions and openings – until July
- Miniature Mariners Exhibition at the Bass & Flinders Maritime Museum
- Art Ages Workshops in April/May
- Youth Week
- Volunteer Week

As always, I am proud to lead such a dynamic and engaged community.

Your involvement, dedication, and passion make George Town a truly special place to call home.



Infrastructure & Operations Update

Council's Infrastructure Department has had a busy few months, undertaking several key projects to improve local roads across the municipality.

Old Aerodrome Road Stage 3 has delivered improvements to nearly 1.1km of road. With Stages 1 and 2 already completed, a total of 3.68km of the road has now been upgraded.

Dalrymple Road upgrade (north) Stage 1 is now underway. Works on the section between the Industry and Bridport Road junctions include reshaping and widening the pavement and improving drainage to enhance long-term durability and safety.

Council has also recently completed reseal preparation works on a number of roads in Lulworth, Hillwood and George Town. Resealing and line-marking are scheduled for completion by the end of March.

This year's reseal program will deliver improvements across approximately 58,000 sq metres of Council's road network.

These projects demonstrate Council's continued commitment to maintaining and improving critical infrastructure for the community.

Drainage Tidy-Up

Over the coming weeks, our outdoor crew will be working throughout our townships to help keep our drainage system in top shape.

The focus will be on spraying drains to ensure they are free of debris and sediment, which helps maintain effective drainage.

The planned maintenance work will then be followed by a roadside drainage audit to identify any issues and prioritise repairs/deficiencies.

Lulworth Works

Site preparation has now commenced for the installation of new outdoor gym equipment at Lulworth Recreation Ground, with works expected to be completed in the coming weeks. The new equipment will include a leg press and pull down station, as well as a chest press and elliptical trainer, providing additional fitness opportunities for the community. In addition, civil works and resealing at the Lulworth Beach Street Car Park have commenced. These works will involve vegetation clearing, site preparation, pavement construction and resealing to create a new parking bay.

New Dog Signage

George Town Council is upgrading dog signage across the municipality in Council owned and managed areas to make it easier for dog owners to understand where On Lead, Off Lead, and No Dogs Allowed areas are located. The new signs are designed to be clearer, more consistent, and more informative, supporting responsible dog ownership while improving safety and amenity in our shared public spaces.

A new feature is the addition of QR codes on all dog related signage. When scanned, these QR codes take users to the Council's "Out & About" webpage, which includes visual images showing the exact locations of designated dog zones. The dog zone maps also show Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service coastal management areas to help dog owners stay informed about restrictions along beaches, reserves, and sensitive natural environments.

Designated dog zones across Council managed areas have evolved over many years in response to community needs, public safety, and environmental considerations. The updated signage supports our ongoing Dog Management Policy, which balances the wellbeing and enjoyment of dogs and their owners with the safety and comfort of the broader community.

Dog owners will soon see the updated signs installed throughout the municipality as Council completes the transition over the coming weeks.



Art Across Ages

Art Across Ages brings people of all ages together to create, connect, and share.

These free, hands-on workshops are open to everyone, including grandparents, parents, teens, children and neighbours. Each session focuses on a different creative practice and is led by local and visiting artists.

You might learn a new skill, try something new for the first time, or simply enjoy making art alongside others in a relaxed and welcoming space.

Art Across Ages is about more than art making. It is about sharing stories, learning from one another, and building meaningful connections across generations. Come along on your own or with family and friends and enjoy a friendly environment where creativity and conversation flow.

All workshops are free. Registrations are required.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

Contacting Council

There are several ways to contact Council

These options ensure your message reaches the right department to action and is logged for follow-up.

The Best Ways to Contact Us:

- **Phone:** 6382 8800
- **Email:** council@georgetown.tas.gov.au
- **Online:** Submit a Service Request or use the Contact Us form on our website
- **Customer Portal:** Lodge and track requests. See our website and rates notice for login details and more information
- **In Person:** 16–18 Anne Street, George Town
- **National Relay Service – 133 677:** For those who need assistance accessing services

These methods feed directly into our internal system, making it easy for staff to action, monitor, respond, and resolve queries efficiently.

What NOT to Use

Tagging or messaging Council on Facebook is not a reliable way to contact us. While we value engagement on social media, service requests and timely/specific related project questions should be submitted through our official contact methods.

Please note: We are not part of the Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down Facebook group. Posts there will not be seen or responded to. We are also not members of Snap Send and Solve.

Help Us Help You

When submitting a service request, please include:

- Photos of the service request (where possible)
- Location details (Street/Road name, number and township)
- A contact number (we may need to contact you for further details)

This information helps our teams respond accurately and promptly.

When the Issue Isn't Council's Responsibility

Some issues in our municipality fall under the responsibility of other organisations such as TasWater, TasNetworks, Telstra, Parks and Wildlife, MAST or State Growth. When a request relates to infrastructure or services managed by these agencies, we will let you know and direct you to the appropriate contact point. In most cases, **Council cannot lodge a request on your behalf**, as these organisations require information directly from the person reporting the issue.

See a dog at Large? Call Us, Don't Tag Us

If you see a dog wandering at large, the fastest and safest way to report it is by calling 6382 8800. Tagging Council on Facebook is not effective for urgent matters. A quick phone call gives us the best chance of responding in time.



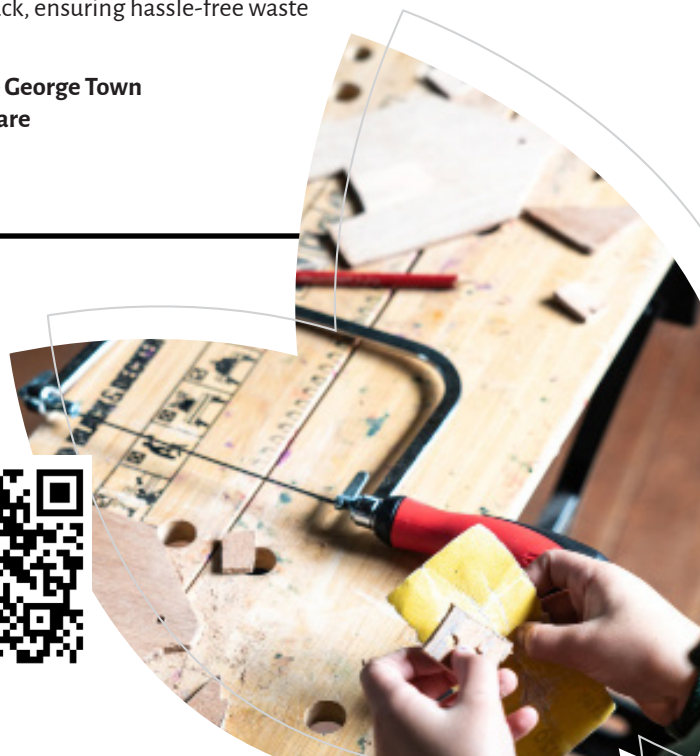
Wheelie Bin Lid Latches

Keep your waste secure and wildlife at bay with these easy-to-install wheelie bin lid latches. These durable straps are designed to hold your bin lid closed, preventing spills if the bin is knocked over and helping to contain odours. The latch auto-releases when emptied into the rubbish or recycling truck, ensuring hassle-free waste collection.

Latches are available for \$10 each at the George Town Council Chambers, Anne Street. Stocks are limited.

April/May Workshops:

- Treasures of the Junk Draw - Presented by Fiona Miller
- Special Effects Makeup - Presented by IO Performance
- Woodwork for all ages - Presented by Tool Skool
- Theatre Sports - Presented by IO Performance
- Exploring Neurographic Art (Free Flowing Art - Presented by Annie Fitz
- Painting a Water Coloured Flower - Presented by Annie Fitz



Creative George Town Gallery Program

Bringing contemporary art to Kinimathatakinta/George Town

From January to June 2026, the Creative George Town Gallery Program brings a fresh line-up of contemporary art to Kinimathatakinta. Each month you can explore a new exhibition at either the Jim Mooney Gallery or the Watch House Gallery, featuring artists from across Tasmania.

Each exhibition opens with an artist talk, giving you the chance to hear directly from the creators about their ideas, processes and inspirations.

Keep an eye out for the announcement of the exhibition details and join us as we celebrate art as a space for conversation, learning and community.

Artists include:

- Joanna Pinkiewicz
- Charles Millen
- Catherine Phillips and Robert Habel
- Travis Bell and Elizabeth Braid
- Suemi Chiba
- Alastair Mooney



Visit our website for more information.

2026 George Town Youth Week

The 2026 George Town Youth Week event will feature a skatepark competition hosted by the Drop in Skate School, live music, and a bunch of free activities and vibes provided by the Youth Impact Council.

SKATEPARK EVENT DETAILS

Registrations to compete in the skatepark competition are required and will be made available.

Visit our website for more information.

Heat Times:

- Scooter 11.30am (10 & Under, 13 & Under, 16 & Under, Opens)
- BMX & Inline 1.00pm (13 & Under, Opens)
- Skate BMX Competition Skate 1:30pm (10 & Under, 13 & Under, 16 & Under, Opens)

Male and Female divisions in each category.

This event is supported by the Tasmanian Government through the Youth Week Tasmania grant.



George Town Aquatic Health & Wellbeing Centre Update

Our new Aquatic, Health and Wellbeing Centre has reached an exciting stage in its development, the project has officially moved out of the ground.

If you've passed the site recently, you may have noticed the first pre cast concrete panels now in place. These panels form part of the wall between the main pool hall and the plant room, providing the first real glimpse of the building's emerging shape. More panels will be installed over the coming weeks as the structure continues to grow.

The construction team has been busy completing a significant amount of vital groundwork, including:

- Extensive ground improvement and stabilisation works
- Installation of key in ground services and infrastructure

With the foundations now complete, activity on site will increase over the next month. The steel portal frame will be erected, followed by the installation of roofing panels. Getting the roof over the pool hall marks a major achievement, it will weatherproof the area and allow construction of the pools to continue without the risk of weather delays.

We're excited to see the building rise quickly from here. This milestone represents a significant step forward for a project that will deliver long term health, recreational, and wellbeing benefits for our community.



Important Dates

SAVE THE DATE - Solstice in the Square: Friday, 19th of June 2026

NAIDOC Week - Celebrations will be held from 5 – 12 July 2026.



Steel Recycling

Recycle Your Scrap Steel | Free Drop-Off Available Year-Round

Many residents are unaware that scrap steel (and other metals) can be dropped off at the Waste Transfer Station free of charge at any time during opening hours, not just during scheduled free hard waste collection days.

This convenient, year-round service makes it easy to responsibly dispose of unwanted steel items such as old tools, metal shelving, pipes, fencing, appliances (steel components), and other scrap metal materials.

Once collected, the steel is transported for processing where it is recycled and remelted to create new steel products. Steel is one of the most recyclable materials in the world and can be reused again and again without losing its strength or quality.

Recycling steel:

- Reduces landfill waste
- Conserves natural resources
- Saves energy in manufacturing
- Supports a circular economy

By choosing to recycle your scrap steel, you're helping reduce environmental impact while contributing to sustainable manufacturing.

Next time you're clearing out your shed, garage, or yard, remember, you don't have to wait for hard waste collection. Drop your steel off for free at the Waste Transfer Station during opening hours and help give it a new life.

For more information about accepted materials and opening hours, visit our website.

Our newsletter is also available to view on our website www.georgetown.tas.gov.au



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