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Message from the Mayor

Cr Greg Kieser



Welcome to March!

As March unfolds, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all our residents. With the changing seasons, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible events, achievements, and progress that continue to shape our vibrant community.

On Australia Day, we welcomed one new citizen to our community. We gathered to recognise outstanding individuals and events, by celebrating the achievements of Dr Tim Mooney, George Town New Year's Eve Extravaganza and Audrina Smit-Larson, who received well-deserved Australia Day awards. We were honoured to have John Zeckendorf as our 2025 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 and Soroptimist International for their thoughtful Citizenship gifts. A heartfelt thank you also to Alidia Lovett for her incredible performance of the Australian Anthem.

Following the official ceremony, over 300 community members enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the George Town Swimming Pool, with laser tag, pool games, live music, and plenty of ice cream. A big shout-out to our dedicated lifeguards for ensuring a safe and enjoyable event for all!

Our municipality continues to see significant improvements in local infrastructure:

- Road Upgrades – Several roads have undergone resealing work, improving safety and longevity.
- Old Aerodrome Road Construction – Stage 2 of the project is well underway, this phase covers a 1.5km stretch from the southern end of Stage 1 towards the North St junction. This phase is expected to be completed by April 2025.

- Fairway Ave Repairs, Lulworth – Following the severe flooding late last year, extensive repairs have been carried out to restore the road and culverts, ensuring safe travel once again.
- Agnes Street - 240 metres between Parish Crescent and Dunning Avenue is now completed.

In March and April, we will conduct a Community Satisfaction Survey, which will give the municipality the opportunity to share their satisfaction and what matters most to residents within the George Town municipality.

We are making great progress on the new Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre! To keep the community informed, we will be hosting information sessions in March. I encourage all residents to attend, learn more, view the plans and ask questions.

In addition, our Council Roadshows will be taking place in the coming months, allowing councillors and the team to connect directly with residents across the municipality. Stay tuned for details!

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

- George Town Youth Week – A celebration of young people in our community.
- Solstice in the Square – An exciting mid-year community gathering.
- Kinimathatakinta / George Town Art Prize 2025 – Showcasing local creativity and talent.
- Healthy George Town – the 2025 Autumn/Winter Program has commenced. See Council's website for the free activities.

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.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter break!



New Aquatic Health & Wellbeing Centre



The George Town Aquatic Health and Wellbeing Centre has moved a step closer with the Development Application recently approved by Council.

The indoor facility, which will be constructed with a \$15 million Federal Government grant along with a further \$2.5 million from the State Government, will be open year round.

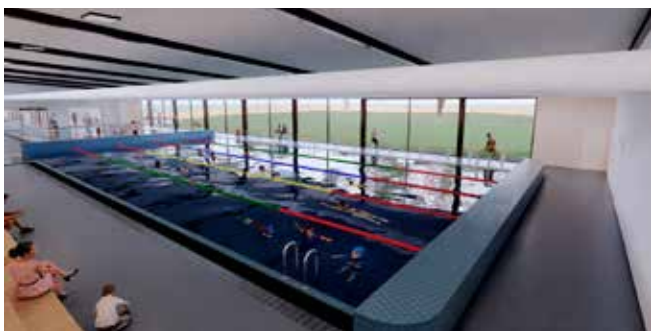
Features of the new centre will include a 25 metre pool, warm water program pool, gymnasium, fitness rooms and café facilities.

The 25m pool will be able to be configured in multiple ways to accommodate lap swimming, casual pool play and swimming carnival competitions.

Significantly, the new centre will also provide allied health services to help assist people with exercise and therapy.

Identified as a priority in Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy, this new centre represents a significant upgrade on the current swimming pool which has served the community well for over 40 years.

The facility is expected to be completed by October 2026.



Community Information Sessions

George Town Council invites you to an Information Session to hear from our Project Team about the exciting new George Town Aquatic Health & Wellbeing Centre.

DATE:	Wednesday 19th of March 2025
LOCATION:	Macquarie Room, George Town Memorial Hall
TIME:	10:00am – 11:00am & 12:30pm – 1:30pm & 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Join us as our Project Team:

- Presents the designs and project plans
- Shares the centre's features and benefits
- Answer any questions

Registration Essential to attend.

To register scan the QR code or visit our website.

Please call Council on 6382 8800 if bookings are full to be added to a waitlist.

Visit our website to explore the designs, take a virtual walkthrough, and stay updated on this exciting development!



Launchpad Drop In

What is the Launchpad Drop in?

It is a chance for youth services in the North to have a regular space to connect with George Town youth aged 12-17 in a casual setting from 3.00pm-4.30pm.

Youth Services are invited to provide an activity, or discussion point for the young people who visit, with the purpose of exploring new programs and connections with the young people.

Why is the Launchpad Drop in commencing?

The George Town Youth Impact Council has identified that raising awareness about youth mental health and having increased support is important for the George Town youth. By providing a regular time for youth services to connect with local youth, it can lead into new opportunities for further support and care.

Community Satisfaction Survey

Roadshows

Join us, alongside our General Manager, Mayor and Councillors, as we embark on our annual roadshow across the municipality in the coming months. It's a chance to unveil exciting upcoming projects, share innovative initiatives, and foster meaningful dialogue with our cherished residents.

Everyone is welcome to attend as we journey through Hillwood, Pipers River, Weymouth, George Town, Bellingham, Lulworth, and Beechford.



Have Your Say – Help Shape the George Town municipality!

Your feedback is important! The George Town Council Community Satisfaction Survey gives you the opportunity to share your satisfaction and what matters most to you within the George Town municipality.

By participating, you'll help us:

- Uncover potential opportunities for improvements
- Assess current performance levels
- Strengthen our advocacy efforts
- Guide our strategic planning
- Understand the needs of our community

Share your thoughts on how we're doing in areas such as customer service, service delivery, communication, and overall Council direction.

Help us improve and make informed decisions for a better George Town municipality.

Take the survey today. We are keen to hear about your priorities, needs, and expectations.

This survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Scan the QR to complete or visit the George Town Council website.

Your identity can remain anonymous if you choose.

OPTIONAL: Please provide your details to enter the draw to win one of five \$100 buy-local cards.

* This survey is an online survey. Hard copies are available upon request via Council. Please contact Council if you require assistance.



What is provided to the youth services?

The Launchpad is the home base for the Our Futures Youth Project in George Town which hosts the Youth Impact Council, Seagulls to Chips program and other youth based activities. The Launchpad features two main rooms (lounge and workshop), fully air conditioned, two large tv's, wifi, couches, bean bags, kitchenette, amenities and a foyer. The facility also has a number of creative, digital and fun equipment available for use. The staff at the Launchpad will provide catering, supervision support and any other assistance required.

Where is the Launchpad?

The Launchpad is located on the corner of Anzac Dr and Friend St in George Town. It is situated in the previous RSL building.

Creative George Town: Art Exhibitions 2025

The Creative George Town exhibition program is well underway across the Watch House Gallery and Jim Mooney Gallery. As part of a new pilot initiative, these exhibitions highlight the talent and diversity of Lutruwita/Tasmania's arts scene, offering a platform for artists while fostering creative engagement within our community.

Exhibition dates, artist talks, and opening times can be found on our website—don't miss the opportunity to experience these inspiring works up close!



Kinimathatakinta/George Town Art Prize 2025: Finalists Announced

Finalists for the second Kinimathatakinta/George Town Art Prize have been selected. See the full list on our website and join us for the official opening and winner announcement on Friday, 4 April 2025, at the Jim Mooney Gallery.

This annual prize, managed by George Town Council, celebrates artists who capture the unique character of Kinimathatakinta/George Town through two or three-dimensional works. Open to artists with a strong connection to the region, the prize encourages deep engagement with our landscapes, waterways, and community.

More than a competition, the Kinimathatakinta/George Town Art Prize is a celebration of creativity, storytelling, and place—an opportunity to see our region through the eyes of talented artists. Join us in April for this special event!



Healthy George Town

The 2025 Healthy George Town Program started in February and will end in June 2025. It brings a series of engaging activities to keep everyone active and healthy. Activities include Cross Fitness, Armchairs, Aqua Fitness, Seniors Aqua Therapy, Jazzercise, Yoga, Pickleball/Badminton/Table Tennis, Barefoot Bowls/Croquet and Pilates held in George Town and Hillwood.

For more information, contact Council on 6382 8800.



Key Dates/Information

Solstice in the Square

Winter's Warmer Up North

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, 20th June 2025

As the longest night of the year approaches, George Town's Solstice in the Square invites you to embrace the magic of winter in Northern Tasmania. Gather under the night sky at Regent Square for an enchanting evening of fireside warmth, live music, delicious food, and mulled wine. This family-friendly celebration balances darkness and light, connection and renewal—bringing our community together for a night of warmth and wonder.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!



George Town Youth Week

12th - 17th of April 2025

Celebrate Youth Week with a range of activities and opportunities to challenge yourself.

The 2025 Youth Week theme is "Courage: Stepping out of your comfort zone".

- Riverbend Rock Challenge & Exeter Youth Festival
- Youth Week at the Library
- Fishing Challenge
- Hillwood Rock Climbing and Abseiling
- Tippogoree Mountain Bike Riding



For bookings and more information please visit:
<https://futureimpactgroup.org.au/youth-week/>

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

